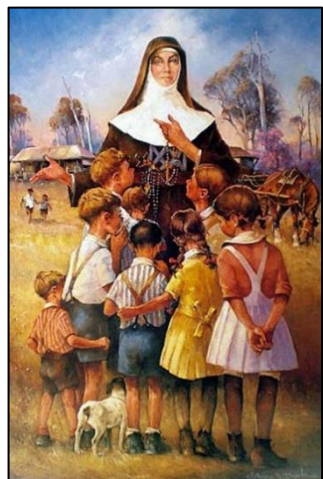




29th July
2025

Kia ora whānau,



NEWSLETTER

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

LITURGY FOR THE FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS

On Friday 8th August, we come together to celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, a woman whose legacy continues to shape our school and community. As the first Australasian saint and the foundress of the Sisters of St Joseph – the very order that established our school – St Mary devoted her life to serving the poor and making education accessible to all.

This day holds special meaning for us at St John's School, as we honour her unwavering faith, compassion, and commitment to nurturing young minds. Her example inspires us to continue creating a welcoming, inclusive environment where every child can grow in both knowledge and faith. May her spirit continue to guide and bless our journey together.

We invite you to share in the School Liturgy at St John's Church on Friday 8th August at 11:00am.

STUDENT LEADERS

At the Liturgy, we will also be commissioning our Term 3 and 4 Student Leaders.

There are many ways for our Year 6 students to actively contribute to school life, and I'm excited to see the next group of young leaders' step into these important roles. Leadership is an opportunity to serve others, take responsibility, and grow in character. It begins with a strong understanding of our school values: Faith, Community, Respect, and Resilience. Through their words and actions, our student leaders have the chance to inspire, encourage, and support their peers as they work together to grow in faith and become the best versions of themselves.

A heartfelt congratulations to our Term 3 and 4 House Leaders, who have been elected by their classmates to represent our four houses. This is a proud tradition at St John's, and over the next two terms, these students will not only lead their houses but also provide an important student voice to the Senior Leadership Team.

For Keegan House;	Matthew C and Bronson C
For Liston House;	Lani H and Silvia K
For Pierce House;	Emma M and George M
For Quinlan House;	Joshua C and Michael H.

I also extend my congratulations to our Young MacKillops for Terms 3 and 4. These students were thoughtfully chosen by Mrs Mountjoy and their teachers for their strong values and willingness to serve. They play an important role in giving voice to social justice issues and work closely with our Director of Religious Studies to uphold and promote the Special Character of our school – especially through their leadership in liturgical celebrations and faith-based initiatives.

The Young MacKillops for Terms 3 and 4 are: Andre A, Nixie C, Lewis D, Zack H, Aron L, Luca M, Avisha M, Mira N, Wonai S, Phillip W, and Andre W.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

One of the more famous quotes attributed to Mary MacKillop is "Never see a need without doing something about it". Upcoming social outreach opportunities at St John's include Daffodil Day on Friday 29th August and our annual Cans 4 Christmas collection later in the year.



TEACHER ONLY DAY REMINDER

School will be closed for a Teacher Only Day on Friday 15th August.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

God bless,
Marina Binns
Principal/Tumuaki

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS – ONLINE



This is a reminder that nominations are currently open for the election of five Parent Representatives to the St John's School Board.

Schooled Election Pilot have been appointed as the Returning Officer for this election.

You have already been sent a nomination form by email or by post, however, if you need additional nomination forms, or forms in Te Reo Māori or a different language, please contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or election@electionpilot.nz.

Nominations close at noon on **Wednesday 6th August 2025**. Nominations can be submitted by email, through the Election Pilot system at www.electionpilot.nz or by returning the completed nomination form to the school office. You may provide a candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

Voting closes at 4pm on 10th September 2025.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2026



Just a little reminder that enrolments are being lodged with us for 2026 (and further).

If you have a child who should start school next year and you have not lodged an enrolment, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible to ensure that you get a place.

Enrolment applications close on August 31st of the year prior to the year the child should start, but can be received at any time.

Please contact michelen@sjmb.school.nz for any enrolment queries.

INTERSCHOOL HOCKEY

Last Thursday, two of our hockey teams, the Year 5 and 6 Strikers and the Short Sticks, represented St John's at the Interschool Hockey Tournament at Harbour Hockey. Both teams played well, winning a number of games.

A special congratulations to the Short Sticks who won their grade.

Thank you to our Sports Co-ordinator, Mrs Dorrington, the team's coaches and managers and all the parents and whānau who came and supported the students from the sidelines.



FLIPPABALL

I would like to take the opportunity to share some feedback from one of our teams.

"The SJMB Eels (Yr 3 B Grade) played an excellent game over the weekend winning 9-0. Conor & Kobe led the scoring with three goals each, while Eli, Max, and Lola each added one to the scoreboard in a fantastic team effort.

**Player of the Day* went to Lola. She showed great determination in defence, stopping several attacking plays, and stepped up brilliantly as goalkeeper— Well deserved, Lola!*

Well done to the whole team for a great result. And thank you to our ex-St John's student coaches Orlaith B and Ava M."

WINTER ILLNESSES AND ABSENCES



We know that every day of attendance at school makes a positive difference to your child's learning, however, no child can focus on learning if they are feeling sick or miserable. At this time of the year, it is not uncommon that children get sick with coughs and colds and other Winter illnesses.

As part of our commitment to the wellbeing of all students and staff, we kindly ask that you keep your child at home if they are unwell – especially if they require medication such as paracetamol (e.g. [Pamol](#)) to get through the day. While paracetamol can ease discomfort, it often masks symptoms without treating the underlying illness.

Unwell children may find it hard to concentrate and fully engage in learning, and they may also spread illness to others. Keeping them at home until they have fully recovered helps protect everyone in our school community.

We appreciate that every child is different, and you know your child best, however, please ensure they return to school when they are fully well and ready to participate in learning. Thank you for your support in keeping our school a healthy place for all.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER VOMITING OR DIARRHOEA

To help prevent the spread of illness, we follow Ministry of Health guidelines, which recommend that children stay home for at least 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. This allows time for full recovery and helps keep other students and staff safe from infection.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

Please inform the school office of your child's absence as soon as possible, identifying the reason for the absence as due to illness. Either via Tel: 09 478 7734 #1, email: office@sjmb.school.nz, or the school [website](#). For safety reasons, we do not assume that a student is "still sick" if they are away a second day. Please inform the office each and every day your child is absent.

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.

FROM THE PTFA



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**DROP ALL UNIFORM ITEMS TO
THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

**FOR THE UPCOMING SALE ON
6TH AUGUST**

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

**SECOND HAND
UNIFORM**

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WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST

2:30 PM SCHOOL HALL

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

THE
**TRICKY
CHATS™**
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**

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FROM THE PARISH

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREFERENCE FORMS

Fr. Carlo will be signing College / School Preference Forms in Term time only. Forms will be signed between 10.30am – 12.00pm every Wednesday. Please email office@ecbcatholic.org.nz / call (Tel: 09 478 4565) the parish office first to book an appointment. Remember to bring all your required documents with you at the time of signing the preference forms.

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](#).