

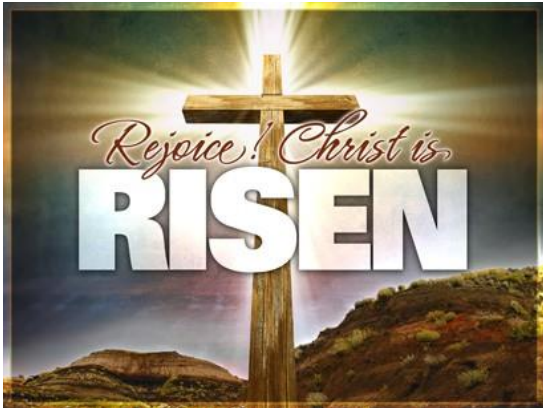


3rd April
2024

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau,



I trust you had a blessed Easter. We cannot believe we are so close to the end of term; the last few weeks have flown by. With the early timing of Easter this year, we are in the very rare position of being able to celebrate the Good News of Easter Sunday together as a school. Today we gather as a school to celebrate, with liturgy, the Risen Christ. This liturgy is led by a group of our Year 5 students.

This is the last newsletter for the term and, although a little early, I would like to wish you all a relaxing and refreshing term break. I hope you manage to have some time together as a whānau.



SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations **Keegan** and **Quinlan** on their joint first place. This is a first for St John's, having two houses tied for the win. Congratulations to all the children, both Waitematā and Rangitoto, who participated so enthusiastically in the events of the day.

ANZAC DAY PARADE



St John's School will participate in this year's ANZAC Memorial Parade and Service in Browns Bay on Thursday 25 April.

Want to walk with us?

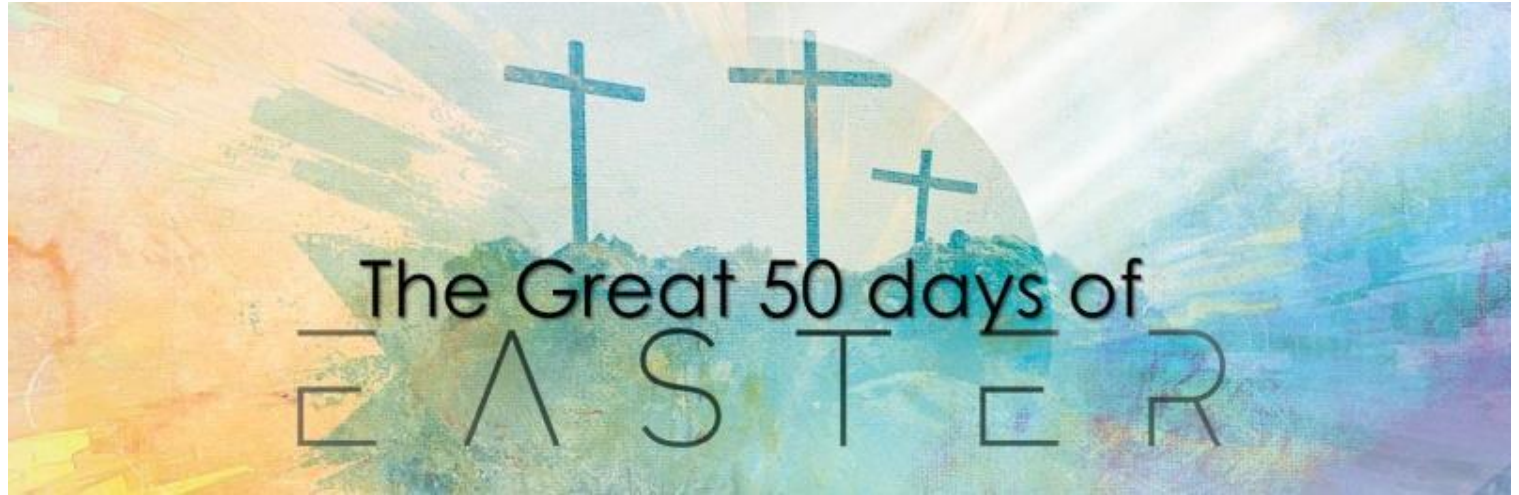
Meet at 8:15 am on the corner of Anzac Road and Beachfront Lane (Service starts at 8:45 am)

All whānau welcome!

Students should wear their school uniform.

