



**24<sup>th</sup> October  
2023  
Term 4, Week 3**

# NEWSLETTER

**Te Reo o te Kura o Hato Hoani**  
The voice of St John's School

Kia ora whānau,

I hope that you all had a lovely time over Labour Weekend and were able to enjoy some time in the sunshine. We look forward to seeing more of this weather as we head into November and December. We pray that the weather stays like this for the next few weeks as we look forward to coming events, especially the Gala and Athletics Day.



Just a reminder that this Wednesday (25<sup>th</sup>) and Thursday (26<sup>th</sup>) are school photos.

Individual, class and sibling photos are on Wednesday and sports team photos are on Thursday. If you wish for your children to be photographed together they will need to hand in a completed sibling photo request form to the office before school on Wednesday (25<sup>th</sup>).

## SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHS

Pleasure ensure that your child brings ALL necessary kit for their sports photographs:

Netball:

Yrs 1 – 4

Netball uniform, PE top (skirts will be made available on the day)

Yrs 5 & 6

Netball dress, sports shoes, white ankle socks

Basketball:

School PE shorts, basketball singlet, sports shoes, white socks

Hockey:

School PE uniform, navy hockey socks, sports shoes

Flippaball & Swimming:

School PE uniform, bare feet

Rippa & Touch Rugby:

School PE uniform, bare feet

Interschool Soccer:

School PE uniform, red soccer socks (supplied) and boots, no shin pads

Interschool Cross Country:

School PE uniform and sports shoes

Interschool Tennis:

School PE uniform or Tennis whites, white ankle socks, tennis shoes

All other sports:

School PE uniform, sports shoes, white ankle socks

Coaches and Managers are very welcome to join their teams for their photographs, however, we are unable to provide a specific running order or indication of what time of day specific teams will have their photograph taken. If you would like to attend and have some flexibility, please email Karen Dorrington at [sports@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:sports@sjmb.school.nz) who may be able to give more guidance on timing closer to the date.

## MISSION FAIR



We had a very successful Mission Fair last Friday, with the proceeds going to help those at De Paul House in Northcote. There was a wide variety of games for the children to enjoy, many being made by the children themselves. Ending the games the children enjoyed a sausage sizzle. I would like to thank the PTFA for donating the sausages for the Mission Fair and the parents who generously gave up their time to cook and serve the hundreds of sausages.

**Through your generosity, the children raised \$3,049.30.**

After lunch we gathered for prayer to celebrate World Missions. Celebrated every year on the second to last Sunday in October, World Mission Sunday is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movement.

## CARPARK COURTESY

### QUEUING FOR SCHOOL PICK UP

I thank you all for your patience when waiting to collect the students in the afternoon. It has been reported to me that there have been a few incidents of cars pulling out and driving down the right-hand side of the waiting queue at the school car park. I ask that this does not happen as it does not acknowledge those who are waiting patiently and could compromise the safety of our community.

### MOBILITY PARKING IN THE SCHOOL AND CHURCH CARPARKS

There are designated carparks for those with limited mobility. These are clearly marked. I ask that these are only used if you have a Mobility Parking Permit as they are specifically placed to allow greater access in and out of the vehicle.

## FROM THE PTFA

**Less than 3 weeks to go until our super amazing twilight Gala... are you getting excited?**

### DONATION 'FOCUS'



This week, we will be taking donations for our very popular quick-fire raffle. Buy a paddle, watch the wheel spin and hope your number comes in! Bottles of wine, spirits, beer, boxed chocolates and vouchers would be really welcome. If you have products from your business that might be a suitable prize these would also be gratefully received. And if you missed the chocolate bars last week – it's not too late. Pop your items in the Gala donation boxes in your child's classroom.

Next week we will be focussing on the Garden stall. Bring along your potted plants for sale at the garden stall.

### GALA DROP OFF – THIS SUNDAY THE 29TH AT 10.30AM IN THE HALL

If you have good quality second hand toys, books or clothes then the Hall will be open this coming Sunday for drop-off. For the first time in a long time, we'll be holding a used clothing stall in 2023. If you have clothes racks that could be donated or lent for the day and spare coat hangers, we'd love to receive these too.

