



27th May
2025

Kia ora whānau,

This week we opened Room 10 and, while currently small in number, it will grow over the next two terms with our youngest students. We welcome them to our St John's family and pray that they will enjoy their learning journey with us in the coming years.



Tomorrow we celebrate Catholic School's Day. Catholic Schools have a long history in New Zealand, dating back to 1841 and play an integral part in the education system in NZ. There are over 66,900 students in 187 primary and 48 secondary Catholic Schools across the country, with 23,500 in the Auckland Diocese.

Pope Francis designated 2025 as the Church's Year of Jubilee: Pilgrims of Hope. In line with this, the theme for this year is **Shine like stars in the world: E tīaho ana koe hei rama i te ao.**

Classes will be sharing their morning prayer in the church with the parish to acknowledge the partnership between the parish and the school. Children will also share some time with their buddies talking about what makes a Catholic School special. They will create a sticker which they will wear home. Please take a minute to talk to them about it.

To help showcase Catholic Schools to our communities, the children will be bringing home two lollipops; one for them to enjoy and one to give to someone who doesn't go to our school. This could be a sibling, family member or someone else known to them.





ADVENTURE RUN

A huge thank you to all the families who have already signed up and started fundraising for our Adventure Run! Your support is helping us get closer to our COLA goal – and making a real difference for our school.

Last week's assembly was full of excitement (and a lot of slime!) as two of our brave teachers took one for the team. It was a hit with the kids and a great celebration of the effort so far.

Congratulations to the winners of the prize draws for the first week of fundraising.



But the fun isn't over yet! If we reach \$16,000 by 9.00am this Friday, **TWO MORE TEACHERS** will get slimed at assembly – and we know the students are very motivated to see that happen!

When we reach \$20,000 Mrs McGregor will **JUMP** off the Sky Tower.

If you haven't signed up yet, it's not too late. Every dollar counts, and every student can make a difference. Let's work together and finish strong!



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Written progress updates will be coming home on Friday 13th June. These will be followed up with Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday 18th June between 1:00pm – 7:30pm. To provide the opportunity for all parents who wish to attend a conference to do so, **school will be finishing at 12:00pm on Wednesday 18th June.** You are asked to make arrangements to pick your child(ren) up promptly at this time. School buses will not be available.

Kids Choice After School Care will be available from 12.00 noon in the School Hall. If you wish to book your child into Kids Choice, please contact Barbara on Tel: 027 440 6363

CONFERENCE FOCUS: The purpose of the Term Two Parent Teacher Conferences is for parents and teachers to discuss how your child is progressing and their next steps in Reading, Writing and Mathematics as well as how parents can help at home. If time permits other curriculum areas and key competencies may be covered during this time. Conferences will be 10 minutes in duration. If, after 10 minutes, you feel further time is required with the teacher than please arrange another appointment.

Bookings are now open for the upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences.

TO BOOK A CONFERENCE TIME

- Use the QR code, use the [LINK](#), or visit the website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code **zwdye** (it is case sensitive)
- An email confirming the time of your conference(s) will be sent directly to the email address entered at the time of booking.
- If you do not have internet access, please contact the school office by phone: 09 478 7734 or via email on office@sjmb.school.nz and they can make a booking on your behalf.



YUMMY APPLES

We are all go for this year's Yummy Apples Sticker Promotion!

Every year, the Yummy Fruit Company runs a sticker promotion for North Island primary schools. Schools collect stickers from Yummy apples and at the end of the promotion these are redeemed for a share of \$200,000 of Sports Equipment. Yummy apples can be purchased from PaknSav, New World and Four Square supermarkets.

By collecting Yummy apple stickers and labels, you're helping our school earn free sports gear, a fantastic way to support our tamariki to stay active and healthy! It's easy to get involved: Collect stickers from Yummy apples or cut out the label from Yummy apple bags. Stick them on the official sticker charts.

Every child has been given a chart to bring home (more are available from the office). There are also charts in the classrooms.

Return completed charts to the office when they are full.

We need all the sticker charts back by 10 October 2025, even if they are only part full.

Every sticker counts, so get collecting!
Full sheets earn 1000 house points!



WINTER ILLNESS



It is that time of year again, when the Winter bugs seem to make their appearance. We know that regular attendance is important for your child's learning, and we appreciate your support in this. However, if your child is unwell, especially with vomiting or diarrhoea, please keep them at home. Children must remain home for **48 hours after the last episode** to help prevent the spread of illness. Thank you for helping us keep our school community healthy.

mykindo

Just a friendly, midterm reminder to check your Kindo account www.mykindo.co.nz. If you need any assistance or have any questions regarding your school account, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs Bridges in the school office or the Kindo Helpdesk on Tel: 09 869 5200. They will be able to provide you with the necessary information and guidance.

KINGS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

Just a reminder, this weekend is King's Birthday Weekend – **all schools in NZ will be closed on Monday 2nd June** for the public holiday.

God bless,
Marina Binns, Principal – Tumuaki

PINK DAY AND PROJECT JONAH







St John's



PTFA MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 3rd June

TIME: 7:00pm

LOCATION: St John's School Staffroom

VIRTUAL LINK: Can be accessed from School Calendar

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

sale



WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE

2:30 PM SCHOOL HALL



Donations Welcome

FOR THE UPCOMING SALE ON
11TH JUNE

*drop all donations to the
school office!*

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Keep up to date with school events through downloading and linking the SJMB Community Calendar.

[Link to download calendar](#)

PILGRIMS OF HOPE



What is Pilgrimage ?

What is Hope ?

How can a journey change a life ?

Rebecca Taylor-Hunt

Director of the Catholic
Enquiry Centre



Date : Tuesday 27th May

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

87 Hastings Road, Mairangi Bay

Time : 7.00pm

All Welcome



Catholic Enquiry Centre
Tūhuratanga Katorika

 catholicdiscovery.nz



PENTECOST SUNDAY (7TH – 8TH JUNE).

The Parish is looking for children (10 years and older) or their family members who attend Mass at ECB Parish to say a prayer in a language other than English.

The Parish Office will send the English prayer (when they get it from the Cathedral) and you will need to translate it into your language and read it at Mass along with the other readers.

At this stage, they are looking for readers for the Saturday 5.30pm, and Sunday 7.30am and 10.30am Masses. The 9.00am Mass roster is full.

If you are interested, please contact Selina in the Parish office selina@ecbcatholic.org.nz

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREFERENCE FORMS

Fr Carlo and Fr Danko will be available to sign the forms on Wednesdays, 10am – 12.00 noon & 1.00 – 3.00pm 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](#).