

This morning, we celebrated the Feast of St John the Baptist with the parish at a lovely Mass. I was impressed, as usual, by the children's participation and leadership and their liturgical practice. Thank you to all those who were able to come and celebrate with us.

During the Mass, as a school, we farewelled Father Danko as he moves on to his next ministry at St Mary's, Avondale. Although he has only been with us for 10 months, from the very beginning, he embraced our school and parish with humility, and a spirit of service. We've really appreciated how much he has given to us in such a short time and are thankful that he has shared part of his journey with us.

WINTER WARM UP - SOCIAL OUTREACH



Friday 27th June, our Matariki Celebration Day, will also be an opportunity for social outreach. Students are encouraged to wear their pyjamas to school in exchange for a donation of a gold coin or new / used winter warm up items to donate to those in need. Funds raised and items collected will be distributed through the charitable organisation, Give a Kid a Blanket.

They welcome donations of excellent quality pre-loved (not stained/damaged and freshly washed please) or new items; blankets, duvet inners and covers, sleeping bags, infant sleep sacks, NEW pillows, NEW hot water bottles, warm infant, child, teen and adult clothing, pyjamas, robes, socks, beanies, jumpers, track pants, hoodies.

They also love receiving donations of hand-crafted items such as crocheted blankets, and knitted infant and children's jumpers and cardigans, and beanies in all sizes.



Items for donation can be brought in anytime until Friday, 27th June.

There are collection boxes in the school office. If you wish to make a cash donation, this can be completed using the donation option in <u>Kindo</u>.

STAFF UPDATE



We are very excited to say Bon Voyage to Mrs Howard this week. Bon Voyage, a French term, is not goodbye, but a way of wishing someone a good journey.

Mrs Anne Howard has been granted leave for Term 3. She will be travelling with her husband and daughter to Vancouver, Canada for a month, where she will be visiting her son, who is doing his PhD at the University of British Columbia.

Following this, she and her husband will be spending two months catching up with family and friends in England and embarking on a tour of Ireland. We look forward to welcoming her back in Term 4 and to hearing wonderful stories from her time overseas.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Congratulations to all the St John's School Communicants, who received the Sacrament of Eucharist on Sunday 15th June at St Francis Church.

This special milestone marks a profound step in your spiritual journey, and we are incredibly proud of each one of you for your dedication and faith.

ADVENTURE RUN



I want to sincerely thank everyone who helped make our Adventure Run such a fantastic success. To our students and families – your energy, enthusiasm, and wholehearted participation brought the event to life. The joy and laughter we saw was contagious, and not even the odd shower could dampen the fun!

The final count is an AMAZING amount of \$24,477. Congratulations, and thank you all!

A huge thank you to our incredible staff and parent helpers – your support behind the scenes and on the day made everything run so smoothly. We're also especially grateful to all our generous sponsors and our amazing PTFA for your ongoing support and contributions.

Thank you to the following sponsors of the inflatable obstacle and other equipment on the day.





Together, we've created some wonderful memories and shown just how strong our school community really is.

INTERSCHOOL SPEECH COMPETITION



Last Wednesday Irene and Serena, winners of the St John's Senior School Competition went to the North Shore Catholic Primary Schools competition. I was impressed by the calibre of their speeches; both in content and delivery. A special congratulations to Irene who placed 3rd overall.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

As we wrap up another wonderful term filled with learning and growth, I wanted to take a moment to wish each and every one of you a joyous and relaxing winter holiday! May this time be filled with laughter, warmth, and cherished moments with your loved ones. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication throughout the term. Let's recharge and return ready for an exciting new term ahead!

If you are travelling, haere pai atu, hoki pai mai. Wishing you safe travels and a safe return and look forward to hearing about your many adventures next term.

Happy Holidays and God bless, Marina Binns Principal/Tumuaki

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FEAST DAY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

We are truly blessed to have Saint John the Baptist as our patron. His life and example continue to inspire our school community, encouraging us to live with faith, humility, and a heart for service.



John the Baptist, the one chosen to prepare the way for Jesus, holds a special place in our Christian story. Born to Zechariah and Elizabeth through God's promise, his life had a purpose from the very beginning: to call people to turn back to God and to get ready for the coming of the Messiah.

John lived simply and faithfully – wearing clothes made of camel's hair and eating locusts and wild honey. His life in the wilderness showed his deep commitment to God, reminding us of the power of simplicity, sacrifice, and trust in God's plan.

