



18th November
2025

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau,



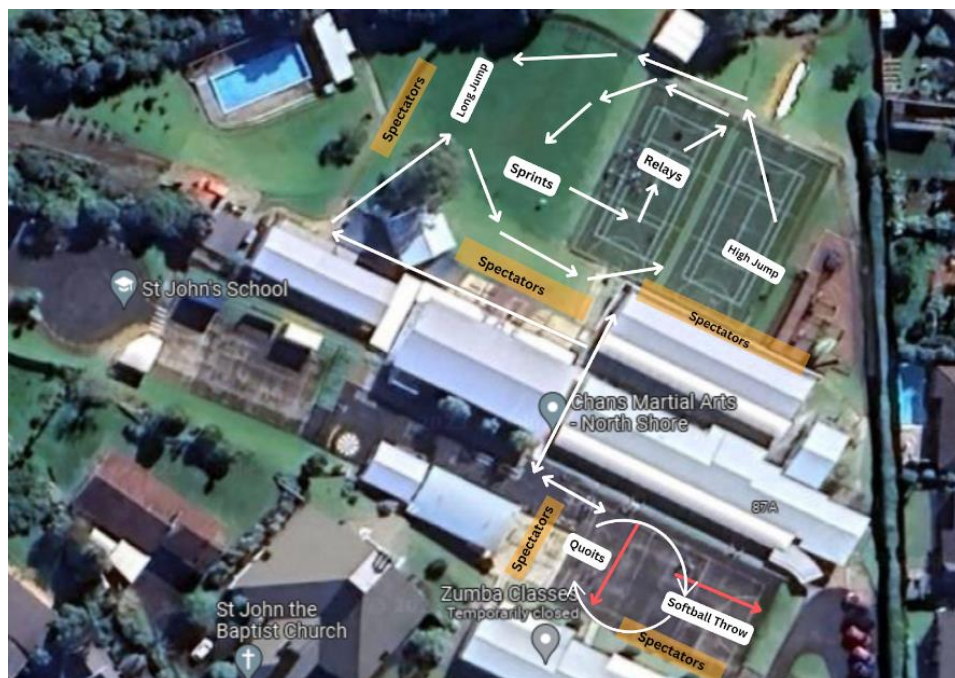
We are now counting sleeps to the PTFA Fun Fair... please check out the weekly overview for the item of the week (don't worry if you missed it, you can still send those items in). Thank you to all those who have sent things in or actioned the weekly things to do. Important Fun Fair requests for help and important information and reminders were emailed to school whānau yesterday. You can also read these further on in this newsletter. Please take a minute to read through these if you have not yet had a chance.



YEARS 1-3 RUN, JUMP, THROW

Just a reminder that our Rangitoto team will be showcasing their athletics skills with a Run, Jump, Throw Day at school **tomorrow** 19th November, from 12:30 - 2:30pm. Please take note of the spectator areas in orange below. We kindly ask that you remain in these areas and do not come into the areas where the children are participating or walking.

If we need to cancel the event due to weather, we will email all Rangitoto Team whānau by 10:00am.



DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

The school is generally a no dog site, however, for school families we make exceptions during drop off and pick up. For this to continue, we need to ensure that our school is safe for everyone, including our furry friends.

Please remember that for the safety of our students and staff, any dog brought onto school grounds must always be on a short lead and **under the control and direct supervision of an adult, i.e. the adult is holding the lead at all times**. We also ask that they stay outside the classrooms. If you wish to go into the classroom, we ask that your dog stays at home or in the car. Thank you for your co-operation.



Due to the number of people onsite, the Fun Fair is a dog free event. We ask that you leave dogs at home this Friday afternoon.

SWIMMING POOL

Our pool is sparkling as Mr Ritson has been working hard to get it ready for Summer. We are currently testing the water quality and anticipate that the pool will be ready for swimming beginning Monday 24th November.