If your child would like to help make our wreath in Week 11, please email Mrs Perry helenp@sjmb.school.nz

God bless,
Marina Binns, Tumuaki – Principal



The Church continues to celebrate Easter long after the last chocolate eggs are eaten. The Easter season is the second-longest liturgical season (only ordinary time is longer) going from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It's a time to remember that Jesus wasn't in a rush to ascend, but that he spent time appearing to his disciples and preparing them for Pentecost. This is an extended time, then, to joyfully celebrate the resurrection. After all, the resurrection changes everything. It reminds us that God has power over death and that, in all times of trouble, God is with us.

Consider what Pope John Paul II said:

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.”

Together as a Church we rejoice in the hope and the joy that only the resurrection can bring, the promise of eternal life. Nothing can keep us from the joy that God wants to give us. Here is a challenge for each of us... over Eastertide, consider what practices you can implement into your life to cultivate more joy. Our world needs to see more joy; the surprising, unexpected joy of the resurrection.

Room 9 celebrating the joy of the Easter story



KINDO



As we near the end of the term it would be greatly appreciated if all families could review their Kindo accounts (www.mykindo.co.nz) to check for any outstanding payments. We pride ourselves on offering our students a wide and varied curriculum and offering a number of valuable resources such as our Maths & Literacy online learning. Your ongoing support for these items is essential and we gratefully acknowledge your contribution and your attention to this matter. Thank you.

LIFE EDUCATION VISIT



The Life Education van has arrived and the children are looking forward to attending their sessions with Harold over the next week. There is a small charge for these visits which has been added to your Kindo account.

The sessions each class has in the van are part of the New Zealand Health Curriculum and are selected by the classroom teachers.

UNIFORM

As the weather turns colder, we move into our Winter uniform in Term 2. As the weather can still fluctuate, there is the usual cross over period for the first two weeks of school.

We ask that the children be in full Winter uniform for the beginning of Week 3 (Monday 13th May).

PTFA NEWS



The next PTFA meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th April at 7:30pm in the school staffroom. All are welcome to attend. If you can not make it in person, please feel free to join us virtually. A link will be sent out to all whānau via email.

DON'T MISS OUT! ST JOHN'S SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE



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Date: 10th April 2024
Time: 2:30pm
Location: School Hall

Wanted Items: All uniform items, especially size 10 and up!
Please drop any items to donate or sell at the school office by 9th of April.

ST JOHN'S PTFA SAUSAGE SIZZLE



12th April
Last day of Term

SWIMMING POOL CLOSURE

OUR POOL CLOSURES FOR THE SEASON ON FRIDAY, 12TH APRIL AT 3:00PM

Pool key bond refunds are now available from the office.

To receive the bond refund, keys must be returned before Friday 10th May 3:00pm.



INTERSCHOOL TENNIS



Thursday 14th March was the exciting tennis interschools. We had a fun interactive day of playing tennis. St John's did very well as we placed 3rd overall which is awesome. Our students won four certificates, James and Josh placing 3rd in the boy's doubles and Lani and Sophie placing 2nd in the girls doubles.

It was an amazing day with a great positive energy and a lot of outstanding tennis players from St John's and the other schools. We all had a great day and need to thank Mrs Buckley for managing the team and for being a great supportive parent to all of the team.

This is our tennis team for 2024:

Girls singles: Teresa Rotaeché, Zara Ko
Boys singles: Sean Jung, Wonai Shoniwa
Girls Doubles: Lani Huebner, Sophie Hayward
Boys doubles: Josh Buckley, James Barrett

written by Sophie Hayward

KIWI KIDS WEETBIX TRYATHLON

On Sunday 24th March, several of the students from St. John's participated in the Kiwi Kids Weetbix Tryathlon at Pt. England Reserve. The triathlon was a 50 – 100m swim (age dependent), 4km cycle and 1.5km run. Despite the swim part of the day being changed to a run due to water quality issues from the rain the previous day, it was a glorious day filled with sunshine.



Well done to Carter, Cody, Dominic, Connor, Maz, Silvia, Lydia, Rosie and Lewis for their incredible spirit and resilience.

TERM 2 DATES

END OF TERM ONE – School will close for the end of Term One on Friday 12th April at the normal time of 2:50pm.

START OF TERM TWO – School will open for Term 2 on Monday 29th April.