He preached boldly and baptised many people in the Jordan River as a sign of their desire to change and grow closer to God. His baptism of Jesus was a powerful moment that affirmed Jesus' mission and launched His public ministry.

What makes John such a powerful role model for our school is his courage and integrity. He stood up for what was right, even when it was difficult. He spoke the truth without fear, and his strong faith cost him his life. His example reminds us to live with honesty, to stand firm in our beliefs, and to always do what is right.

As a school community – students, staff, and whānau – we look to John the Baptist as a guide. He encourages us to open our hearts to Jesus, to always seek renewal, and to serve others with love. In our learning, in our relationships, and in how we live each day, we try to follow his example of humility, strength, and faith.

Let us honour our patron saint by continuing to build a school where faith is alive, love is shared, and truth is spoken with courage. Like John the Baptist, may we be brave messengers of hope, preparing the way for Christ in all we do.

Ngā mihi,

Cara Mountjoy - Director of Religious Studies



We are looking forward to you joining us at our Matariki Morning celebration at St. John's School if you are able! Below are a few more details about the event.

This is an event for you to enjoy **with** your tamariki (all students must be supervised by an adult during this time).

Date: Friday, 27th June.

Time: 7.00 - 8.30am

(If you are a KEEN stargazer, you are welcome to come in at 6:00am to try and catch a glimpse through a telescope before sunrise).

Location: Top court/ Hall/ Library/ Garden/ Church.

Matariki, the Māori New Year, is a time of reflection, celebration, and connection with our whānau and community. Join us as we honour this special occasion with a morning filled with activities, performances, and shared kai.

To help us with catering, please RSVP using this <u>link</u> for approximate numbers.

We will be starting with karakia-prayer on the top court at 7:00am. Following this there will be activities that you can wander between and enjoy at your own pace.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

- Star gazing
- Activities: Planting, string games, sending our intentions, and waiata
- Remembrance: Candle lighting in St John's Church for loved ones who have died
- Kai: A shared soup breakfast to enjoy together (please bring a travel mug if you have one)
- Hot Drinks: Tea and coffee will be available in the hall

At 8:15am we will gather in the hall for waiata-singing. This will start with sharing from our Kapa Haka group.

If you cannot commit to the whole time, please do not worry. We would love to see you, even if it is only for a short while. We look forward to celebrating Matariki with you and your tamariki.

Your presence will make this occasion even more special.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Families who would like to remember a special person who has died can make a Google slide for our memorial slide show in the Church during our Matariki Morning. This can include the person's name, image and details of their life. You are welcome to create a slide for more than one person. Please note, this is **one slide per person**, not a slide show!

Alternatively, students are invited to bring in a copy of a photo, or email the image and information, to their classroom teacher.

Click on the link to see an example.

GARDEN TO TABLE



The winter garden is flourishing this term with plenty of rain but also warm sunny days.

The children have been planting our winter crops including spinach, kale, broccoli, beetroot, cauliflower, lettuce and cabbage.

The kitchen group have been cooking winter greens fritters, pasta, flatbreads, pesto, soup for matariki and of course baking for our annual bake sale.

In the garden we have been feeding, mulching, composting and making white butterfly decoys to keep the pests away.



Ange Moore (Garden Specialist).





SPORTING UPDATE

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

With the original date rained out, last Tuesday, a team of Year 4-6 students represented St John's at the Mid Bays Interschool Cross Country. Congratulations to all the students who competed in the cross-country event. Your hard work, determination, and team spirit have made us all proud, and we celebrate your achievements and sportsmanship.



Congratulations to our Year 4 team; Lola A, Louie A, Maz B, Bella D, Aayan F, Florence H, Gabriel H, Quinn M, Sadie M, Oscar M, Zoe P, Indie S, Josh W, and Annabelle Z.

Our Year 5 team; Ricardo F, Carter G, Caiomhe H, San K, Lorenzo M, Lucy M, Aaron M, Irene R, and Daniel S.

and our Year 6 team; Noel B, Max B, Oonagh B, Matthew C, Nixie C, Michael H, Emma M, Bo S, Hugo S, Louie S, Olivia V, and Brooklyn V.



A special congratulations to Josh W who placed 1st in Year 4 and Daniel S who placed 2nd in Year 5.

I would also like to thank Mrs Dorrington, for organising and managing the team, and our generous parents, who came along and supported during the day; marshalling out on the course and encouraging on the sidelines.

