



26th August
2025

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau,

DANCE CURRICULUM

This week we are excited to welcome back the team from Dance Curriculum who will be working with all our students. Each year group will have a daily dance session, learning new moves and routines. We are so impressed with the energy and creativity we've already seen and can't wait to share their progress with you.



We ask that children come to school on Friday in their PE gear (and leave their normal school uniform at home). As it is Daffodil Day, they are invited to wear a yellow accessory or swap out part of their uniform for something yellow. This could be a t-shirt, shorts, socks, hair tie, ribbon... If you do not have anything yellow, please do not worry. All children will be given a Daffodil Day sticker to wear to mark the occasion.

On **Friday at 1:30pm**, we will have a special dance showcase in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and see what the children have been learning. Please ensure you are seated by 1:30pm so we can begin on time. We look forward to seeing you there! This will be taking the place of our normal assembly. The next normal assembly will be next week on Friday 5th September at 2:00pm.



The school will share a video of the dance performances in due course.

Due to privacy reasons, we ask that you refrain from filming on the day and just enjoy the moment.

DAFFODIL DAY

We thank you for your generosity in supporting this worthy cause. If you wish to make a donation, please scan the QR Code or click to follow the link. Alternatively, there will be a collection box in the office this week and outside the hall on Friday afternoon during the Dance Showcase.



thank you



PAID UNION MEETINGS

On **Thursday 28 August**, a number of our teachers will be attending a paid union meeting during the first block of the day (8.50am – 10.30am). These meetings are an important part of the negotiation process for their collective employment agreement.

As not all union staff are attending the same meetings, the school will **remain open for supervision**. However, to ensure all students are supervised, we will be splitting some classes. This means your child may have a different teacher or be in a different classroom for the first block of the day.

In the morning, children will go to their own class for the roll. Our staff are well-prepared to manage this, and we will ensure the day runs as smoothly as possible for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and continued support of our dedicated teachers.



NEW STATUE IN FRONT OFFICE

We are blessed to have been gifted a statue of John the Baptist from the Sisters of St Joseph in Whanganui. Sisters Noelene and Colleen brought the statue to us from the Mount St Joseph Centre. It is about the same age as the school and now stands in our school foyer.

Sr Colleen worked in the Parish Office in the 1980s and Sr Noelene was a teacher at our school in the 1970s. It was a special time being able to show them around and talk about how the school has changed over the years.

CANS FOR CHRISTMAS



We are starting our collection of canned and dry goods in support of St Vincent de Paul and The Mercy Hospice.

**Goods can be donated up until our collection day,
12th September.**

You may send cans to school anytime and there will be a collection box in your child's classroom.

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Matthew 25:35-37

2026 NEW ENTRANT ENROLMENTS

Just a little reminder that enrolments for 2026 are closing soon. 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@sjmb.school.nz for any enrolment queries.



TIME TO SHARE – TIME TO SHINE BOOKING INFORMATION



Bookings are open for the sharing time after school on **Wednesday 3rd September, between 3:30pm and 6:00pm.**

Bookings can be made by scanning the QR code or online using this [BOOKING LINK](#) using the case sensitive code **gqabg**.

Bookings will be in 15 minutes blocks, but you are welcome to stay longer if you wish.

If you cannot make it, please feel free to pop into the classroom between 8:30am and 8:50am any morning when your child can share their learning with you.

STRUCTURED LITERACY DATA

Our teachers are participating in the Ministry of Education's Structured Literacy Approaches Professional Development to continue to strengthen their skills in teaching language and reading. As part of this, they will be using a quick, one-minute assessments with the tamariki to measure their progress. This information will help the teacher to plan the next steps in their learning. The **anonymised** results will be shared with the Ministry of Education to help them understand the impact of this training, and no personal information will ever be used in any reports or publications. If you are happy for your child's results to be used this way, you don't need to do anything. If you would prefer not to have their data shared, please let their teacher know. Teacher email addresses are formatted as follows 'firstnamefirsinitialofsurname@sjmb.school.nz'. e.g. HelenP@sjmb.school.nz

God bless,
Marina Binns – Principal/Tumuaki

PTFA



Please note that the next PTFA Meeting is on

Tuesday 9th September.

