



4th November
2025

NEWSLETTER

Te Reo o te Kura o Hato Hoani
The voice of St John's School

Kia ora whānau,

Last week the Waitematā Team gathered at the Millennium for their Athletics Sports. We were blessed with the weather, after a rather tumultuous Tuesday giving us a few worries. A big thank you to Mrs Dorrington for her organisation, to the teachers for preparing the children, to all the parents who helped at the events and the whanāu who cheered the children on from the sidelines. We now look forward to the Rangitoto Team Run, Jump, Throw Day (19th November) and the Interschool Athletics (25th November) for those children selected from Waitematā. We anticipate the interschool team will be announced early next week.

Congratulations to **Keegan** House who won the Athletics Trophy for 2025. It is currently at the engravers and will be presented at assembly on the 14th November.



Week 5 is upon us, and we are counting sleeps to the PTFA Fun Fair... please check out the weekly overview for the item of the week (don't worry if you missed it, you can still send those items in). Thank you to all those who have supported this by bringing in chocolate and lollies so far.

CAN YOU HELP OUT BEFORE OR AT THE FUN FAIR?



Please consider this and click the button to let the PTFA know by completing a short [form](#).

NON-UNIFORM DAY

A reminder that this Thursday, 6th November, we will be having a non-uniform day at school.

Children are able to come to school in their normal clothes. Please ensure items that the children may remove (jackets, hats etc.) are named.

We ask that children bring in a gold coin donation to collect coins for the Lucky Envelopes for the PTFA Fun Fair.



SUN SAFETY

All children are required to wear the school hat when playing outside in Term 4. If they do not have their hat, they will need to play in the shade. Hats can be purchased from [NZ Uniform](#).

God bless,
Marina Binns - Principal/Tumuaki



001 **Graphic Novel!**
NEW! Big Jim Believes
 The Space Cuties From Space return to the city!
 224-pp hardcover. AGES 7+
 \$24.99 **\$14.00**
SAVE 44%

DOGMAN – BIG JIM BELIEVES – THE HOTTEST BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS IN BOOK CLUB ISSUE 8!

We would like to share some fun news with you... The new release DOGMAN title – BIG JIM BELIEVES – is in issue #8 of the Lucky Book Club. This is a hugely popular series by Dav Pilkey, and it's discounted to \$14, a saving of \$10.99. If you have a \$5.00 voucher from issue 7, you can also redeem it in issue 8. Amazing value!

Whilst we were not originally signed up for the issue #8 brochures, we are aware that many children would love this as a Christmas present or for holiday reading, so we have decided to open the offer digitally so you can still order this highly anticipated title remotely via the Scholastic LOOP ordering platform if you wish.

To order any titles out of the last issue of the year, click on the link below – note down the 3-digit numbers which are relative to the books you have chosen and proceed to placing your order via LOOP, as you normally do...

...don't forget the GIFT option is now available so you can shop for your children without them knowing. Just tick the "GIFT" option as you place your order and we will contact you directly once your order has arrived. Gift orders do not go to the children's classrooms.



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NEW! Santa & Son
 A famous toy shop is being robbed, and it's up to Santa to stop the thieves!
 288 pp. AGES 10+
 \$25.00 **\$24.00**

<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/book-club-latest-issue/>

Please have your orders placed by **Sunday 16th November at 4.00pm.** All orders will be delivered to school approximately 10 days after the order is processed. If you place an order after 16th November, the books will be delivered to your home address which will include a freight fee.

For help at any time, you may call **0800 266 525** and chat to the friendly customer care team, click on the help button on the Book Club platform or email bookclub@scholastic.co.nz



011 **SAVE 76%**
Gigglers Christmas Jokes
 Get giggling with over 300 side-splitting jokes! 96 pp. AGES 7+ \$14.99

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A BOOK \$3.50



036 **LESS THAN HALF PRICE!**
Café Cuties
 Packed with cozy colouring pages. 96 pp. AGES 8+ \$24.99

YEARS 1 – 3 RUN, JUMP, THROW

Our Rangitoto team will be showcasing their athletics skills with a **Run, Jump, Throw Day** held at school on **Wednesday 19th November.**

From 12:30 – 2.30pm the students will rotate around their athletics activities as a culmination of the PE athletics focus this term. Parents are welcome to come and watch, and there will be designated spectator areas around the grounds.

To support us in the logistical organisation of the day, we ask you to remain in these areas, and not come into the areas where the children are participating.



CONGRATULATIONS

DOKDO & EAST SEA DRAWING CONTEST

Recently, I entered a competition at my Korean school, and it had 3 categories: writing, drawing, and video making. The competition was about the "Dokdo, East Sea".

I am in year 3, in my Korean school and I had to draw a picture of Dokdo, which is an island to the east of Korea and west of Japan.

There has been a long dispute about Dokdo being Japan's land, but it is actually my nationality, Korea's.

