



NEWSLETTER

21st November
2023
Term 4, Week 7

Te Reo ō te Kura ō Hato Hoāni
The voice of St John's School

Kia ora whānau,

As well as business as usual, there have been a number of school events over the past two weeks; the school Gala, Athletics Day, Year 4 sharing their learning with their parents, a trip for Year 2 to the Art Gallery, Live Brave Blue Day for Diabetes, a Teacher only Day and ASB GetWi\$e Financial Literacy programme.



Thank you to our wonderful PTFA and Gala team for organising such a phenomenal event. We were blessed with beautiful weather for the Gala and the crowds certainly came to enjoy it. It was lovely to see the community enjoying the sunshine and each other's company as they wandered around the stalls and enjoyed the wonderful food on offer.

The Gala is our biggest fundraiser for the year, and you would have read in the PTFA newsletter that it raised in the vicinity of \$20,000. A fantastic result.



I would also like to thank you for your generosity in supporting Live Brave Blue Day for young people living with Diabetes.

We raised \$445 which will be given to Diabetes NZ Auckland Youth Fund. The donations collected from Do Blue Day will stay in our area and go directly towards supporting our young people living with type 1 diabetes and their families.

END OF YEAR MASS AND LEAVERS CEREMONY



You are all invited to come celebrate 2023 with us at the End of Year Mass.

This is one of the key events of our year where we gather as both a faith and a school community to give thanks for the school year, celebrate our Year 6 students and ask a blessing on them as they move on in their learning journey.

School End-of-Year Thanksgiving Mass

and

Year 6 Leavers Ceremony

*Tuesday, 5th December
at 11.00am*

St. John's Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - ADVENT



Sunday, 26th November marks the beginning of Advent, a time for preparing for the coming of Christ. Each class has an Advent wreath and on Monday at 11.00am at St John's Church they will be blessed. It is a special part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The Advent wreath is a circular evergreen wreath with four candles, three purple and one rose. The candles symbolise the light of Christ coming into the world. Each candle is first lit on the appropriate Sunday of Advent, and then the candles may be lit each day as a part of the individual's or family's daily prayers.

The candles have been given various names:

Candle 1. Hope [purple] Candle 2. Peace [purple] Candle 3. Joy [rose] Candle 4. Love [purple]

Taken from <http://www.churchyear.net/adventwreath.html>

THE GREAT SEEDLING AND PRODUCE SALE

The children have been busy over the year planting and harvesting with Mrs Moore in the garden. They have grown seedlings and harvested a variety of herbs and green vegetables. To raise money for some new fruit trees for the garden, they will be holding a sale.



When: **Wednesday 22nd November 2023**

Where: **Outside the Hall** (in case of rain: by Room 3)

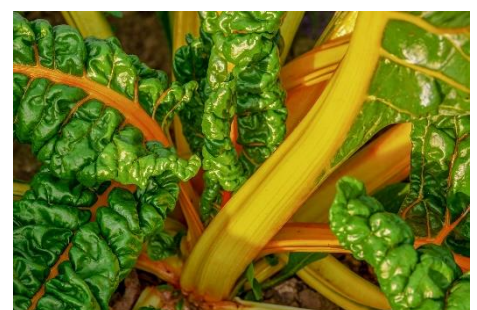
Time: **2.30pm - 3.30pm**

We will be selling potted seedlings of corn, cucumber, tomatoes, silverbeet, coriander and parsley.
All \$2.00 each

Fresh herb bunches of mint, parsley, rosemary, parsley and coriander.

Also, fresh lettuce, cabbage, silverbeet and kale.
All \$2.00 each

NO Eftpos available. Cash only please.



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE



The next scheduled second hand uniform sale will be on Wednesday, 6th December at 2.30pm in the school hall. Please bring cash.

In the meantime if you have specific requirements please contact our new parent coordinators: Shelley Kingston Tel: 021886194 or Email: shelleybrassel@hotmail.com and Rachelle Treeby, Tel: 021 853 524 or Email: rachelle_blundell@yahoo.com

Pre-Order Your Christmas Tree Now!

For Collection or Delivery on
Sunday 3rd or 10th December
(between 1-3pm)

Regular Tree \$45
(5ft - 6ft 6)

Large Tree \$75
(7ft - 7ft 6)

Delivery \$15
(within 10kms from St Johns School)

Tree Stand \$40

**Orders Close Monday
27th November**

email: trees@sjmb.school.nz





Rangitoto warmly invites
you to our Nativity Play

The Miracle of Christmas

When: Friday 1st December
at 1 pm

Where: St John's School Hall

KINDO

Many thanks to those families who have recently signed into their Kindo accounts www.mykindo.co.nz and finalised payments for 2023.



There are still various items outstanding across the school and we would greatly appreciate your attention to these as soon as possible so that end of year accounts can be reconciled.

If you have any questions Kindo helpdesk can be reached at Tel: 0800

LOST / FOUND PROPERTY

It is nearing the end of the year and the blue box of lost property items in the office is FULL yet again!

School uniform items, non-uniform clothing, shoes, sports balls, water bottles, lunch boxes etc. We endeavour to return items that are clearly labelled, however, at the end of the year unnamed items left in the bin will be donated to the PTFA second hand uniforms for resale and all non-school clothing, footwear and other items will be donated to charity. You and your children are welcome to come and look for missing items at any time of day whilst the office is open.

This is also a timely reminder to clearly name **all** items that your child brings to school.

SWIMMING POOL

We hope to have the swimming pool open in time for the summer season and will again be offering our school community the opportunity to hire a key. More information will be in our next newsletter.



