



3rd March
2026

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whanau,

NEW STUDENT LEADERS



Last week we gathered in the hall to induct our new student leaders for Terms 1 and 2. As leaders they are in position to, through their own words and actions, influence, motivate and guide others to become the best they can be and grow closer to God.

Our House Leaders: elected by their peers to lead our four houses provide a valuable student voice to the Senior Leadership, their mandate is to KNOW what is right, to STAND for what is right and to LEAD others in that direction.

For **Keegan** House; Oscar C and Armand T
For **Liston** House; Caoimhe H and Serena S
For **Pierce** House; Rocio D, Arlo M and Daniel S
For **Quinlan** House; Salvador D, Gabriella F and Aaron M

We also commissioned our Young MacKillops; selected by Mrs Mountjoy and their teachers. They provide a student voice around social justice and work with Mrs Mountjoy as our Director of Religious Studies to support and promote the Special Character of our school, particularly through leadership in liturgy.

For Terms 1 and 2, our Young MacKillops are Charlie A, Pippa A, Matthew A, Ruby B, Amelia B, Xavier H, Aria H, Alena J, Nico J, Leon K, Irene R and Cody T.

HEALTH AND SAFETY – VECTOR MAINTENANCE ON PENZANCE AND HASTINGS ROADS



We have been informed that this Thursday (from 8:00am in the morning) Vector will be undertaking maintenance work, replacing two power poles on the corner of Hastings and Penzance Roads. While traffic management will be in place, this will impact the flow of traffic in this area.

HEALTH AND SAFETY – MORNING SCHOOL DROP OFF

We have noticed a few instances of parents driving into the front car park (off Penzance Rd) or stopping in the driveway area to drop children off in the morning. For health and safety reasons, this area is for staff parking only as this entrance is also a pedestrian access way to the surrounding streets.

Students can be dropped off in the circular turning circle (off East Coast Road), with parents stopping to let children out onto the footpath. Parents wishing to park and come into school, can park at either the school carpark by the turning circle or in the church car park off Hastings Rd.



YUMMY APPLE SPORTS GEAR PROMOTION



Thank you to everyone who collected Yummy Apple stickers last year. We received a lovely new Pickleball set, a T-Ball set, ribbon balls and a large number of Velcro catching games.

The promotion is on again... Collect the 'Yummy Stickers' and 'cut-out labels' from Yummy 1.5kg apple bags. Yummy apples are available at New World, Pak'n'Save and participating Four Square stores.

The more stickers we collect, the more sports gear for our school!

We are starting early...collection is ongoing throughout Terms 1, 2 and 3. Please stop in at the office to get a collection sheet if you want to participate.

Double points for Sweet Tango, Lemonade and Ambrosia varieties.

God bless,
Marina Binns – Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



As we enter the season of Lent, we turn to God and to one another, journeying together towards Easter. We are reminded that following the Cross unites us as one, makes us family, and draws us into life with God.

We live this out each day through our school vision – learning, growing and loving in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

During the Lenten season we are invited to deepen our prayer life, extend our generosity through almsgiving, and embrace fasting as a way to grow in faith. May we open our hearts and minds to being the Body of Christ for others during this sacred time.

*Open our hearts to Your word, O Lord, that we may be renewed.
Open our hands to receive and to give, that we may be replenished.
Open our minds to the silence of Your presence, that we may be refreshed.
Amen.*

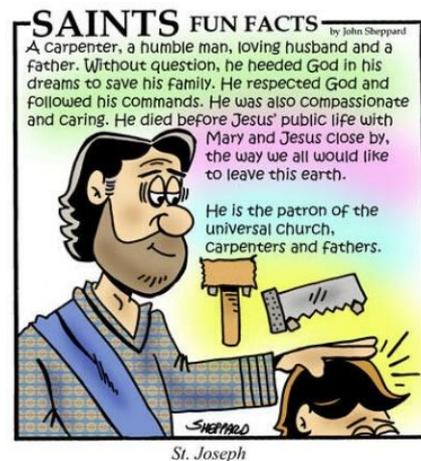
MASS FOR THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH – THURSDAY 19TH MARCH

St Joseph was a special man who cared greatly for Jesus and Mary. He is considered the patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travellers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people, among others.