On the 25th of October 1900, Emperor Gojong of the Korean Empire officially declared that Dokdo was Korea's territory.

To honour this day, many Korean schools in NZ participated in this competition. I got the highest votes in my class, in the school, and also at the Korean consulate in NZ.



I was the only student in my school to get the Consul General's Award regardless of category.

On October 24th at 5 pm, I attended the Consulate of the Republic of Korea in Auckland and was presented with the prize by the Consul General himself.

My Korean Principal gave me a bunch of flowers, and the Consul General gave me a certificate as shown in the picture.

By Chris P - Year 5



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week 5; Friday 7 th November	Staff Only Day (school closed)
Week 6; Tuesday, 11 th November	7pm PTFA Meeting
Week 7; Wednesday 19 th November	Rangitoto Run, Jump, Throw Day (Year 0-3)
Week 7; Friday 21 st November	PTFA Twilight Fun Fair
Week 9; Friday 5 th December	End of Year Mass and Year 6 celebration
Week 10; Friday 12 th December	Rangitoto Christmas Show
Week 11; Tuesday 16 th December	School finishes for the year (12:00pm)

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

We look forward to sharing time with you through many events over the coming weeks. We understand that family life is busy and full of commitments, and we want to assure you, while you are always welcome, there is absolutely no expectation that you attend every school event; please simply choose the activities that work best for your whānau.

PTFA



USED UNIFORMS

Has your child grown out of their school uniform?
Please consider donating any to be resold!
Demand is high!

drop any used uniform items to the office by
TUESDAY 4th November

ALL SALE PROCEEDS GO TO THE PTFA



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

final sale of 2025



WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER
2.30 PM SCHOOL HALL



**ST JOHN'S
TWILIGHT**

FUN FAIR

BRING	DO
WEEK 4 – Tuesday 28 October	
A bag of individually-wrapped lollies – no open bags please (for lolly necklaces)	Join the Fair FB and Insta pages and share on social media with friends and family: www.facebook.com/SJMBFunFair https://www.instagram.com/stjohnstwilightfunfair?igsh=Z3R2bXVvNXRtN2to
A block of chocolate for the chocolate trailer	
	Put aside childrens/teens books in good, saleable condition (no adult books please) to bring to the hall later (Sunday 9 November – Friday 14 November)
WEEK 5 – Monday 3 November	
A bag of mini, individually-wrapped chocolate bars, lollipops or similar (for games' prizes)	Register for 32auctions (https://www.32auctions.com/SJMBFunFair2025) and look at what is available at the Silent auction. Make a bid if you like ;)
An item for the class hamper to match your class theme	You can bring your childrens/teens books to the school hall on Sunday 9th November between 11am and 12pm
WEEK 6 – Monday 10 November	
An item for the class hamper to match your class theme	Pre-purchase your game zone bands and book your VR experience
Bring your good, saleable condition children/teens books to the hall	
WEEK 7 – Friday 21 November	
Make and bring in your home-made slice, cupcakes or sweet treats (eg. fudge, rocky road) for the "Sweet Treats stall"	Have fun!
Your friends and family to the Fair	

At any time we also gratefully accept:

- Any items or vouchers suitable for our silent auction, please contact PTFA@sjmb.school.nz
- Small packaged toys, stickers, stationery, new children's books or similar items suitable for lucky dips and prizes.
- Fruit and/or vegetables suitable for use in the food stalls or could be sold at the Garden stall, please contact PTFA@sjmb.school.nz



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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](#).



Public transport services for 2026

Kia ora,

With the end of the school year approaching, we want to reach out to schools and parents with information about public transport in readiness for 2026.

The beginning of the school year, from the second week of February through until Easter, see a sharp increase in demand on Auckland's roads and public transport as schools and universities commence and people return to work from summer holidays. There will be more people than usual on the roads and using public transport services, especially during peak hours.

Each year, Auckland Transport reviews the performance of the network from February to April of the previous year, including school bus services and other popular services. We have already reached out to schools across Auckland asking for roll changes to plan ahead.

Here are three things parents and students can do to help ease the impact on school journeys during this busy time:

- **Ensure student's HOP cards are topped up.** Children ages 5 to 15 are eligible for a child concession giving them 40% off travel by bus, train or ferry when using their registered AT HOP card. For information on how to set up concessions search 'AT HOP card' online.
- **Encourage students to tag on and off each school bus trip.** It is important that everyone tags onboard so we can get accurate information about how many students are onboard each bus. This information is used to make informed adjustments to school bus timetables and bus sizes.
- **Plan ahead for the busy season.** If school buses are not an option for students, they can use urban bus services. You can use AT Journey Planner to find the service that will work best for them. Please know that public transport services will be busier than usual, so it's important to allow enough time for them to arrive early to get their bus, train or ferry in case there are queues.

If you have any questions about public transport services, you can call **09 366 6400** or email info@at.govt.nz.

Have a great end of the year and summer break,

Auckland Transport