### STALL AND GALA DAY HELPERS

Please remember to let your CLP know if you can help support your classroom stall. The time-slots for helping at the stall are short, meaning you can donate some of your time to the Gala, but still have lots of time to join in the fun with your whanau. If you can make yourself free on Gala-day itself (we need lots of helpers to set up, arrange stalls and pack down after the Gala) then please email the PTFA at [ptfa@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:ptfa@sjmb.school.nz). Some of our volunteers are utilizing flexible working options or taking up community/volunteer days offered by their employer. If this is something you could take advantage of, we'd love your help.



## FROZEN FRIDAY

**THIS Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, is Frozen Friday.**

To celebrate the beautiful warm weather we are having, the PTFA will be selling Juicies at lunchtime. These proved extremely popular last time. All money raised will contribute to our covered outdoor learning area (COLA) fundraising.

Children are asked to bring **\$2.00** if they wish to purchase a Juicie. They may buy more than one if they wish.

## PTFA CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

Get ready to embrace the holiday season with a picture-perfect Christmas tree!

This Christmas, the PFTA is excited to offer pre-orders for exquisite Christmas trees. You can choose between regular trees (5ft - 6ft'6) for \$45 or large trees (7ft - 7ft'6) for \$75. We offer convenient delivery for an additional \$15, and don't forget to grab a Christmas tree stand for \$40.

Mark your calendar for collection or delivery on Sunday, December 3rd or 10th. More information on how to pre-order will be shared soon.

If you're interested in helping with deliveries or collections, please reach out to the PTFA at [ptfa@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:ptfa@sjmb.school.nz). Let's make this holiday season extra special!



## GALA BUSKING

It's that time of year again when the teachers ask for talented children (in groups or individually) to sign up for the busking stage at the Gala. Children can start practising their Gala items now. The Busking stage is a great opportunity for children to take an active role in their School Gala. Children in the past have done musical items, singing, dancing, drama and played instruments. This has been mentioned to the children in our assembly and if parents have any questions about the busking, please see Miss Binns or Mrs Marsh as soon as possible. Please note that this year there is a 2 ½ minute time limit for each act. Disney songs are always popular and lyrics are suitable for the audience.

Please take note of the guidelines below to ensure that we all have a happy and successful event.

### GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN TAKING PART IN THE BUSKING

- It is a **fun** event, not the X Factor.
- All acts must be auditioned by the class teacher.
- Appropriate music to be used.
- The song that is used at the audition must be the song that is used at the performance.
- Participants must be at the busking stage in plenty of time for their slot.
- Parents, please help the staff by checking the appropriateness of the music.
- 2 ½ minute limit per act.

**Many thanks for your contribution**

## ATHLETICS DAY

### SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY – Wednesday, 15th November

Our School Athletics Sports take place on Wednesday, 15th November at the AUT Millennium Stadium. The children will walk to the Stadium via Rangitoto College with their teachers. Children need to bring a good lunch and plenty to drink for the day.

We will be starting our programme at 9:15am prior to the whole school's arrival, with the 800m event for Year 4 - 6 runners. All 800m runners are to be at the track by 9.00am as the event will be run before the rest of the school arrives. This is an optional event which some children will select to enter. **Parents:** if your child is in this event, please taken them directly to the stadium where they are to report to Mrs Dorrington.

From 9:45am onwards the Waitemata Team (Year 4-6) will be involved in a variety of activities on and around the track. The Rangitoto Team (Year 1-3) will be joining us at the stadium at 10:30am. For ease of organisation the children will be grouped in their year levels. Each child will have a card pinned to their T-shirt which will record their achievements throughout the day. The programme is detailed below.

**PARENT HELP IS REQUIRED...** If you are able to assist, please contact Mrs Dorrington via email at [sports@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:sports@sjmb.school.nz) with your contact details. We require up to 24 helpers between 9.00am & 2.00pm. No experience necessary.

**UNIFORM...**The children will need their full School PE uniform including sports shoes, which they may wear to school, their school sunhat, a good lunch and drink and two medium to large safety pins to attach their House Cards to their shirt.

