



15<sup>th</sup> July  
2025

Kia ora whānau,



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

A very warm welcome back to Term 3! We hope you had a chance to relax and enjoy some family time over the holidays. It has been lovely seeing the children return with big smiles, ready to reconnect with friends and dive back into their learning. Term 3 is always a busy one, full of opportunities for our tamariki to shine – whether it's in the classroom or beyond. We're excited for what lies ahead and grateful, as always, for your ongoing support and partnership. We are looking forward to a great term together!

### PRAYER REQUEST FOR ST MARY'S CHURCH

You may have seen yesterday the news of the fire that destroyed St Mary's Church in Avondale. While we give thanks that no lives were lost and that all parishioners and staff are safe, we extend our deepest sympathy to those who are affected by this loss.



Please keep Father Andrew, Father Danko and the parishioners of St Mary's in your prayers. As they process this loss, may they find comfort in the memories of the milestones celebrated and in the knowledge that the greater Auckland Catholic community stands with them in prayer and support.

### PE GEAR AT SCHOOL

A reminder that all students are expected to have their PE gear at school and to wear it for all PE lessons and sports practices. Please ensure your child has their gear at school every day, Monday to Friday, as it is also useful to change into if they get wet or muddy during the day.

### WINTER WARM UP - SOCIAL OUTREACH



Thank you to all those who came and shared the Matariki celebration with us. Whilst the weather was not great, the community spirit was high, and I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

It was also lovely to see everyone in their 'jammies' for our Winter Warmup social outreach. Thank you for your generous donation of clothing, bedding and monetary gifts.

### YUMMY APPLES

Just a reminder that we are collecting stickers from Yummy apples. At the end of the promotion these are redeemed for a share of \$200,000 of Sports Equipment. Yummy apples can be purchased from Pak'n'Save, New World and Four Square supermarkets.

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 and return completed charts to the office when they are full. New charts also available from the office.





## NORTH SHORE SCHOOL CHESS COMPETITION



On the last day of Term 2, 16 of our students from Years 1 to 6 took part in the North Shore School Chess Tournament. Our students gave it their all and represented our school with great pride.

A big thank you to the parents who supported us with transport and supervision on the day.

This was our school's first time attending this competition, and we look forward to making it an annual event.





## BASKETBALL

In the last week of Term 2 I was fortunate to watch several of our basketball teams play their final game of the season. I was impressed by their team play and their attitude and spirit.

A special congratulations to the Bulls, the Mavericks and the Lakers who came first in their respective grades.

God bless,  
Marina Binns  
Principal/Tumuaki



## INTRODUCTION TO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS – ONLINE



The Boards of all state and state integrated schools are required to hold elections every three years, and this will be happening again in 2025.

**Our election date is 10th September 2025.**

The School Board is an important part of our school - kura as they set the strategic direction for our school, consult with our school community about our school - kura, ensure the schools funding is spent wisely and ensure that we are giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi within our school - kura. Our Board is made up of five Parent Vacancies, four Proprietor Appointees, the Principal - Tumuaki and a Staff Representative elected by the staff.

The current Board have made the decision to appoint Election Pilot as the Returning Officer for our election and for the election to be provided online. Election Pilot have been assisting schools with elections for over 20 years and have been the only election provider accredited by the Ministry of Education to provide online election services since online elections started in 2022. **Nomination and voting forms will be sent to all eligible voters by email directly from Election Pilot.** If we do not have an email address for you, nomination and voting papers will be sent by post so no one will miss out.

School Board Elections must be held in accordance with the provisions in the Education and Training Act 2020 and the Education (Board Elections) Regulations 2022. Your name and contact details have been provided to Schooled Election Pilot to enable the provision of elections services for our school - kura as required by legislation. They will use your contact details for the provision of election services for St. John's School only and your details will be deleted 60 days after the election date as required by legislation.

If you have any questions about the election process, please contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or [election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz).

We will continue to keep you updated through the various stages of the election process.



**ISSUE 5 IS OPEN**, and there's a lot to get excited about in this Issue - and you won't want to miss out!

**DOUBLES PASSES TO SEE *GABBY'S DOLLHOUSE: THE MOVIE!***

We're giving away 15 double passes to see DreamWorks *Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie*. Children will be bringing home the catalogue this week, see the back page for more details.

**Brand-New Books from Beloved Authors!**

This Issue features 'Two Cranky Bears' by Nick Bland and 'Alpacas in Space' by Matt Cosgrove – stories kids will love from authors they already adore.

