



31st March
2026

NEWSLETTER

Te Reo o te Kura o Hato Hoani

The voice of St John's School

Kia ora whānau,

As we approach the most significant week in our liturgical calendar, I invite you to take a bit of time and reflect on the unique journey we take together during Holy Week. It is a time when our school community slows its pace to walk alongside Jesus – from the triumphant cheers of Palm Sunday to the profound silence of the Garden of Gethsemane, and ultimately, to the foot of the Cross.



In our busy lives, it can be easy to rush toward the joy of Easter Sunday. However, the true beauty of our faith lies in the "stations" along the way. This week, our students will be engaging in prayer and reflection, learning that even in moments of darkness or sacrifice, there is a promise of hope and renewal.

Holy Week reminds us of our call to be people of service and compassion. Just as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are reminded to look out for one another within our own school and the wider community.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." - Mark 10:45

While we enter this week with solemnity, we do so as "Easter people." We know that the story does not end on Good Friday. As we head into the Easter (and term) break, I pray that the peace of Christ be with you and hope you can find time for rest, family, and prayer.

We look forward to returning after the holidays, filled with the light of the Resurrection and ready for the new term ahead.

EASTER LITURGY



This year Easter falls within the school holidays. School will **close for the holidays Thursday 2nd April** at the normal time of 2:50pm.

The school will gather prior to the end of day to remember Christ's journey to the Cross with liturgy. You are welcome to join us in the school hall at 2:00pm.

In the spirit of remembering Christ's journey, we ask that no photos be taken to allow you and the children to be present in the moment. There will be no applause at the end, and the children will leave the hall in silence.

There will not be a bell at the end of the day, and we ask that the children leave quietly in commemoration of this time.

STAFFING UPDATE



We are sad to be farewelling Mrs Kathy Williams, one of our wonderful ESOL teachers at the end of this Term. She has been a valuable addition to our team.

For 6 years, she has been a champion for our multilingual learners, helping students bridge the gap between languages and cultures and feel at home in our school. We are so grateful for the patience and heart she brought to the school each day. We wish Kathy the very best of luck in her next chapter - she will be greatly missed.

KEEP YOUR TREASURES SAFE AT HOME!

We know how much our students love their toys, trading cards, and "precious things," but we kindly ask that these items stay at home. When special items are brought to school, it can lead to a lot of heartbreak if they are accidentally damaged or misplaced.

To keep our focus on learning and to avoid any classroom distractions, please ensure that only school-related items come into school. Thank you for helping us keep our classrooms calm and stress-free!



INTERSCHOOL TENNIS



Last week at assembly we recognised the Year 5 and 6 children who represented St John's at the Interschool Tennis Tournament in both Singles and Doubles competitions: Nova A, Amanda C, Avril C, Xavier H, Aaron M, Marnie S, Daniel S, and Freddie W.

KAITIAKI GUARDIANS

Last week at assembly we presented our Kaitiaki Guardians with their badges. This group is made up of Year 5 students who have volunteered to work with Mrs Carrie Mercer to support school sustainability initiatives and practices at school. We wish them well in their role this year.



Blessings for a holy and peaceful week and a happy holiday,

God bless,
Marina Binns

VEHICLE DAMAGE IN CAR PARK

Unfortunately, one parent has experienced some damage to her car at pick up time on Wednesday 25th March and is unaware how this happened. They were parked in the school car park off East Coast Road on the left hand side as you approach the school.

If you are able to share any information, please contact the school office on office@sjmb.school.nz Thank you.



KINDO

As we near the end of the term it would be greatly appreciated if all families could review their Kindo accounts (www.mykindo.co.nz) to check for any outstanding payments. We pride ourselves on offering our students a wide and varied curriculum and providing access to a number of valuable resources such as our Maths & Literacy online learning. Your ongoing support for these items is essential, and we gratefully acknowledge your contribution and your attention to this matter. Thank you.



SWIMMING POOL CLOSURE / RETURN OF KEYS



OUR POOL CLOSSES FOR THE SEASON ON THURSDAY, 2ND APRIL AT 3:00PM

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.

I would like to thank Mr Ritson for his work over the whole swimming season keeping our pool in such a great condition for our students and the community to enjoy.