NETBALL NORTH HARBOUR FIELD DAY



Last Wednesday two of our Senior netball teams represented St John's at the North Harbour Netball Field Day, each team playing four games in the round robin play.

Congratulations to the teams for their awesome game play and display of skill and teamwork.

6/1 - Oonagh B, Nixie C, Alena J, Anshikaa K, Janneke M, Arlo M, and Brooklyn V

6/2 - Amy T, Rocio D, Violet K, Emma M, Lani H, Caoimhe H, Ruby B, Alba M

I would also like to thank Mrs Dorrington, our Sport Co-ordinator, the teams' coaches and managers, and the whānau who supported the girls on the sidelines.

FLIPPABALL- END OF TERM



Last Sunday our Flippa Ball teams had their finals for Term 2.

Our Year 3 "Newbies," the SJ Eels team played off for 1st and 2nd in the Newbies "C" Grade final and were placed 2nd.

Congratulations to Lola H, Grace B, Kobe C, Walker S, Conor C, Maxim B, Rio P, Eli A and their Coach, Cheryl, Asst. Coaches, Orlaith & Ava M and manager, Ricky-Lee.

Our Year 4 Stingrays team played off for 7th and 8th in the Yr 3&4 "Blue" Grade final and were placed 7th.

Our Year 5/6 Dolphins team played off for 5th and 6th in the "B" Grade final and were placed 5th.

These teams continue to play next term... swim well children!



FROM THE LIBRARY

MATARIKI COMPETITION

Thank you to all the children whose entered the library Matariki competition and whose wonderful artwork graced the library windows.







Congratulation to Ruby and Nathan whose names were drawn out by our school librarian representatives.

STORYLINES AUTHOR VISIT

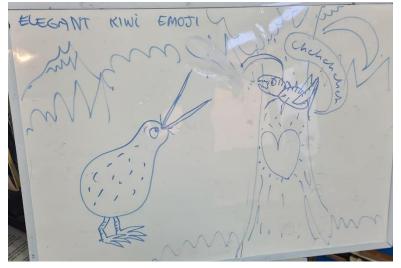
On Tuesday, Helen from Storylines and Ruth Paul, an author and Illustrator visited our school to meet with the year 3s and 4s in the hall.



To start the visit four children, one from each Year 3 and 4 class, had a special morning tea with Ruth and Helen before we went into the hall.

The first thing that happened in the hall was Ruth chose some children to act out one of her books The Animals Undies Ball. Actor Benjamin who played the Puma said it was "Quite Funny!" While another actor Max, who played the Elephant said "I could barely talk because the elephant's trunk was over my mouth". Benjamin was funny with the big undies high up on his waist" laughed Harley from the audience. Other members of the audience thought the play was "Excellent!", "Good" and "Funny!"

Next we learned about Ruth living on a farm in Wellington and Anahera, the real kiwi. We learned lots of things about kiwis like their claws shred and are super sharp. Also, you need to hold a kiwi like a baby and not around his belly! Kiwi have just been released in Wellington after 150 years.



Ruth told us about her new book Anahera and some of her other books she has made. We learned that there are lots of ideas around us and Ruth said to think of some interesting and big words. The words that came out were Elegant, Kiwi and Emoji. Then we created a story with our words.

We enjoyed lots of things from Ruth's visit like the acting parts, making our own story, watching her draw a kiwi from our story, even being laughed at while acting the story out. Some of us enjoyed EVERYTHING!

Written by Room 7



UPCOMING PTFA EVENT... 7TH AUGUST

UPCOMING EVENT



BECAUSE WHO SPEAKS TO YOUR COMMUNITY MATTERS...

Jo Robertson is an experienced therapist and researcher, whose had over 17 years working alongside children, youth, and parents.

Her career spans roles as a child and adolescent trauma therapist, high school sex educator, and researcher with a Master's dissertation on online sexual content.

focused on youth, sexual culture, and online safety — developing practical resources for families, professionals, and young people.

A TEDx speaker, Jo aims to translate complex issues into accessible, actionable strategies. She lives in Auckland and has 3 boys with her husband, Dave.

www.trickychatsparenting.com





ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL AUGUST 2025

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ATTENDING? Let your CLP know \$25 per adult

ENROLMENTS FOR 2026



Just a little reminder that enrolments are coming in for 2026 (and further). If you have not lodged an enrolment for next year, we encourage you to do so to ensure that you get a place.