To make the most of the pool, it is a good idea that the children have their swimming gear at school every day (just in case there is the opportunity for a quick dip).



POOL KEYS



Should you wish to use the pool during the Summer break, school families can hire a key for after school hours during term time and over the holidays. The cost is \$80.00 for the entire season plus a \$20.00 key bond [refundable]. The season end is flexible, around 31st March 2026, and will be notified through the school newsletter.

Keys are numbered and must be returned within four weeks of the end of the season when a bond refund will be given. If the key is not returned within this time the refund is forfeited as these keys need to be refigured and replaced each year. Keys can be purchased at the school office up until noon, Tuesday 16th December when the office closes for the year.

PRODUCT RECALL – CHILDREN'S COLOURED SAND PRODUCTS

You will have seen the recent media coverage about potential asbestos contamination of coloured sand. We want to assure parents that all school supplies have been checked following the recent recall, and our school does not have any of the affected coloured sand.

God bless,

Marina Binns
Principal - Tumuaki



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK; We are looking for helpers on the day. To help with planning, if you are able to help during the day, please email PTFA@sjmb.school.nz by Wednesday afternoon to assist us with organisation and lunchtime catering.

Thank you to all those who have already signed up to help on the day.

CLASS STALLS; I know that a number of you have signed up to various stalls. If you haven't yet signed up, please consider contacting your class CLP to add your name to the class roster. It is great if we can share the load among as many people as possible.

BRING IN TO SCHOOL; We now have sufficient lollies but would love more blocks of chocolate for our extremely popular chocolate trailer and 2nd hand children's books for the book stall.

BUY; Just a reminder that St John's children can prepurchase their game and VR bands via Kindo by Wednesday. All prepurchased bands will be given to the children at school on Friday. Bands can also be purchased at the Fun Fair.



BE IN TO WIN; A special raffle will be held just for the children currently at St John's School. Would your child like to be Principal for a Day? Tickets are \$2.00 each and can be purchased from the school office any time this week and at the EFTPOS station at the Fun Fair. The winner will be drawn on Friday evening. Check out [the video](#) explaining a little bit more about the prize.

SWEET TREATS; Thank you to all those who have let their CLPs know what sweet treats they are intending to make for the new look 'Cake Stall'. I am sure it is not too late if you have only just decided what to make. Please let the class CLP know ASAP so that they can get bags, boxes etc. out to you. Sweet treats need to be brought to the school hall at drop off on Friday morning. House points will be awarded in the hall.

CARPARKING ON FUN FAIR DAY; The School car park, accessed off East Coast Rd will be **closed AFTER morning drop off on Friday** to aid with organisation and emergency access. We ask that you make alternative arrangements to collect your children on Friday.

AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES ON FUN FAIR DAY; I know that many of our whānau will be collecting their children and staying on for the Fun Fair. We ask that children are collected promptly by 3:10pm as our staff are required to undertake their Fun Fair duties. Any child not collected by a parent or caregiver will be required to wait in the school office as per normal school procedure. For health and safety reasons, children need to be under the direct supervision of their parents/caregivers during the Fun Fair.

DO; Check out the Silent Auction by clicking the [LINK](#) or the image below. There are a wide range of things up for auction... I am sure you will find something that appeals to you!





**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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GARDEN TO TABLE SALE

Last Wednesday, the Kaitiaki Guardians and Mrs Moore held our annual Produce Sale. It ran from 2:40pm to 3:30pm, and we sold a huge variety of fruit, vegetables, and plants! We made \$90.50 altogether. It was so much fun, and everything was really cheap, only \$1 or \$2 each! Lots of parents came to buy things, and we sold out super quickly. Even some of the Kaitiaki Guardians bought a few goodies! When everything was sold, we packed up and waited for our parents to pick us up.