LOST PROPERTY



We always endeavour to return items that are clearly labelled.

If you are looking for a specific item, please contact the school office via email (office@sjmb.school.nz) with a description of the item, name and room of the child concerned and we will do all we can to trace the item.

There are currently both uniform and non-uniform items in the Lost Property box, all of which we are unable to return to their owners as they are unnamed. If you believe they may belong to your child, please take a moment to check out the lost property box located in the Sick Bay in the office.

All unclaimed items of uniform at the end of term will be donated to the PTFA second hand uniform sale and non-uniform items will be donated to charity.

TERM 2 DATES

END OF TERM ONE – School will close for the end of Term One on Thursday 2nd April at the normal time of 2:50pm. As we will be finishing the year with our school Stations of the Cross, there will not be a 2:50pm bell and we ask that the children leave the school in a quiet manner, acknowledging the reverence of this liturgy.

START OF TERM TWO – School will open for Term 2 on Monday 20th April.

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 next term.

END OF TERM 2 – School will close for the end of Term Two 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.



SCHOOL BEANIES FOR WINTER

School beanies are an optional uniform item which children can wear to and from school, during break times, and at school sporting events in Terms 2 and 3.

A limited stock of beanies is for sale from the school office for \$12.50 (EFTPOS & cash accepted). Once sold they will not be re stocked.

They come in three colours as pictured.



Your Support Means Everything

When you buy through our special link, you'll pay just \$59 instead of \$79 — saving \$20.

At the same time, \$20 from your purchase goes directly towards our school!

Your generosity helps us achieve our goals – thank you!

- ✓ Save \$20 with coupon code
- ✓ Over 100 Auckland Businesses
- ✓ Over 300 Coupons
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- ✓ Support local businesses
- ✓ Discover new places

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LOCAL TREASURES

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 that are just right for the upcoming school holidays.

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 or pop into the office to see an example of the book.

SECRETARY WANTED

• **JOIN THE PTFA** •

- ▶ ATTEND THE PTFA MEETINGS
- ▶ TAKE MINUTES
- ▶ CHECK EMAILS
- ▶ SUPPORT THE CHAIR

APPLY NOW!

PTFA@SJMB.SCHOOL.NZ




END OF TERM 1
UNIFORM SALE

Postponed to Term 2

WEDNESDAY 1ST
APRIL 2:30
SCHOOL HALL

AFTER SCHOOL CARE AND HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

You will have received an email directly from the school with an update on our Before and After School Programme. For information about Term 2, please contact Liz and Carolina on littlelegends.sjmb@gmail.com

Mi Casa April Holiday Programme

Under New Management

Scan me  to book

Monday 6th

Easter Monday
No Programme
....Enjoy your
chocolate

Tuesday 7th

Artstravaganza



Wednesday
8th

Movies

All Ages Bus Trip \$75



Thursday 9th

VR & Gaming



Friday 10th

Engineering to
the Ext-STEM



Monday 13th

Puppet
Pandemonium



Tuesday 14th

Inflatable World

All Ages Bus Trip \$75



Wednesday
15th

Kids Vs Leaders



Thursday 16th

Bounce

All Ages Bus Trip \$75



Friday 17th

PJ PAAAAARTY



Northcote Int School, 145-147 Lake Rd

www.micasaasc.co.nz



Ph: 022 084 1801

Email: MiCasa@Kidznetic.co.nz

Important Information

Our Holiday Programme

At Mi Casa we provide fun and safe activities for children aged 5-13 years old based out of Northcote intermediate. We provide a variety of activities throughout the day both on site at Northcote Int and out and about in Auckland.

We have session times to suit all situations.

Full Day	Short Day	Half Day	Bus Trips
7am-6pm	8am-3:30pm	7am-12noon & 12noon-6pm	7am-6pm
\$65	\$55	\$42	\$75

Times to Remember

Mi Casa is open from 7am-6pm with a roll call at 9am.

Please take note of trip days and what time we will be leaving school.

Please remember that you must sign your child/ren in and out of the programme on the programme tablet every day.

How to Enrol

Enrolling is as simple as jumping online [AIMY PLUS](#) and creating a profile or logging in and following the quick and easy steps. Please make sure that you provide all relevant medical conditions and food allergies. Please also provide any relevant information on parent orders or restricted pickups.

