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NEWSLETTER

Te Reo ō te Kura ō Hato Hoāni

The voice of St John's School

Kia ora whānau,

I am delighted to welcome everyone back for Term 2. I hope you have had a restful and rejuvenating break and are ready for another exciting term of learning. The children have come back ready to learn and are enjoying being back with their friends. It has been lovely to hear about what they have been up to over the holidays, be it at home or away. There are many exciting things being planned for this term and I ask that you keep an eye on the school calendar for more information as it is shared.

Coming out today is information on the PTFA Fun Run. One of the things I love the most about the Fun Run, is it is a chance for the children to participate in raising funds for their school to be used for projects that directly benefit them and future students.

PTFA FUN RUN



The PTFA are once again running a sponsored Fun Run to raise funds to support our school, our students, and our school families.

The Fun Run will be held during the school day on **Friday 26th May**.

More details about the event will come out closer to the time.

The PTFA have set both short-term, medium-term, and long-term goals for these funds.

- Our short-term goals include subsidising school educational programmes and events across the various levels.
- Our mid-term goal is to fund a new Kapa Haka Senior uniform, and,
- Our long-term fundraising goal will be a Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA), similar to that pictured, which will provide shelter from the elements and be of great benefit to all. The COLA is going to require a substantial investment from the School community and the School Board and the PTFA are both committed to assisting in achieving this goal.



To make the fundraising as easy as possible for families, we will be, once again, using the online Go Raise It platform. Information around how to sign up and how this fundraiser will work is included in the PTFA letter included later in this newsletter or accessed by clicking this [link](#).

Check out this [link](#) for a video explaining how to register to use Go Raise It, our online fundraising platform.

STAFF NEWS

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of two Deputy Principals for our school. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Vivienne Fuaaletoelau and Mrs Helen Perry on taking up these roles to help lead our school. I look forward to working closely with them and appreciate all they have to offer as experienced and skilled teachers and leaders. In addition to their roles as Deputy Principals, they continue in their roles as Team Learning Leaders.

This term we welcome Mrs Lucy Kim to our staff team. She will be working in the junior school supporting student's learning.

Our school caretaker, Mr Paul Dixon, has let us know that he will be retiring in August this year. While we will miss him at St John's, as he embarks on this new chapter in his life, we wish him all the best in his retirement. We will be farewelling him as a school closer to the time.

HEALTH AND SAFETY BEFORE SCHOOL

A couple of reminders about before school to make sure our tamariki remain safe...

As teachers are preparing for the day first thing in the morning, they are unable to actively supervise our tamariki. We ask that children remain on the top court or outside Rooms 1-6 until the bell at 8:30am. It is at this time that they can move down to their classrooms.

If you are coaching a team before school your child can be with you under your supervision. We ask that they stay with you on the turf or court and do not use the playground until after the 8:30am bell as other children are not permitted to use the playground at this time, and it causes confusion.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

BLESSING FOR MOTHER'S DAY



Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you give life and care for your Church.
Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honour.
May they be strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honour and appreciate them
with a spirit of profound respect.
May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus,
inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers
and call their children to faith.
Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue
to trust in you all the days of their life.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PARISH PRIESTS

As many of you will know, we will be farewelling Father Alejandro at the end of this month as he moves to become the Parish Priest in the Mt Wellington Parish. We will miss his energy and fun and appreciate the way he was always able to share the Gospel in a way that was meaningful for the children and our school community.

We are very pleased that Father Emile is staying with us at East Coast Bays. He will be joined by Father Carlo Cruz, who we look forward to welcoming into our school whānau in his role as Parish Priest.

Ngā mihi,
Laura Baddeley
Director of Religious Studies



Looking for an easy and accessible way to stay up-to-date on all things sports related?

Look no further than our online registration and information hub, St John's Sports!

Our site offers a user-friendly platform for

- registering your child for upcoming sports leagues or interschool competitions
- links to league draws and results
- important information and dates about the sports we offer

Head to the Sports page on our school website

ANZAC PARADE – LEST WE FORGET



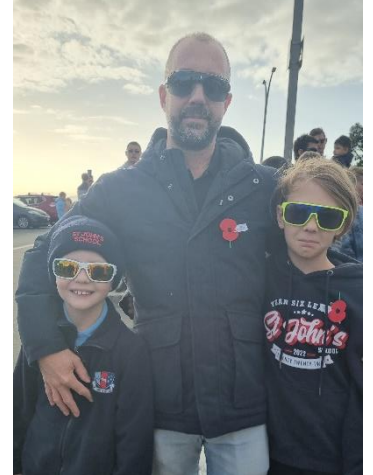
Participating in ANZAC Day services provides an opportunity for children to connect with their community and understand the role they play in honouring those who have served our country. It also helps them to develop a sense of national pride and understand the importance of coming together to pay our respects and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms and way of life.