Enrolment applications close on August 31st of the year prior to school starts but can be received at any time. Please contact michelen@simb.school.nz for any enrolment queries.

KINDO

As we near the end of the term it would be greatly appreciated if all families could review their Kindo accounts (<u>www.mykindo.co.nz</u>) to check for any outstanding payments. We pride ourselves on offering our students a wide and varied curriculum and providing access to 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.

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 (<u>office@sjmb.school.nz</u>) 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.

FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

STRATEGIC PLAN

Two years ago, our school community reviewed and redeveloped our School Strategic Plan.

Strategic plans are developed by School Boards to guide the school over a three-year period, setting a consistent direction and focus. The current Strategic Plan is being reviewed after only two years to bring it in line with the triennial School Board elections being held in September 2025.

The Board wants to take this opportunity to "check in" on how well the current Plan is holding up and whether any adjustments are required.

As part of this check-in, we are also taking a moment to reflect on our Vision and Values, which were thoughtfully revised during the last strategic planning process. While these usually remain stable over time, we want to ensure they still resonate with our school community and reflect who we are and what we believe.

Your feedback is valuable and will help us stay aligned, purposeful, and responsive.

CLICK TO SUBMIT FEEDBACK

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS



The St John's School Board invites you to consider nominating yourself or another parent/caregiver to join the 2025 St John's School Board.

The St John's School Board elections will take place on Wednesday 10th September 2025. Nominations for Election to the Board will be called for by Friday 18th July 2025.

If you are interested, you are welcome to come along to a Board Meeting and see for yourself the type of work we undertake. The next meeting dates are 26 June, 31 July and 28 August at 6.30pm.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Reminder that school closes for the holidays this Friday 27th June at the usual time of 2.50pm. Term 3 starts on Monday 22nd July.

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

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"Sing to the Lord a new song!"	' - Psalm 96

FROM THE PARISH

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREFERENCE FORMS

Fr Carlo 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: <u>office@ecbcatholic.org.nz</u>

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 <u>their regular newsletter</u>.

A talk on St. John the Baptist and his teachings

Formation Evening : As we come closer to celebrating the Feast of St. John the Baptist (Patron saint of our Church in Mairangi Bay), Deacon Dave will speak about St. John the Baptist and his teachings in the Catholic Church

Speaker : Deacon Dave Marshall

Date : Tuesday 24th June

- St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
- 87 Hastings Road, Mairangi Bay

Time : 7.00 pm

All Welcome



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Understanding autism



and related neurodivergent conditions

For families, communities and anyone interested

What is Autism and neurodiversity? Experiencing the world differently. Strengths and challenges often seen in autistic people. Supporting autistic people in your family, community and work! Listening to experiences from autistic people. Time to ask questions. Connecting families and forming a local support group.

When: Thursday July 24th, 2025 Time: 7 till 9 pm, hall will be open at 6.45 pm Where: Bayview Community Center, 72 Bayview road, Bayview Cost: \$ 10.- per person or \$ 20 per family (Coffee/tea included) Register: scan the QR code or email: info@childandfamilycounselling.co.nz





Arletta van den Bosch: Autism support, Counselling, Mentoring, Family support, Training, Workshops www.childandfamilycounselling.co.nz

MINDFUL PARENTING TEEN COURSE 2025

Struggling with screen time, mood swings, or just trying to get through the teen years? You're not alone.

Ready for a better way? Come and find out how!

Join our parenting course to learn calm, practical techniques to reduce stress, improve family relationships, and build deeper connections with your daughter — even during the chaos of adolescence.

COURSE DATES: 15th, 22nd, 29th July, 5th, 12th, 19th August TIME: 7pm - 8:30pm LOCATION: Carmel College Hall PRICE: \$100 per family TICKETS: <u>Purchase online here</u>





Shirley Pastiroff Counsellor MNZAC, Mindfulness Trainer & Parent of 5

Course set over 6 sessions - what you'll learn

- 1. How the parent brain functions and how to move from stress to calm more easily
- 2. Uncovering and shifting anxious beliefs about ourselves or our teens
- 3.Regulating the emotions our teens trigger in us, so we can parent how we truly want to
- 4. Supporting our teens as they navigate emotional highs and lows
- 5.Boundary-setting that actually works (including tricky areas like screens, social media, body image, friendships – or your specific concerns)
- 6.How to hold both empathy and limits when navigating the hard stuff

Please note: This course places a particular focus on parenting female teenagers, addressing their unique developmental and emotional needs.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES





how to use tools School Holiday Programme July 1-3, 8-10 9am - 3pm, Ages 4-12 27 Lake Road Devonport Book on Humanitix hi@annlangisplay.com

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\$60 PER DAY \$160 FOR 3 DAYS

eastcoastbayscricket.co.nz to register!