**SUN SAFETY...**

- Slip... All children must wear their school PE uniform for the day.
- Slop... Please ensure that your children have sunscreen on before they come to school. Please also provide named sunscreen for your child to reapply at lunchtime.
- Slap... All children must wear their school hat during the day.
- and Drink... All children need to bring a named drink bottle which they will carry around with them for the day. Water is highly recommended to keep the children hydrated during sport.

**AN INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS...** All parents, families and friends are welcome to come along and share the occasion. The AUT Millennium Stadium is in Antares Place. Feel free to sit on the grass bank, behind the track and fenced area, or on the grassy area behind the roped area. Please do not come down inside the track area. Access is via Apollo Drive, off Constellation Drive or Rosedale Road. Lunch will be from approx. 12:00pm – 12:30pm and your children will be able to join you on the grass bank then. Children are not permitted to leave the stadium during the lunch break.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>9:15am</b>	800m Event - Year 4 to 6 Girls & Boys					
<b>9:45am</b>				Sprints	Discus/ Shot Put	Long Jump
<b>10:30am</b>	High Jump	Sprints	Long Jump	High Jump	Sprints	Discus/ Shot Put
<b>11:15am</b>	Sprints	High Jump	Discus/ Shot Put	Long Jump	High Jump	Sprints
<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>					
<b>12:30pm</b>	Long Jump	Long Jump	High Jump	400m Event - Year 4 to 6 Girls & Boys		
<b>12:50pm</b>	Throwing	Throwing	Sprints	Discus/ Shot Put	Long Jump	High Jump
<b>1:35pm</b>	4x100m Y3/4 and Y5/6 House Relays					

**END OF SPORTS DAY PROCEDURES...** At the end of the sports day (approx. 2:10pm) the children will assemble on the field. Parents wishing to take their children home may do so but will need to collect them from the field as the classes are called out. It is important for the teachers to know which children have been taken by parents and which have not. Please help us in this and follow this procedure. You are reminded that if you wish your children to be collected by someone else, a note **MUST** be given to the class teacher in the morning. All other children will return to school and leave from there as normal.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

All children are now required to be in the full Summer uniform. This consists of the short sleeve polo shirt with either the shorts or culottes or the Summer dress. These are worn with black school sandals.

Summer Uniform	
Dress:	Blue check dress with white collar and red tie
Culottes:	Navy with school name
Shorts:	Navy with school name
Shirt:	Freight blue monogrammed short sleeve polo
Fleece:	Navy zip front monogrammed polar fleece
Ribbons:	Red, navy, blue or white
Shoes:	Black leather school sandals (Roman sandal style) either buckle or velcro with a heel height of no greater than 2.5cm
Hat:	Navy monogrammed bucket hat – Term 1 & 4

We thank you for your assistance with this. We ask that a note is provided to the classroom teacher if any part of the uniform is not being worn.

## DANCE CURRICULUM

To support teaching of the dance component of our Curriculum the school uses a fulltime dance teacher who will be coming into the school during week 4 (30/10 – 03/11) to instruct the children. We are delighted to be welcoming Omar from Dance Curriculum once again this year as the children have greatly enjoyed learning from him in previous years. The cost of this has been added to all Kindo accounts and we would greatly appreciate payment as soon as possible, please visit [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz)

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

The next scheduled second hand uniform sale will be on Thursday, 2nd November at 3.00pm in the school hall. Please bring cash.

In the meantime if you should have any specific urgent requirements please contact our parent co-ordinator, Mrs Fran Gilchrist at tel: 021488279 or email: [fkilchrist@gmail.com](mailto:fkilchrist@gmail.com)



## SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOKCLUB

Sadly, the school will not be distributing the latest Scholastic Lucky Bookclub catalogue (issue #7), as unfortunately, a parent volunteer has not come forward to assist with the task of checking and delivering orders to children.



This is not an onerous task and is just once a term, usually taking approximately 2 – 3 hours to complete. No specific expertise is needed and full training and handover from our current parent helper will be given. Please email Chantelle Dunn at [Library@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:Library@sjmb.school.nz) if you feel you have this time to offer to the school.

If parents still wish to order from the current issue #7 please do so via the Scholastic Bookclub [website](http://www.scholastic.com) or Loop app. You will need to request delivery (for a small fee) directly to your home but all orders will still qualify for the school to receive rewards. Hard copies of the catalogue are available from the school office and from the library.