**Why it Matters...**

- Teachers can engage readers with books that kids are excited about
- Students get stories they'll treasure and are likely to read and reread!

And a quick reminder—for the most up-to-date Key Dates, always check the Book Club Ordering Platform.

\*LOOP only offers. [Click here for the Promotion Terms and Conditions](#)

**Please be sure to place orders before the close off date for our school which is  
Sunday 27th July at 4.00pm**



**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 31<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to school starts but can be received at any time. Please contact [michelen@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:michelen@sjmb.school.nz) for any enrolment queries.



St John's School will participate in the world-renowned ICAS competition in Term 3.



This international competition is optional and open to all interested Year 4 to 6 students.

We will be offering the competition in



Registration closes on **Monday 28 July 2025**

Please click this image for more information and to register.

## SPORT UPDATE

### TERM 3 WINTER SPORTS - RESTART DATES

Hockey	Yesterday, Monday 14th July
NNH Senior Netball	Tomorrow, Wednesday 16th July
Kidzplay Junior Netball	Saturday 19th July
Flippa Ball Yr 3 Newbies	Sunday 20th July
Flippa Ball Yrs 4 – 6	Sunday 27th July
Basketball Yrs 1 – 6	Week commencing Monday 28th July

### OUTSTANDING SPORTS FEES

Just a gentle reminder that any outstanding sports fees need to be paid before registering for a new season/sport. We appreciate your understanding as we work to keep things fair and manageable for all our teams and families.

### YEARS 4-6 NNH JUNIOR NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Last Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 3 of our 5 eligible netball teams played in a mid-season tournament at Netball North Harbour. The girls enjoyed playing multiple netball games and came away with some mixed results; some wins, some losses.

All who attended enjoyed the day and despite the awful weather in the days leading up to the tournament, the weather remained "rain free" at the courts.

Thanks to the coaches and managers of our Year 6/1 and 6/2 teams, and our Yr 4 Blossoms team for being available to attend on the day with your players. Thanks also to our former St John's students: Charlotte M, Charlotte M, and Ruby L for being our team umpires on the day.



## PRE LOVED UNIFORMS ALWAYS APPRECIATED

DROP ALL UNIFORM ITEMS TO  
THE SCHOOL OFFICE

FOR THE UPCOMING SALE ON  
6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM



**WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST**

2:30 PM SCHOOL HALL

Click to  
purchase  
tickets!

St. John's PTFA proudly presents  
Jo Robertson's

THE  
**TRICKY  
CHATS**<sup>TM</sup>  
PARENTING COURSE

Join us for an informative and practical session designed to help parents navigate difficult but essential conversations with their children.

This presentation will provide tools and strategies for discussing sensitive topics such as sex, consent, pornography, grooming, and online safety.

📅 Thursday, 7 August

🕒 7:00–9:00 PM

📍 St. John's School

87A Penzance Road Auckland,  
Auckland 0630



## YEAR 6 TRIP TO MOTAT



And ping, ping, ping, plop. There goes those huge balls pinging onto the roof.

On Wednesday the 25th of June the year six students went on the most amazing trip ever! MOTAT! It was soooooo fun. There was even a big machine where you had to use your energy to power it up to make balls rise up to the roof and fall back down. You had to run, drum, jump, turn wheels and use heat from your hands on a big round pallet. I think we may have done it like 10 times, that's because it was so fun!

At MOTAT when we arrived our educator greeted us. She was the one who took care of us when we were there. She also gave us a little lesson about force and Newton's laws of motion. We also had a bit of experimenting time where we got to play tug-of-war and use a Pilates bar to experience a bit of force ourselves.

We got some free time to explore. My group went to the olden days phones where you could ring each other and learn how they used phones way back in the day. I think we also need to say a very big thank you to our parent helpers who came with us and our lovely teachers who organised the whole trip for us, so thank you very much because we had the best time ever!

**By Lani H.**





## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Reminder that school is closed for a Teacher Only Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August.**

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

## FROM THE NORTH SHORE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Here is the link to the new [Voices online magazine](#) published by Carmel and Rosmini Students.

## 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: [office@ecbcatholic.org.nz](mailto:office@ecbcatholic.org.nz)

### MONTHLY CHILDREN'S MASS

3rd Sunday: 9.00 am Mass St. John's Church. Contact Lindy [lindy@willplan.co.nz](mailto:lindy@willplan.co.nz)

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