What We Sold

- Silverbeet in bundles \$2
- Little bags of kale \$2
- Bundles of rosemary and mint \$0.50
- Little seedlings such as watermelons, cabbage, and mint
- Seedlings
- Beetroots and spring onions

We couldn't have done it without the parents, Kaitiaki Guardians, Mrs Mercer, and Mrs Moore. We pray for the good growth of the seeds we sold and the seedlings.

Thank you, everyone.

By Serena, Janneke, and Rocio.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week 6; Tuesday, 11 th November	7pm PTFA Stall holder Zoom Meeting
Week 7; Wednesday 19 th November	Rangitoto Run, Jump, Throw Day (Year 0-3), 12.30 – 2.30pm
Week 7; Friday 21 st November	PTFA Twilight Fun Fair, 3.30 – 7.00pm
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.

BACK TO SCHOOL 2025 – YOU CAN ORDER NOW



We've teamed up with OfficeMax MySchool to make your back-to-school shop super easy. And if you order in December, you'll go in the draw to WIN 1 of 5 \$1,000 cash prizes*.



Your child's 2026 Year list is already loaded. Just go to myschool.co.nz. Simply add your details, check that you want everything on the list, then click and confirm - and OfficeMax MySchool will get it underway, with free delivery on orders over \$70*.

You can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card. Zip[#] is also available, so you can pay in 4 interest free payments over 6 weeks and still get your order right away. Plus, you'll be helping our school earn school rewards* that we use to purchase much needed extra resources for our school.

Quotes for WINZ are available by contacting 0800 724 440 or via email enquiry@myschool.co.nz.

We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go in plenty of time for the start of Term 1, 2026.

So go ahead and beat the back to school rush, order today with OfficeMax MySchool and give them the best start possible.

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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](#).

DE PAUL HOUSE APPEAL

This Christmas, we aim to support over 600 individuals. That is 467 children and teens, and 211 adults and seniors, to experience the joy of Christmas. Each one will receive toys and gifts, a bag of sweet treats, and a gift voucher.

For many, it has been a challenging time financially. With your support, even by simply sharing this email with a friend or family member, business or community group – You can help us make someone feel at home, and give them Hope At Christmas.



DE PAUL HOUSE HOPE AT CHRISTMAS



*"Let this Christmas, be the reason
someone feels at home."*

You can drop-off gifts & vouchers OR make a donation via our website or online banking.

TREATS:
Chocolates
Sweets
Chips
Popcorn
Biscuits

TOYS & GIFTS:
New toys and clothing for children and teenagers.
Gifts for seniors.

GIFT VOUCHERS:
\$20, \$30 OR \$50
The Warehouse and Supermarket Vouchers



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TE KUPENGA

As we draw near the end of the Jubilee Year in January 2026, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering its last webinar for the year “Reflections on Jubilee 2025-Pilgrims of Hope” with Fadi Yalda, Lecturer in Biblical Studies.

This webinar is on Wednesday, 26 November 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom.

Fee is \$20.

To register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025

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Holiday Surf Programme

Orewa Beach

We are running our popular holiday surf programme over the Summer School Holidays at Orewa Beach. This is open to 6-16 year olds

Fun, Active & Healthy

6-16yr olds | 3-days | Early Morning | Mid-Morning | Afternoon Sessions

15-17 Dec | 18-20 Dec | 21-23 Dec | 5-7 Jan | 8-10 Jan | 27-29 Jan | 30 Jan-1 Feb

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Your child could win the tennis trip of a lifetime with Tennis Hot Shots and Tennis New Zealand, plus win tennis equipment for our school!

The prize includes:

- Return flights from your nearest international airport to Melbourne for one child and one adult
- Australian Open tickets
- Two nights' accommodation
- The chance to perform the official coin toss before a big match on Rod Laver Arena and grab a photo with the star players
- A \$500 tennis equipment pack for the winner's school
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The competition is open to all children aged 8–13 across New Zealand — no tennis experience required!

👉 Enter now at www.tennis.kiwi/win

Entries close 8 December.



Win an AO experience

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