



5th May
2025

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome to Week 3. The term is in full swing, and the children are making great strides in their learning this term with busy classroom programmes, upcoming school events and trips.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING



Congratulations to the children who represented us at the North Harbour Swimming Championships last week. I am always impressed to see them challenging themselves when competing against strong club swimmers.

The team was Connor B, Ava E, Cooper Y, Lily T, Dylan M, Stella H, Gabriel H, Jason O, Josh Ward, Aaron M, Carter G, Gabriella F, Daniel S, Rocio D, Dominic K, Jude B, Oscar C, San K, Xavier H, Aron L, Emma M, Bronson C, Eli M, Oonagh B, Michael H, and Silvia K.

Well done everyone. Thank you to Mrs Dorrington and all the parents who helped with transport, marshalling, timekeeping and sideline support on the day.

CELEBRATING OUR SUPPORT STAFF

This Wednesday we celebrate Support Staff Day. This day is a celebration of the valuable contributions made by the various support staff members in our school, including Learning Support and Language Assistants, Resource Management Staff, Administration Staff, and our Caretaker, Sport Co-ordinator and Librarian.

Our support staff often work with our most vulnerable of students as well as providing valuable assistance to the school in running programmes, events and managing our office and school site.

Loving God, we express our gratitude and offer a blessing for the dedicated individuals who form the foundation of our school's support staff.

We acknowledge their tireless efforts, their unwavering commitment, and their often unseen but essential work.

May your strength and guidance be with them as they navigate the challenges of their roles.

May they find joy in their work, and may their efforts bring positive outcomes for all.

We thank you for their presence in our lives, and we pray for their well-being and success. Amen.

INTERSCHOOL RIPPA RUGBY

On Thursday five teams from Years 3 – 6 will be participating in the North Harbour Rugby Festival at Windsor Park. This is the first of two days. Thank you to the parent co-ordinators, coaches and managers. We wish the teams well in their competition.

Kindness Day
Friday 16th May

Non-uniform day (no donation)
wear pink or another kindness colour.

Juicies
real. fruit. simple
watermelon
No added sugar. 100% natural.
Made in New Zealand.
10 x 100ml. 100% juice.

Be Kind.

Watermelon Juicies
\$3
Available on Kindo

PINK DAY

This Friday, 16th May, our school will be taking part in a non-uniform day for Pink Shirt Day, an annual national initiative. As a Catholic school, we believe in nurturing our students to become compassionate and respectful individuals who embody the teachings of Jesus Christ. Pink Shirt Day is a perfect opportunity for us to come together as a community and reinforce these values.

We look forward to seeing all our students and staff wearing pink on Pink Shirt Day as we stand together to promote kindness, respect, and inclusivity. This is to raise awareness and no donation is required.

This Friday is also **FROZEN FRIDAY**. In recognition of Pink Day, this time we will be enjoying pink juicies. Juicies can be purchased through [Kindo](#) for \$3.00.



PTFA FUNDRAISER

The time is nearly here... we will be launching the fundraiser this week in assembly on Friday at 2:00pm. You are most welcome to join us in the hall. Keep an eye out for information about the event and registering with 'Go Raise It' coming directly to your email inbox on Friday.

God bless,
Marina Binns, Principal – Tumuaki

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tēnā koutou e te whānau kākanorua o Hato Hoani,



With hearts full of love and hope, we welcome the news of our new Pope – Pope Leo XIV. He takes on this sacred role as the shepherd of our global Church, a voice for peace, justice, and compassion.

In Aotearoa, we walk together as tangata whenua and tangata tiriti. As followers of Christ in this special place, we pray that Pope Leo XIV will honour the dignity of every person, care for Papatūānuku, and be a kaitiaki of the Gospel values we teach: kindness, courage, forgiveness, and faith.

Pope Leo XIV brings a message of mercy and unity. He reminds us that the Church is for all people – young and old, rich and poor, from every culture and every land. May his leadership help our tamariki grow in love, inclusion, and joy.

Together in Christ, we learn, we grow, we love,

Cara Mountjoy
Director of Religious Studies

WINTER UNIFORM



School
Uniform

This is how we
do it here!

This week all children should now be in their full Winter uniform.

The children, with the help of Mrs Perry, have put together [a video](#) about how we wear our uniform.

If you need clarification around how the uniform is worn, please feel free to contact the class teacher.

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.

PEER MEDIATION



Peer Mediation is a structured process where a neutral mediator helps those in conflict find solutions for a positive, win-win outcome.

It is a voluntary and confidential approach to managing disagreements constructively. The mediator facilitates the process, guiding their peers toward resolving their issues independently.

This Programme provides meaningful leadership opportunities for Year 5 and 6 students. Through specialised conflict resolution training, they develop essential, life-long skills while positively contributing to the school community.

The Programme's core principles reflect our school values of Resilience, Respect, Community, and Faith.



ATTENDANCE

Going to school every day is important for students to develop skills for lifelong learning.

MONITORING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The Ministry of Education has regularly communicated the importance of raising and maintaining regular attendance at school.

There's a clear connection between going to school regularly and doing well in the classroom. Higher levels of educational achievement can mean better health, higher incomes, better job stability, and more participation in communities. This all makes society stronger and more connected.

Students aged 6 to 16 years old (and enrolled 5-year-olds) are required to attend school every day. It's everyone's responsibility to make sure children attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

(Ministry of Education)

The Government has set a target: by 2030, 80% of students are present for more than 90% of the term.

Coming to your email will be a summary of your child's attendance for this year so far.

ATTENDANCE PARENT SURVEY

Researchers at the Education Review Office (ERO) are doing some research about school attendance. They want to hear your thoughts about what makes a difference. **Please help** by clicking on this survey link: [Parent and Whānau survey](#)

PTFA

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

sale



WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE
2:30 PM SCHOOL HALL



Donations Welcome

FOR THE UPCOMING SALE ON
4TH JUNE

*drop all donatins ro the
school office!*

ABSENTEES

As we head towards the colder months of the year, it is not uncommon for children to get sick and need to stay home. This is a friendly reminder to inform the school if your child is away from school. We ask that you phone or email the school office (Ph 09 478 7734, email office@sjmb.school.nz) or submit an absentee form via the [website](#) **for each day they are away**. For safety reasons, we do not assume that because they were away yesterday, they are away for the same reason today.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Catherine who placed third overall in her category in the recently held North Harbour Gymnastics Club Championships.

Catherine, although Year 3, competed in the Year 5 – 7 Advanced Gymnastics category.

An awesome achievement, well done Catherine.

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

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