



17th February
2026

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whanau,

EOTC WEEK

What an incredible week it has been! Our Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) week was a resounding success, filled with laughter, adventure, and plenty of "I did it!" moments.

It was truly heartening to see our students step outside their comfort zones to extend and challenge themselves in new environments. Whether they were navigating outdoor trails or conquering personal hurdles, the growth in their confidence was evident. Beyond the activities themselves, the week was a masterclass in teamwork; seeing students support one another, interact meaningfully with our local environment, and forge new friendships across class groups was a highlight for us all.

A Huge Thank You

An event of this scale simply isn't possible without a massive team effort. We want to extend a huge thank you to:

- Our parents and whānau helpers: Your energy, supervision, and support on the ground made these experiences possible for the children.
- Our teachers and staff: Thank you for the weeks of planning and the tireless energy you poured into ensuring every student had a safe and memorable experience.

Looking Ahead to Thursday, next week!

The excitement doesn't stop just yet! We have a bumper day of activity coming up next **Thursday, February 26th**. We will be hosting:

- Junky Monkeys creative play.
- The legendary school waterslide.
- Kiwi Kick Stars Have-a-Go day.

Important Note: Because of these active and water-based events, we ask that children come to school in their PE gear next **Thursday, 26th February**. Please remember to pack a towel and swimming gear for the waterslide!



ASH WEDNESDAY

Tomorrow we will be joining the Parish for Mass at 9:15am for Ash Wednesday. You are warmly invited to join us.

Ash Wednesday services are also being held at;

- St John's Church, Mairangi Bay at 6:00pm,
- St Joseph's Church, Takapuna at 5:00pm and 7:00pm,
- St Thomas More, Glenfield at 7:30pm, and,
- St Vincent de Paul Church, Milford at 10:00am.



BEGINNING OF THE YEAR SCHOOL MASS – 20TH FEBRUARY, 9:15AM

We look forward to our first school Mass of the year where we ask God's blessing on the year ahead. You are all warmly invited to celebrate Mass with us on Friday, 20th February, at 9:15am in St John's Church.

TERM 1 AND 2 STUDENT LEADERS

Next week we will be electing and selecting our student leaders for Terms 1 and 2. They will be commissioned at a special school assembly on Friday, 27th February at 9:00am.

CELEBRATING LEARNING

As our more formal learning programme begins, I would like to take the opportunity to share our 2025, End of Year Achievement data for Reading, Writing and Mathematics. This data was presented to the Board at the end of the year and while the change in curriculum last year meant that the 2025 data provided a new baseline for data, and was non-comparative with previous years, we were so proud of how well our children achieved.

The new curriculums (English and Maths) have significantly shifted what knowledge and skills are expected at each year level. There will be a time of transition where these gaps are evident and need to be addressed over the following years.

Most of our students achieve at or above the curriculum expectation in Mathematics, Reading and Writing. Especially pleasing was the accelerated progress in Mathematics, particularly those who are extending their learning with complexity.

[LINK for data](#)

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God bless,
Marina Binns – Principal

PTFA FAMILY PICNIC

Please pop **Friday, 27th February** into your diary. This picnic, held in the early evening, is a wonderful informal gathering of our school community where you are invited to bring a picnic, chairs, rugs and beverages and the children have the option of bringing their togs for a swim in the school pool (under your parental supervision of course!).



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE



PTFA SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

The next uniform sale will be after school on Wednesday, 4th March in the school Hall.

If you wish to donate any pieces of uniform to the PTFA to sell, these can be dropped off at the school office.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Reminder that school lunches can be ordered via [Kindo](#). Subway is available on Friday, ordered through the [Subway](#) website.

FROM THE COMMUNITY

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JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION 2026

SPOT PRIZES **THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY** **100CLUB**
4PM ~ 6PM
SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
9AM ~ 12PM

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FREE SPIRITS UNLEASHED



Calling all Year 1 & Year 2s!

Come and join Rippa Rugby at East Coast Bays Rugby Club for the 2026 season. Rippa is the perfect introduction to rugby in a safe, non-contact environment, where kids can:

- Learn teamwork and confidence
- Build core skills like catching, passing and running
 - Score tries and celebrate together
- Enjoy a strong focus on fun, inclusion and fair play

Boys and girls welcome! Year 1 = J8, Year 2 = J7



Registration dates:

 Thursday 19 Feb — 4pm–6pm

 Saturday 21 Feb — 4pm–6pm

 East Coast Bays Rugby Club

Come along, bring a friend, and get ready for a fun season of rugby!



Check out our Facebook page for more information about registration!