



21st April
2026

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome back to St John's for the start of Term 2. I hope you and your whānau enjoyed a restful break and are ready for the busy weeks ahead.

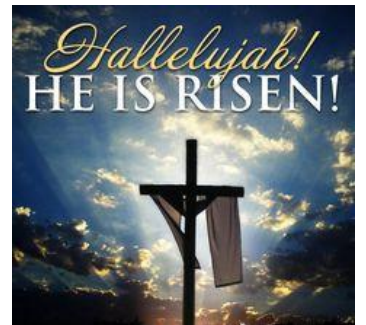
A very warm welcome to the new families joining our school community this term. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you as you settle into life at St John's.

Term 2 is always a season of significant growth and focused learning. Our teachers have spent time over the holidays preparing a rich curriculum designed to challenge and inspire our tamariki. We look forward to seeing the students engage with their new inquiries and continue to demonstrate our school values in the classroom and the playground.

EASTER LITURGY

It is always special to finish the term with our Easter liturgy led by our Year 6 students. Congratulations to the Year 6 children and their teachers for creating such a beautiful sacramental moment for us all.

Although we are now a few weeks past Easter Sunday, the message of the season remains at the heart of our school life this term. In the Catholic tradition, we are still within the Easter season – a fifty-day celebration of hope, renewal, and new beginnings.



As we settle into the routines of Term 2, we carry that Easter spirit with us. It serves as a gentle reminder that every day offers a fresh start and a chance to bring light to those around us through our words and actions. We continue to hold the joy of the Resurrection in our hearts as we work and learn together.

STAFFING UPDATE



We are pleased to welcome Mrs Vivienne Ball and Mrs Gail Hardy back to the St John's staff during Term 2. Both Vivienne and Gail are familiar faces to many and bring a wealth of experience to our team.

Vivienne will be working primarily with our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) students, ensuring they continue to receive high-quality support and guidance. Gail will be providing support for individual students in class. Their presence allows us to maintain continuity for our learners as they cover for Mrs Williams, who recently moved on to new ventures, and Mrs McFadzean who will be away on leave later this term.

We are grateful to have their expertise and warm presence back in our learning spaces during this time.

God bless,
Marina Binns

2026 St John's Colour Run



RUN. WALK. GET COVERED IN COLOUR.

FRIDAY, 15 MAY 2026

**A FUN, NON-COMPETITIVE EVENT FOR
EVERYONE AT ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

- ✦ Students will walk or run one or more laps
- ✦ Colour stations along the course
- ✦ Party atmosphere with music and energy
- ✦ All ages and abilities welcome
- ✦ Safe, non-toxic colour powder used

Raising funds for a Covered Learning Area (COLA) - a safe, shaded space where our tamariki can play, learn, and grow, rain or shine.

🎁 Spot Prizes Up for Grabs!

Raise funds and go in the draw to win

SPONSOR A STUDENT OR DONATE NOW

**Sign up via QR code or website
stjohnscolourrun.raiseit.co.nz**



**THIS IS MORE THAN
FUNDRAISING - IT'S
INVESTING IN OUR
SCHOOL COMMUNITY.
EVERY CONTRIBUTION
MAKES A DIFFERENCE.**

We started the term with dancing and explosions of colour as we launched this term's PTFA fundraiser.



WEEK 1

COLOUR RUN SPOT PRIZES UP FOR GRABS

Your chance to win starts now!

HOW TO ENTER THIS WEEKS SPOT PRIZE

✦ Sign up by Friday 24TH APRIL ✦

✦ Raise \$10 or more ✦

✦ You're in the draw ✦

**SPOT PRIZES WILL BE DRAWN ON
FRIDAY 24TH APRIL**



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St John's Colour Run | 15th May



Scholastic Book Club issue #3 is open and catalogues will be coming home this week. Please get orders in before 4pm, Sunday 3rd May for school delivery. Orders will then be delivered to school within 3 weeks following this date. For more information please refer to the school community calendar.

Please do not send money or orders to school instead use Scholastic LOOP to place and pay for your order. By using LOOP there is no need to fill out any forms or receipt numbers. All orders can be made through LOOP on the Scholastic NZ website <https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/> or by using the Scholastic LOOP app which is available on [Google Play](#) or the [App store](#).

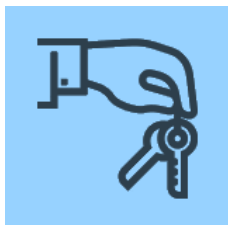
FRIENDLY PARKING REMINDER

If parking on the roads outside our Penzance Rd entrance, please ensure you do not park on yellow lines.

These non-parking spaces allow for better visibility, particularly on the Penzance Road / St Ives Terrace corner, making moving around the streets safer for our students and whānau.



SWIMMING POOL CLOSURE / RETURN OF KEYS



OUR POOL IS NOW CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

Pool key bond refunds are now available from the office.

To receive the bond refund, keys must be returned before 3:00pm, Friday 1st May.

TERM 2 DATES

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TERM 2 – On Monday 27th April we commemorate Anzac Day and Monday 1st June is King's Birthday. Both are public holidays in New Zealand and school will be closed on these days.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – Thursday 18th June. **School will close at 12:00 noon.** Booking information will be circulated in Week 6, Term 2. Written progress reports will be sent home Friday 12th June and we ask that these are brought to the conferences.

MATARIKI CELEBRATION – We will be holding a whole school Matariki Celebration on the morning of 3rd July (the last day of Term 2) before school. This will also be a non-uniform day where children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school for the day. More details will follow in due course.

END OF TERM 2 – School will close for the end of Term 2 on Friday 3rd July at the normal time of 2:50pm.

UNIFORM

As the weather turns colder, we move into our Winter uniform in Term 2. As the weather can still fluctuate, there is the usual cross over period for the first two weeks of school. We ask that the children wear EITHER the Summer or the Winter uniform (that is, not mix and matched) each day.

The school sun hats are not worn in Term 2 and 3. **We ask that the children be in full Winter uniform for the beginning of Week 3 (Monday 4th May).**

Winter Uniform	
Tunic:	Navy monogrammed drop waist tunic
Culottes:	Navy with school name
Shorts:	Navy with school name
Shirt:	Freight blue long sleeve monogrammed polo (short sleeve can be worn with shorts or culottes if preferred)
Fleece:	Navy zip front monogrammed polar fleece
Hair ties:	Red, blue, white, black or brown
Shoes:	Black leather lace up, velcro, buckle or T-bar school shoes with a heel height of no greater than 2.5cm. Black trainers are not considered school shoes. If you are unsure, please discuss with the school.
Socks:	Black knee length wool/elastine mix school

Please see the [website](#) for more information.

PTFA

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.

You can get \$20 off the 'Family Memory Maker' book. When you buy using our code: STJOHN, the book will cost \$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.

Please check out their website for more information.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

A school family has a solid upright piano in good condition that they are happy to give away for free. Originally purchased and brought over from Korea, it has been well cared for. They would love for it to go to someone who will make good use of it. All keys are present and working well. It plays nicely, though it could benefit from a tune. The piano is free to a good home and available for pickup in Mairangi Bay. Please contact the school office (office@sjmb.school.nz) if you are interested.