



12th November
2024

Kia ora whānau,

GALA

What an incredible day we had at our School Gala last Friday! It was heartwarming to see our school community come together with such enthusiasm and joy. The gala was a fantastic success, both as a fundraising event and as a wonderful expression of our community spirit.

A heartfelt thank you to our PTFA organisers, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring this event to life. Your dedication and passion made it all possible. We are also deeply grateful to our stallholders and all the helpers who volunteered their time and effort on the day. Whether you were setting up, running a stall, or cleaning up, your support helped to create a truly memorable event.

Thank you, too, to our wider community for joining us, sharing in the fun, and showing such generosity. Your presence and contributions have a profound impact on our school, and we feel blessed to have your support.

Thank you, everyone, for making this gala a day to remember!



TEACHER ONLY DAY

This is a friendly reminder that the **school will be closed on Friday, 15th November** for a Teacher Only Day, where our staff will be engaged in professional development.

SOCIAL OUTREACH – THE CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE



Our Parish Christmas Angel Tree will be back at school next week. The Parish's Angel Tree provides gifts for those less fortunate than us through the support of donations of gifts. This year, these gifts will be supporting the parishes in Northland.

Angel Trees are decorated with paper angel, each representing a child in need of presents. If you would like to participate, please choose an Angel from the tree. Buy a gift for the age range and gender of the child as requested on the back of the Angel wrap it up and then place under the tree in the office.

Please note that the final collection day will be Friday, 13th of December.

SOCIAL OUTREACH – SNEAKER FRIDAY FOR DIABETES



Sneaker Friday is happening at St John's on Friday 22 November 2024!

Sneaker Friday is a fundraising event encouraging New Zealanders to support people living with diabetes. Diabetes is New Zealand's largest and fastest growing health crisis, and Sneaker Friday is your chance to help make a real difference to the lives of the 324,000 New Zealanders living with the condition. Show your support by wearing your sneakers on Sneaker Friday and help raise funds at the same time.

Every dollar raised from Sneaker Friday will go towards changing the lives of those affected by diabetes, and promote healthy lifestyle habits, which have a positive effect on the prevention and management of diabetes.

To donate, click on the QR code.



SCHOOL ATHLETICS



YEARS 4-6 ATHLETICS DAY

Our Waitematā team will be travelling to the Takapuna Athletics Club next Wednesday, 20th November, for their Athletics Day. This day has a dual purpose of showcasing the skill development from the PE athletics focus this term as well as being part of the selection process for the Interschool Athletics event.

Throughout the day students will rotate around different athletics activities; sprints, long jump, high jump, shotput and discus throwing. To cater for all of these events, we require a number of parent helpers. If you are able to help please contact Mrs Karen Dorrington sports@sjmb.school.nz

YEARS 1-3 RUN, JUMP, THROW

Our Rangitoto team will be showcasing their athletics skills with a Run, Jump, Thow Day at school on Friday 29th November. From 12:30 - 2:30pm the students will rotate around their athletics activities as a culmination of the PE athletics focus this term. Parents are welcome to come and watch, and there will be designated spectator areas around the grounds. To support us in the logistical organisation of the day, we ask you to remain in these areas, and not come into the areas where the children are participating.



God bless,
Marina Binns - Principal/Tumuaki

FROM THE PTFA – CHRISTMAS TREES

The PTFA are pleased to announce that Real Christmas Trees will be available again this year!

Last year's feedback was that they were "Amazing Trees!"

Mark your calendar for collection or delivery on Sunday 1st, Saturday 7th or Sunday 8th December 10am – 3pm. A small number of trees will be available for purchase on the day.

Regular trees (5ft - 6ft'6)	\$45
Large trees (7ft - 7ft'6)	\$75
Delivery (within 10kms)	\$15
Christmas tree stand	\$45

To order please visit [this link](#) and complete the order form or [email trees@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:trees@sjmb.school.nz) for further information.

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL PTFA

Real Christmas Trees

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER
SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER
SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER

PRE-ORDER PRICES:
REGULAR \$45
LARGE \$75
DELIVERY \$15

EMAIL TO PLACE AN ORDER
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SCHOOL CALENDAR AND DATES TO NOTE

Keep up to date with school events through downloading and linking the SJMB Community Calendar.
[Link to download calendar](#)

THANK YOU BUNNINGS - SILVERDALE



On Wednesday, October 30th, we welcomed Bunnings Silverdale to St John's for a wonderful addition to our Garden to Table programme. Anne, Murray, and Dianne from Bunnings joined us, bringing four fruit trees - two feijoa and two lemon - to enrich our school grounds.

Together with our students, we planted these trees with the excitement of knowing they'll soon bear fruit that will enhance our Garden to Table menus. Their addition not only supports our kitchen but also helps students learn the value of growing and using fresh produce right here at school.

Our sincere thanks to Bunnings Silverdale for their continued support and generosity toward our school. Their commitment to fostering a love of sustainability and fresh food among our students is invaluable, and these trees will be a long-lasting reminder of their support. We look forward to watching them grow and to the delicious dishes that their fruit will inspire!