STAFF ONLY DAY TERM 2 – Friday 31st May will be a Staff Only day and the school will be closed for all children.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TERM 2 – Monday 3rd June is King's Birthday and a public holiday in New Zealand. Friday 28th June Friday is Matariki and a public holiday in New Zealand.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – Wednesday 26th June. School will close at 12.00 noon. Booking information will be circulated in Week 5, Term 2

END OF TERM 2 – School will close for the end of Term Two on Friday 5th July at the normal time of 2:50pm.

TOYS FOR TODDLERS



The Parish is starting up a new group for parents with young children (see the Parish News at the end of the newsletter for more details) and are in need of some toys to keep toddlers and preschoolers entertained while their parents chat. They would appreciate any donations if you had any old toys that you no longer need. These can be left in the box in the school office.

LOST PROPERTY

We always endeavour to return items that are clearly labelled.

If you are looking for a specific item, please contact the school office via email (office@sjmb.school.nz) with a description of the item, name and room of the child concerned and we will do all we can to trace the item.

There are currently both uniform and non-uniform items in the Lost Property box, all of which we are unable to return to their owners as they are unnamed. If you believe they may belong to your child, please take a moment to check out the lost property box located in the Sick Bay in the office.

All unclaimed items of uniform at the end of term will be donated to the PTFA second hand uniform sale and non-uniform items will be donated to charity.

WRITING, ROOM 2 – 'A Moment in Time'

Uhhh! The line was sooo long! I was standing in the burning hot sun and I felt like I was going to get sunburned. Finally the line moved and there were just four more people in front of me! When the line kept moving and moving it was finally my turn. I had butterflies in my tummy. I slowly stepped carefully on the black, slippery, long, fun and cool mat. I sat down.

I was getting ready to slide down then I said in my mind "three, two, one... slide!". I pushed myself as hard as I could and slid, I thought "this was the best thing ever!". Then the butterflies in my tummy went away. I even went backwards when I was sliding three quarters of the slide! When I got up I was covered in bubbles and grass. I went back to the line but when I looked forward the line was sooo long again! I saw that the one who was sliding tried to hit the hand of the one who was in the line. The one in the line also tried to hit the hand of the one who was sliding.

Amanda





Everything was still, then I felt the lava coloured kayak being pushed off. I had butterflies in my tummy. I was wearing a bright yellow life jacket. I started rocking then "splash" I fell in. As the water fell on me it felt like I was getting tucked in my bed. I was calm and relaxed. The water was cold and wet. I could see the edges of the pool and the top of it. I heard the water filters and other people pulling their kayaks in. I thought I nearly touched the bottom but I knew I hadn't. It felt like I was there for hours. Honestly I think I fell asleep a little. As I came up for air it felt like when you're watching a movie and it's one of those moments... then you gasp!

Serena

As soon as it was my turn on the rock wall, the harness clicked into the belayer who was called Kelly. As I was climbing, I could feel the bumpy climbing holds. They were so colourful. When I was on the wall I felt excited and my heart was beating as fast as a cheetah. Soon I wanted to come down and I moved onto the red wall. I got to the top on the red wall and my arms were moving like a monkey.

The top was very dusty, it nearly made me sneeze. Finally, I was coming down the wall like spiderman. It was very cool!

Maggie



FROM THE PARISH

YOUNG MOTHERS' GROUP

Starting Friday 12th April, the parish will be holding a weekly social gathering time for parents/caregivers of babies and preschoolers.

Meeting in the Fr Quinn Room, St John's Church from 10:30am – 12:30pm every Friday.
Coffee & Biscuits provided.

Contact: Judith (0278252319) or Sandra (0274336404) or the office at office@ecbcatholic.org.nz

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Tuesday 9 April, 7pm.

Registration is necessary. See the website at

<https://eastcoastbaycatholic.org.nz/2023/03/09/baptism/>

Contact baptism@ecbcatholic.org.nz

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREFERENCE FORMS

Fr Carlo and Fr Emile will be available to sign the forms on Wednesdays, 10am - 12 noon & 1 – 3pm for a 15-minute slot. Please make an appointment through: office@ecbcatholic.org.nz

MONTHLY CHILDREN'S MASS

3rd Sunday: 9.00 am Mass St. John's Church.

Contact Lindy lindy@willplan.co.nz

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For more information from the Parish, please see [their regular newsletter](#).