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The Kids Choice Programme is held in St John's School Hall and is EXCLUSIVELY for children enrolled at St John's.

For more information contact Barb at Tel: 027 440 6363

Hard copies of the full programme and enrolment form are available in the school office.





LOOKING FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAY MAGIC?

 OUR SESSIONS ARE PACKED WITH ACTION, FUN GAMES, AND EXCITING STORYTELLING THAT BRING THE BEAUTIFUL GAME TO LIFE WHILE BUILDING FOOTBALL SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE.
 WE'VE GOT AMAZING PRIZES, AND EVERY CHILD WILL TAKE HOME UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES!

WEEK ONE: JULY TUESDAY 1ST, WEDNESDAY 2ND, THURSDAY 3RD WEEK TWO: APRIL TUESDAY 8TH, WEDNESDAY 9TH, THURSDAY 10TH WHERE: HOBSONVILLE SCHOOL

DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS AND HAVE A BALLY!!! FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO!

www.kiwikickstars.com

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School Holiday Programme



SCAN ME



Hit Em Up - Year 1-4 8 & 9th July Hooked on Hockey - Year 5-8 8, 9, & 10th July 9am - 3pm

For more details email: carey@harbourhockey.org.nz



Westlake Girls High School

Te Kura Tuarua o ngā Taitamawāhine o Ururoto



WITH THE 2022, 2023 AND 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS & 3RD PLACE AT 2024 WORLD SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS WESTLAKE GIRLS PREMIER TEAM SKILLS COACHING AND 3X3 SERIES

When: Monday 30th June – Thursday 3rd July Monday 7th July – Thursday 10th July

Age Groups: School years 1 – 6 (Primary School): 9:00am-3.00pm We have two gyms available to cater for all levels and ages

(limited numbers so book in quickly) Please bring snacks, lunch and a water bottle. Cost: \$50 all day / \$30 half day \$180 for four full days / \$100 for four half days

Where: Westlake Girls High School Gym 1 and 3 (entrance from Smales Farm)

Adults will be on site to supervise the young coaches.

Contact dionne_moors@hotmail.com for more information or <u>To register click here</u>

Come to MAIRANGI BAY VILLAGE during the school holidays

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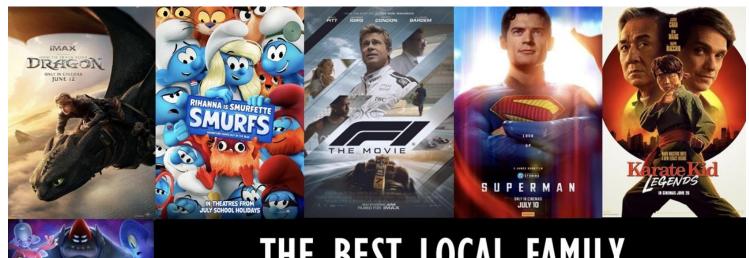
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and be among the first to read Mark Sommerset's new book: "Because You Are You" - released June 2025 Join in the book walk and go in the draw to win a free, signed copy. Pages of the book will be displayed in shop windows from June 28 - July 13

Collect a map from Sole Sisters then follow it to read the whole book.

Winner of the signed copy will be announced on Monday 14th. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pack a picnic and enjoy a winter beach lunch, or enjoy one of our many fabulous cafes. Bring your friends!





THE BEST LOCAL FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT THE WEATHER WON'T RUIN!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY STEM ACTIVITIES

Minecraft 02.07 DESIGN TO THEMES, CREATE ON SERVERS, EXPLORE REDSTONE, LEARN COMMANDS

3D Design + Animation 09.07 CREATE 3D MODELS, USE 3D PENS, SEE A PRINTER IN ACTION, CREATE 2D CHARACTERS

Coding + Robotics 10.07 CONTROL GAME CHARACTERS, LEARN A LANGUAGE, RACE A ROBOT



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AGE 5 - 13 | \$60 - \$65 | 10AM - 1PM



Get your kids moving

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