YEAR FOUR GO TO CORBAN ESTATE ARTS CENTRE

On Tuesday we went to the Corban Estate Art Centre. First we went on the long, twirly bus and boy, was the ride long. When we finally got there, the people who worked there welcomed us. They taught us how to make cool light boxes. It took a lot of skill and good listening. There were a lot of steps to make these.

First we did sketching and my first and last idea was Saturn-V launching to the moon. I added fire and smoke so it looked real and cool.

Then we cut out the boxes and first we cut a triangle and then we used awls to cut the corners because we had to follow special lines to cut and it was hard with scissors. But by then it was morning tea and I ate all the yummy stuff my mum packed me. Then we had a little play. People were climbing trees and playing tag.

Next, came the hard bit! We had to glue, make, cut and sketch. It was really tough. I made smoke and stars and even fire! It looked really cool in the dark with the light on. All my hard work finally paid off. Then all the light boxes were displayed! They all looked really good. It was a magical adventure at the Corban Estate Arts Centre. - Salva D.





My class and I went to the Corban Estate Arts Centre on Tuesday. We were welcomed by Whaea Molly and Whaea Jean. They showed us what our lightbox would look like. Their lightboxes amazed me because they looked so majestic.

My idea was my sister surfing but there is a monster trying to eat her. We sketched our idea first. Next, my class made the box and then drew a template. I made sure it was straight then I cut it out. Whaea Molly and Whaea Jean said that they made holes in our box and then said that we had to stick our lights on. If it was not stable we had to add tape, so I added a lot of tape.

Whaea Molly told us to make the ground or the terrain but the terrain had to be bigger than the light. Also, Whaea Molly told us to make two or more layers of ground. My terrain was very hard to make as I chose to do a spiral wave that looks like a baby fern. I was very proud of my terrain. I added my protagonist next, which was my sister on a surfboard. After I made my sister and a surfboard one of the grown ups told me that it would be cool to make it 3D and then the grown up showed me how to make 3D shapes. Once I had finished adding all my characters and my background I put it on one side of the box and looked at it on the other side.

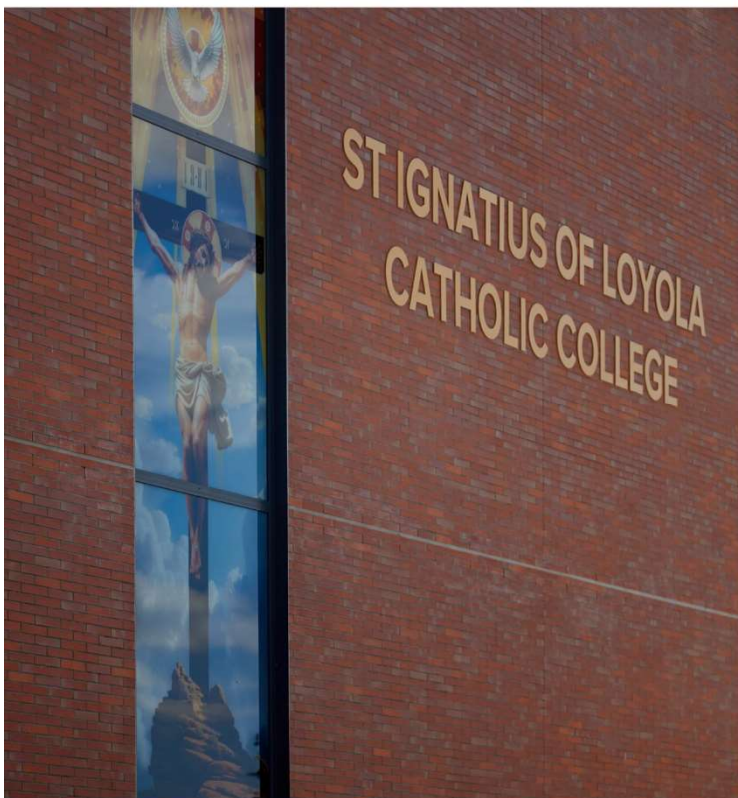
Whaea Molly told us that if we put our lights on and look inside the dark, black box, we could see the glistening lights clearly. Afterwards, I went to the other room to put the box away and moments later we had a show. The room was filled with light and shadow. It was magnificent! – Rocio D.



ATTENDANCE DUES



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Attendance Dues are used to pay for building related costs at Catholic Schools in the Auckland Diocese.

Paying Attendance Dues is a condition of enrolment for all students attending New Zealand Catholic Schools.

Attendance Dues are compulsory – there is a legal requirement for parents and caregivers to pay Attendance Dues under the Education and Training Act 2020.

ATTENDANCE DUES ARE:

2025	PRIMARY STUDENTS	SECONDARY STUDENTS
per year (incl. GST)	\$532	\$1,080
per term (incl. GST)	\$133	\$270

For more information:

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Mō tā tou, ā, mō ngā uri ā muri ake | For us, and our children after us.

FROM THE PARISH

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREFERENCE FORMS: Fr Carlo and Fr Danko 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

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