However, the pool needs to be tested daily and water quality maintained for health & safety purposes. We are therefore asking if anyone would be willing to offer a small amount of time over weekends and/or the summer holidays to help our caretaker, Dave Harper, with this task.

Please be assured we will be doing all we can to put cover in place to ensure that the community will be able to enjoy the pool. In the meantime, we welcome any offers of help. Email: office@sjmb.school.nz or Tel: 09 478 7734



SPORTS UNIFORMS

A reminder that all inventory belonging to the school needs to be accounted for before the end of the school year. All uniforms will be checked back in against the 'issued list' we have, so **please ensure that you return them when requested, otherwise charges may be incurred.**

This weekend our Junior and Senior netball teams have their last games for the Spring League season. All Senior netball players should return their netball uniform (dress and any fleece) at the end of your games **THIS Saturday**. Please bring a change of clothes. Uniforms should be returned to your team COACH / MANAGER.

All Netball Team Managers / Coaches: please return your netball kit bags with bibs, balls, first aid box, Player of the Day Trophies, any unused umpiring money, and all uniforms for your team to the school office or to Karen Dorrington by Thursday, 30th November.

Hockey, Flippa Ball, Basketball and Touch are due to finish over the coming weeks. All outstanding uniforms, kit bags and other school issued equipment for those sports should be returned to the school office or Mrs Dorrington via the coaches and managers as soon as the relevant season has finished.



BACK TO SCHOOL 2024

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make your back-to-school stationery shop super easy. And if you order in December, you'll go in the draw to WIN 1 of 5 \$1,000 cash prizes*.



Your child's year list is already loaded. Just go to myschool.co.nz. Simply add your details, check the compulsory items and any additional items that may be needed on the list, then click and confirm —OfficeMax will get your delivery underway with free delivery on orders over \$70.

You can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card. Laybuy is also available, so you can pay in 6 weekly, interest-free payments and still get your order right away. Plus you'll be helping our school earn school rewards that we use to purchase much needed extra resources for our school.

We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go in plenty of time for the start of Term 1 on Friday 2nd February 2024.

get back to school ready!

Beat the rush!
Order your back to school stationery in December

WIN \$1000 CASH
5x TO BE WON

Give them the best start possible.

We know getting ready for the first day back at school can be a challenge for parents and kids. That's why we've made your back to school shop super easy. Do it early and give them the best possible start.

Your child's class list is already loaded. Just jump on to myschool.co.nz. Simply add your details, check that you want everything on the list, then click and confirm – and we'll get your delivery underway.

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- Go to myschool.co.nz to find your school list
- Check that you want everything on the list
- Enter your details and choose how to pay
- Choose when you want your order delivered, before Xmas or in January
- Your delivery is underway **PLUS** you're in to win*

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Choose when you want it.

Whether you want your order delivered before Christmas, or in the new year – the OfficeMax team will make it happen.

Help yourself. Help your School.

Earn School Rewards with every order. It's our way of giving back to the community, and it helps your school get the extra things they really need.

Order in December
and be in to **WIN** \$1000 CASH

*PROMOTION TERMS & CONDITIONS: 1. From December 2023 – 31st December 2023, the promotion (Promotion) gives you the option to order goods in December and choose whether you receive the goods in December 2023 or January 2024. 2. The Promotion is only available for orders placed online at myschool.co.nz in December 2023. 3. Payment options include: internet banking, credit/debit card, or Laybuy (see myschool.co.nz for terms and conditions). 4. School donations and other charges will be charged when you place your order. These are paid direct to the school and will show as a separate transaction. 5. Payment for school donations and other charges can only be made by internet banking (if your school has opted for this payment method) or on your credit/debit card. 6. If you buy in December 2023 you will be automatically entered into the draw. The prize is \$1000 CASH, 5 to be won. The order will be verified by 23rd January 2024 by telephone or email, failing to contact any winner by close of business on 30th January 2024 will result in the prize being forfeited and a further draw will be conducted. 7. Winner's names and prize being used for public relations purposes relating to the promotion. 8. School stationery lists are published as soon as your school has approved them for publication. OfficeMax is not responsible if the Promotion is shortened due to any delay in OfficeMax receiving approved lists. 9. The Promotion is OfficeMax New Zealand Limited, 35 or Woodhouse Drive, East Tamaki, Auckland.

Once again we are welcoming the opportunity to use EZ Covers. EZ Covers are a simple and unique way to cover school exercise books. They are reusable, non-toxic, PVC free and made right here in NZ.

You can order your covers in a few easy steps

1. Go to www.ezcovers.com
2. Select the cover types and sizes you need
3. At checkout, select St John's school (Mairangi Bay) from the drop down box and use the code EZ15 to earn our PTFA a 15 cent rebate for every cover purchased.

Support your school!

with EZCOVERS



15c per cover! Your school has signed up to the EZ Covers rebate! 15c per cover is donated to your school, simply choose your school at checkout!



ABOUT EZCOVERS

At EZ Covers we have created an easier and cheaper way to cover school books. Our covers are proudly made in New Zealand in a range of Kiwi school book sizes.



SCHOOL DONATION

Select your school from the drop-down list when ordering & we will donate 15c per cover back to your school. You will see a note congratulating your school once you place your order.



ECO FRIENDLY

We love the three R's: Reusable, Recyclable & Really EZ to put onto school exercise books. Our covers are non-toxic, PVC free and can be used over & over again, reducing waste.

ORDER IN BULK

School staff: Looking to get your students sorted?

You can order in bulk!

- Discounted rates on bulk orders
- Free shipping

Want to see them for yourself? We are happy to send some samples for you to see and feel before ordering at scale.

We send hundreds of covers to many schools across New Zealand and Australia every year. Some schools use a different design or color for each subject, which teachers and students find very useful.

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