7.00pm in the school staff room.

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

sale



WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER
2.30 PM SCHOOL HALL

EASY LUNCHES WITH EZLUNCH

Just a friendly reminder that the PTFA in partnership with [Kindo](#), offers a convenient and easy lunch-ordering service through ezlunch. This is a great option for those busy mornings!

You can order delicious and healthy lunches for your children from a variety of local providers. Ezlunch is available Monday to Thursday, and we also have our Subway day every Friday.

Ordering is simple through the myKindo app, and all orders are delivered directly to the school.

Plus, every lunch you order puts you in the running for their exciting competitions! The more you order, the more chances you have to win!

A green rectangular graphic with white and yellow text. At the top left is the 'ezlunch.' logo. The main headline reads 'Every lunch is a chance to win!'. Below this is an image of a 'FAMILY MEMORY MAKER' book with a hot air balloon on the cover. To the right of the book is a blue starburst containing the text 'Grand Prize Valued at \$549!'. Below the book, a white box lists three bullet points: '45+ experiences', 'Options for 2 adults, and 2 to 4 kids', and 'Valid for 2 years'. At the bottom, white text states 'Win one of three \$50 Kindo Credit Prizes each week.' and 'And every lunch puts you in the running for the Grand Prize drawn at the end of Term 3!'. The graphic is decorated with several colorful asterisks.A promotional graphic for 'Local Treasures'. The top half has a light grey background with the headline 'Your Support Means Everything' in large orange letters. Below the headline, smaller text explains a special link offer: 'When you buy through our special link, you'll pay just \$59 instead of \$79 — saving \$20.' and 'At the same time, \$20 from your purchase goes directly towards our school!'. It also says 'Your generosity helps us achieve our goals — thank you!'. The bottom half shows a hand holding a blue book titled 'DISCOVER DEALS FROM AUCKLAND'S BEST!'. To the left of the book is a list of benefits with checkmarks: 'Save \$20 with coupon code', 'Over 100 Auckland Businesses', 'Over 300 Coupons', 'Over \$7,000 in offers', '\$20 from every sale is donated', 'Support local businesses', 'Discover new places', and 'Coupons expire December 2026'. The 'LOCAL TREASURES' logo is in the top right corner.

DISCOVER DEALS

The PTFA is pleased to offer the purchase of these wonderful books from [Local Treasures](#). They are perfect for keeping the children entertained and engaged and are packed with great ideas and discounts that are just right for the upcoming school holidays.

You can get \$20 off the 'Family Memory Maker' book. When you buy using our code: STJOHN, you'll only pay \$59 instead of \$79. In addition, the company will give \$20 to the school.

Please feel free to share this code with your friends and family too — it's a great way for everyone to benefit while supporting a local business.

www.localtreasures.co.nz
Coupon Code: STJOHN

FROM THE LIBRARY

INTERSCHOOL BOOK BATTLE



In Term 2, our Year 5 and 6 students took part in an exciting School Book Battle, showcasing their love of reading and impressive literary knowledge. Participants were challenged to read widely, including a selection of required texts, in preparation for the big event. The competition involved answering 100 challenging questions based on the books they had read. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to demonstrate their comprehension, recall, and enthusiasm for literature.

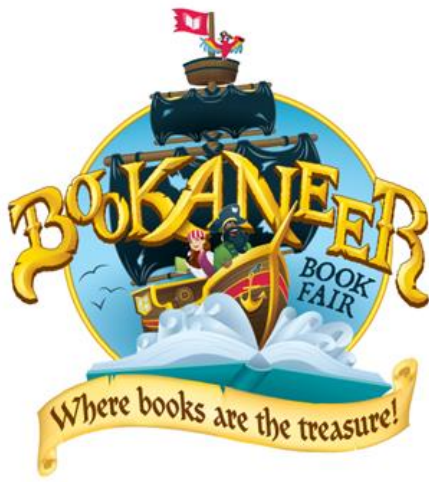
From this event, the top ten readers were selected to represent our school and began training for the North Shore Interschool Book Battle, held in Week 4 of Term 3.

This next stage brought together avid readers from across the region, and our team did us proud with their dedication and teamwork.