It was a moment of pride to see our school represented this year at the Browns Bay Civic ANZAC Parade and Service. I would like to thank all the tamariki and whānau who came and joined us representing the school, as well as those who participated as part of other community groups.

A special thanks to our wreath bearers, Cecilia and Emma. Together, they laid a wreath made by a group of our senior students, I would also like to thank Mrs Perry who facilitated our participation.







SCHOOL CALENDAR

Keep up to date with school events through downloading and linking the SJMB Community Calendar.

[Link to download calendar](#)

WINTER UNIFORM

This week continues to be a crossover period for uniform where the children can wear either the Summer or Winter uniform. We ask that, whichever you choose, it is worn completely, not mix and matched. School hats are not needed for Terms 2 and 3.

From next week, Monday 8th May we ask that all children are in full Winter uniform until the end of Term 3.

Winter Uniform	
Tunic:	Navy monogrammed drop waist tunic
Culottes:	Navy with school name
Shorts:	Navy with school name
Shirt:	Freight blue long sleeve monogrammed polo (short sleeve can be worn with shorts or culottes if preferred)
Fleece:	Navy zip front monogrammed polar fleece
Ribbons:	Red, navy, blue or white
Shoes:	Black leather lace up, velcro, buckle or T-bar school shoes with a heel height of no greater than 2.5cm. Black trainers are not considered school shoes. If you are unsure, please discuss with the school.
Socks:	Black knee length wool/elastine mix school

Please see the [website](#) for more information.

PE UNIFORM

The School has a PE uniform comprising of school PE polo shirt and dark blue shorts.

Children are expected to wear their sports uniform for P.E. throughout the year. In winter children are able to add the school polar fleece to their sports uniform. Sports/Physical Education clothes are to be brought to School on Mondays and remain there until taken home for washing on Friday. The sports uniform must not be worn to and from school.

To help maintain clean and tidy uniforms, children playing on the field during Terms 2 and 3 must wear a change of non-uniform clothes.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

The next second-hand uniform sale will be held **THIS Thursday, 4th May**, in the school hall between 2:50 - 3:15pm. Please bring cash.

For any queries, please contact our parent co-ordinator, Francine Gilchrist, Tel: 021 488 279 or email: fkgilchrist@gmail.com



God bless,

Marina Binns.
Tumuaki – Principal



Dear Parent/Guardian,

2023 St John's School Mairangi Bay Fun Run **Online Sponsored Fundraiser**



Like all New Zealand Schools, St John's School relies on fundraising revenue to further extend learning opportunities and enhance our overall school environment for all our students.

Our PTFA are once again running a sponsored Fun Run to raise funds to support our school, our students, and our school families.

Our short-term goals are subsidising school educational programmes across the various levels, a contribution to the Principal's Discretionary Fund, paying for the Year 6 parents that attend the school camp and subsidising the Year 6 end of year dinner. Our mid-term goal is to fund a new Kapa Haka Senior uniform and our long-term fundraising goal will be a Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) which will provide shelter from the elements and be of great benefit to all. The COLA is going to require a substantial investment from the School/Board of Trustees and the PTFA is committed to assisting.

A successful sponsored Fun Run will enable our PTFA to assist our whole school community with these initiatives. Fundraising gives our students a sense of empowerment, being able to work as a large team and contribute towards a common goal.

How will this fundraiser work? This year we have partnered with [online fundraising company Go Raise It](https://stjohnsfundraising.com). Collecting sponsorship online makes it super easy for everyone - no more door knocking, your child can collect more donations from further afield (friends & family living overseas, work colleagues etc) and no need to worry about handling cash!

How do I sign my child up to fundraise online? Each child can sign up for their very own fundraising web page to send out to collect online sponsorship from anyone, anywhere!

- Just go to our Fundraising Hub page at: <https://stjohnsfundraising.com>
- Click on the SETUP A FUNDRAISING PAGE button.
- If you need any help, email help@raiseitfundraising.com for direct assistance.

Multiple children in your family? No problem, all children can sit under the same email address. You'll find a button to set up another page while logged in to the fundraising account you created first.

Do I have to sign up for an online account to fundraise? We would love everyone to have an online account as this allows the school to significantly reduce the administration overhead of collecting and dealing with cash. Go Raise It adhere to strict cyber safe guidelines, and this is built into our fundraising website. If you really do not want an online fundraising page, and still want to participate please check with the school office to see if you can collect cash.

Prizes: We have a number of spot prizes for donations received and there will be a prize for the house that raises the most money. This prize will be decided by the house captains.

Event Details: The run will take place in year groups on **Friday 26th of May**. Children will be training at school, but also might like to build up their running mileage at home. More details on how the event will run will follow closer to the day.

Should you have any questions please get in touch with the PTFA at ptfa@sjmb.school.nz.

Thanks for your support.
St John's PTFA