His feast day is March 19th.

We celebrate this as a special day at our school because St John's School was founded in 1961 by the Sisters of St Joseph.

On Thursday 19th March we will be celebrating Mass together as a school. You are welcome to join us in this celebration at 9:15am in the church.



SWIMMING SPORTS

Our Swimming Sports will be held on Tuesday 10th March.



Our Swimming Sports is always a special event, and the children are keen to get in the pool and compete for their house teams. The Waitemata Team (Years 4 to 6) children will be participating in the morning, starting at 9.15am, and competing for the Nicola Jack Memorial Cup. A copy of the programme will be published on the Sports page of the school website <https://www.sjmb.school.nz/> in due course once entries are in. The 2025 run sheet is there currently and we do not anticipate any major changes to the order of events.

The Nicola Jack Memorial Cup was presented by her family to the school for our swimming sports in memory of Nicola Jack who was in Year 3 but tragically died as a result of an accident in 1991. The cup is presented to the winning house team.

Rangitoto Team (Years 1 to 3) children will be participating in the afternoon, starting at 12:45pm, where they will have the opportunity to showcase what they have been learning and enjoy time together in the pool area.

We ask you to refrain from going inside the pool area, rather, enjoy sitting on the surrounding banks. For safety reasons the children will not be allowed to leave the pool enclosure. They will have their hats on while not swimming and may also bring a T-shirt in their house colour to wear at the pool. Please feel free to give your child 'named' sunscreen to put on or apply it to your child before they come to school.

Please ensure that your children arrive at school (in their normal school uniform) with swimming togs, goggles, 2 towels and a water bottle. ALL items should be clearly named.

Best of luck to all the House teams!

PTFA

While the drizzle threatened, it held off and the evening stayed fine for a fantastic picnic and gathering time for the community. It was lovely to see so many families and extended families chatting together.

Thank you to the helpers and organisers from the PTFA for all their work in preparation and during this event, particularly the games for the children and the wonderful sausages, burgers, drinks and juices.

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.

If you would like to find out more about what the PTFA has planned for this year and how you can help with these events, please come along to the PTFA AGM and first meeting of the year.

This will be held next **Tuesday, 10th March at 7:00pm** in the staffroom. As it is the first meeting of the year, and the AGM, this is an in-person meeting. Future meetings will also be available via a virtual link for those who wish to attend but cannot meet onsite.



Second Hand UNIFORM SALE

Please leave any pre-loved items at the office
by Monday 2nd March

WEDNESDAY
4th March 2026
2:30 PM
SCHOOL HALL



**FOOTBALL
LUNCH TIME PROGRAMME**

KIWI KICK STARS

St John's school

**FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR
BOYS AND GIRLS!!**

TERM 1

Our awesome programme gets kids exercising through super fun activities based around football and storytelling. Kids build confidence while improving their motor skills and coordination, learning how to play with others, focus on problem solving. Our friendly, experienced coaches have a hands-on, relatable approach and a passion for fun!

Everyone's a winner at Kiwi Kick Stars!

Where: St John's Astroturf

When: Thursdays (T1 Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March.
T2 Thursday 23rd, 30th April, 7th & 14th May)

Time: Lunchtime

Cost: \$ 108 per term 8 weeks

Second child discount of 10% applies!

TO REGISTER GO TO WWW.KIWIKICKSTARS.COM

*Kids Choice
Autumn Holiday Programme*

*6th April to 17th April 2026
Open 7.30am til 5.30pm Monday to Friday*



\$ 60 Full day

Mon 6th
Easter Monday

NO
Programme

Tue 7th
Magic Loft
Grip socks

Wed 8th
Easter Egg craft

Thurs 9th
Bush walk—picnic

Friday 10th
Wheels Day
DAY

Mon 13th April
Mystery Day

Tue 14th April
Takapuna Playground

Wed 15th April
Pizza

Thurs 16th
Magician

Fri 17th
Face Paint—Party
Movie

Contact Barb; 027 440 6363 or kids.choice@infoegen.net.nz