The day was a wonderful experience for all involved, filled with fun, learning, and a shared passion for books. A huge congratulations to all our participants and a special thank you to the staff and families who supported them along the way!

GET READY FOR THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!



We're thrilled to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school from September 1st to 4th! This exciting event will take place after school each day and will also be open during Time to Share - Time to Shine, giving families a perfect opportunity to explore a wonderful selection of books together. From picture books and early readers to chapter books and fun non-fiction, there's something for every young reader to enjoy.

The Book Fair is a fantastic way to spark a love of reading and support our school at the same time – every purchase helps provide new resources for our classrooms and library. So, mark your calendars, bring your curiosity, and come discover your next great read. For more details, please check the school community calendar. We can't wait to see you there! Cash/Eftpos/Paywave will all be available.

SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

The last issue for Scholastic book club this year will be issue number 8 (instead of the usual 7) the brochure will be delivered home during week 5 of term 4, w/c Monday 3rd November. Orders will be closed off on the 15th of November and delivered to school within two weeks of this date. All ordering needs to be done via the Loop app.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

CARITAS JUSTICE CHAT



Today our Young MacKillops participated in a Zoom call with Caritas and other schools. They chatted about how the year has been in terms of their social justice journeys and gave them an opportunity to share some of these highlights with the other schools/young leaders.

We were very proud of their leadership and how they spoke in this meeting.

INTERSCHOOL NETBALL

The sun was shining on the Year 5 and 6 netballers as two of our teams went to represent us at the Cluster Interschool Netball competition. The girls showed great spirit on and off the court and represented us well. Thank you to all the supporters and the coaches, managers and umpires who prepared the girls and supported them on the day.



WINTER HOCKEY

It is great to hear from the sidelines how well our children do on the court, field and turf. A message from one of our parents following the end of season game for our Year 5/6 Boys Hockey team...

"The winter hockey season has come to an end and the St John's Strikers had a very successful season. Of the 17 games they played through the winter they won 11, lost 4 and drew twice. Going into the last week they were sitting 2 points clear at the top of the table needing a win to secure first place in their league, which they pulled off with an emphatic 4-0 victory, to win the grade. With all but one of the team coming from Year 5 I am excited to see what they will be able to achieve next year. The boys developed well as a little unit all contributing every week and it was a pleasure to be a part of. So, a big shout out to George M, Cody T, Oscar C, Salva D, Carter G, Dan S, Lachlan O and special mention to Oonagh B who helped out during the season when we were short, for an awesome season. Well done team!"



SOCIAL OUTREACH - CMA VISITS YEAR 5

A group from CMA (Companionship and Activities for Seniors) came to spend some time with one of our Year 5 classes as part of Social Outreach linked with the Garden to Table Programme. The Year 5 class hosted their visitors, where they talked together, played games, danced and, of course, ate together.

Founded in 1961, CMA has been dedicated to supporting seniors in the community. As we age, our needs and social connections change. Staying active and forming friendships have been shown to greatly benefit both physical and mental health. That's why CMA focuses on reaching out to seniors who may feel isolated, helping them connect through friendship centres. Both groups had a lovely time and there was much laughter from all. We look forward to hosting them again.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

FROM THE PARISH

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREFERENCE FORMS

Fr Carlo will be available to sign the forms on Wednesdays, 10:30am – 12.00 noon for a 10-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](#).

FROM THE DIOCESE



VACANCY FOR PASTORAL COORDINATOR

The Cathedral wishes to employ a person part-time for 25 hours per week as the parish Pastoral Coordinator. This role is to assist the Cathedral Dean to ensure that the pastoral and administrative needs of the parish are met. The role provides pastoral assistance and is responsible for the coordination of the Parish Education Programmes and assisting with Sunday morning Masses.

Applicants should be active Catholics able to partake in the full sacramental life of the church, with theological formation (preferred) and ministerial experience. Good communication, planning and organisation skills are essential. Applicants for this position must have NZ residency or a valid NZ work permit.

To view the full advert, position description and how to apply, please visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/ **Applications close at 5pm on 4th September 2025.**

NHG MAG TRIAL



BOYS COMPETITIVE GYMNASTICS TRIAL

SEPTEMBER 6TH

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