Please bring in or email all WINZ forms before the start of the school holidays so they can be completed in a timely manner.

Cancellations

One week's notice, in writing, must be provided if a child is to be withdrawn from the programme, otherwise a 1 week fee is payable based on the previous booking. Cancellations made by 7am the day of will receive a 50% refund, Cancellations made after 7am will be charged for the day.

What your child/ren needs to bring

Please bring a drink bottle, morning tea and lunch every day. Afternoon tea will be provided every day.

Please provide some spare clothes for the day, as we sometimes get messy. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear for the day's activities. Please do not bring any electronic devices such as mobile phones, tablets or gaming equipment.

5% Early Bird Discount for all family members when you book by 27th March
10% discount for each additional sibling.

Northcote Int School, 145-147 Lake Rd

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Autumn SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

12 Bute Road, Browns Bay
Phone 09 478 3379
or visit aucklandleisure.co.nz

EAST COAST BAYS LEISURE CENTRE

	Monday 6 April 2026	Tuesday 7 April 2026	Wednesday 8 April 2026	Thursday 9 April 2026	Friday 10 April 2026
Ages 5-13yrs	NO PROGRAMME PUBLIC HOLIDAY	STANMORE BAY HANGOUT \$65.00 We're heading up to Stanmore Bay and meeting up with the crew from Birkenhead for some games and some splashy fun on the splash pad!	MULTISPORTS \$45.00 Run, throw, dodge, score! Basketball, Netball, Turbo Touch and Dodgeball. Big energy, fierce teams, and one ultimate winner.	CREATION STATION \$45.00 Arts and crafts day! Get creative, try new ideas, and take home something special for you or your family.	FRIDAY FUN DAY \$45.00 End the week with a bounce! Bouncy castle fun, park games, tasty food, and time to hang out and relax!
Ages 15-19yrs	MYSTERY KITCHEN \$45.00 Mystery cooking day! Will we bake, cook, or craft something tasty? One thing's certain, we'll be making and eating. Allergies catered for.	POKÉMON DAY \$45.00 Gotta catch 'em all! Catch, toss, battle, and craft your way to becoming an official Pokémon Trainer for the day.	MAGIC LOFT \$60.00 Endless fun at the Magic Loft indoor playground - perfect for active play and adventure! Bring money for the arcades or the café!	BASKETBALL DAY \$45.00 Form a team for the day and complete team building challenges that culminate in the ultimate basketball championship!	ECB MOVIE THEATRE \$45.00 Movie day at our place! Find out what's on the screen, enjoy popcorn, a drink, and chill out before heading back to school next week.

Please note: if your child is bringing a bike, scooter, or skates - a helmet must be worn, and we cannot guarantee time during the programme to use their wheels.



AUCKLAND COUNCIL POOLS AND LEISURE



ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN
5 - 9 YEARS?
COME AND HAVE SOME FREE
HOLIDAY FUN!



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR COMMUNITY
SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENT AT

OUTRAM HALL MURRAYS BAY
WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL 10-12 NOON

A MAGICIAN, BOUNCY CASTLES, FACE
PAINTING, BALLOONS, AND MORE!

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE RING CHRISTINE 027 632 8861
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11 WEEKS | 20TH APR - 4TH JULY



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5:00PM - 6:30PM

Saturday
10:00AM - 11:30AM

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APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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OUR SESSIONS ARE PACKED WITH ACTION, FUN GAMES, AND EXCITING STORYTELLING THAT BRING THE BEAUTIFUL GAME TO LIFE WHILE BUILDING FOOTBALL SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE.

WE'VE GOT AMAZING PRIZES, AND EVERY CHILD WILL TAKE HOME UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES!

 **WEEK ONE: TUESDAY 7TH, WEDNESDAY 8TH, THURSDAY 9TH APRIL**

WEEK TWO: TUESDAY 14TH, WEDNESDAY 15TH, THURSDAY 16TH APRIL

 **TIME: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

 **WHERE: HOBSONVILLE SCHOOL (104 HOBSONVILLE RD)**

**COME PLAY, HAVE FUN, AND SCORE LOADS OF GOALS!!
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO:**

www.kiwikickstars.com