



19th May
2026

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau,

A Colourful Triumph!

What an absolutely spectacular day we had last Friday for our school Colour Run! The sun was shining and our school grounds (and children) were transformed into a vibrant sea of joy and colour. Seeing our children running with such bright smiles – and even brighter shirts – was a wonderful reminder of the strong, vibrant community we share here at our school.

I am absolutely thrilled to announce that thanks to your incredible generosity and the hard work of our students, we raised an astounding amount of over \$22,000! This is a phenomenal achievement for our school community, and we are deeply grateful for every single donation, big or small.

An event of this scale doesn't just happen. I want to extend a massive thank you to our incredible PTFA and staff who spent months planning every detail to ensure the day was a success. To our awesome team of helpers who threw powder, managed stations, and kept everything running smoothly on the day – thank you for your time and energy. We also loved seeing so many fantastic supporters on the sidelines, cheering our children on and adding to the wonderful atmosphere.



A Long-Term Dream Realized!

Most excitingly, this incredible fundraising total means our PTFA has officially reached their long-term goal of fundraising for our new COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area)!

This project has been years in the making, representing countless hours of dedication, meetings, and community events by our PTFA teams and school community, past and present. Reaching this milestone is a true testament to our community's commitment to enhancing our school environment for the children. We cannot wait to see this space come to life, providing a shaded, all-weather area for our students to learn, play, and gather for years to come.

Thank you all for living out our school values through your overwhelming support, generosity, and community spirit.



Congratulations to our top fundraising classes;
1st Room 12, winners of a pizza lunch, movie afternoon and extra playtime.
2nd Room 11, winners of a pizza lunch and extra playtime .
3rd Room 13, winners of an ice block and extra playtime.

Congratulations also to our top individual fundraisers;

- 1st Piper B (2 x All experience passes for Game Over)
- 2nd Lorenzo M (\$100 voucher for Bounce)
- 3rd Scarlett P (A family pass for Auckland Zoo)
- 4th Sophia R (A portable wireless speaker)
- 5th Theo S (A wireless microphone with speaker and \$10 voucher for Running Grid)
- 6th Maddie K (Retro handheld game console and \$10 voucher for Running Grid)

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING

Congratulations to all the children who represented us at the North Harbour Swimming Championships on 5th May. I am always impressed to see them challenging themselves when competing against strong club swimmers. Thank you to Mrs Dorrington and all the parents who helped with transport, marshalling, timekeeping and sideline support on the day.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



Written progress updates will be coming home on Friday 12th June. These will be followed up with Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday 18th June between 1:00pm – 7:30pm. To provide the opportunity for all parents who wish to attend a conference to do so, **school will be finishing at 12:00pm on Thursday 18th June.** You are asked to make arrangements to pick your child(ren) up promptly at this time. School buses will not be available.

CONFERENCE FOCUS: The purpose of the Term Two Parent Teacher Conferences is for parents and teachers to discuss how your child is progressing and their next steps in Reading, Writing and Mathematics as well as how parents can help at home. If time permits other curriculum areas may be covered during this time. Conferences will be 10 minutes in duration. If, after 10 minutes, you feel further time is required with the teacher than please arrange another appointment.

Bookings are now open for the upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences.

TO BOOK A CONFERENCE TIME

- Use the QR code, use the [LINK](#), or visit the website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code **dja65** (it is case sensitive)
- An email confirming the time of your conference(s) will be sent directly to the email address entered at the time of booking.
- If you do not have internet access, please contact the school office by phone: 09 478 7734 or via email on office@sjmb.school.nz and they can make a booking on your behalf.



WINTER ILLNESS

It is that time of year again, when the Winter bugs seem to make their appearance. We know that regular attendance is important for your child's learning, and we appreciate your support in this. However, if your child is unwell, especially with vomiting or diarrhoea, please keep them at home. Children must remain home for **48 hours after the last episode** to help prevent the spread of illness



We ask that you phone or email the school office (Ph 09 478 7734, email office@sjmb.school.nz) or submit an absentee form via the [website](#) for each day they are away. For safety reasons, we do not assume that because they were away yesterday, they are away for the same reason today. Thank you for helping us keep our school community healthy.

Just a friendly, midterm reminder to check your Kindo account www.mykindo.co.nz. If you need any assistance or have any questions regarding your school account, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs Bridges in the school office or the Kindo Helpdesk on Tel: 09 869 5200. They will be able to provide you with the necessary information and guidance.



If you are having technical difficulties with Kindo please feel free to call into the school office to make payment via EFTPOS or Credit Card (minimal payWave & credit card surcharges apply).

KINGS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

Just a reminder that King's Birthday Weekend is coming – all **schools in NZ will be closed on Monday 1st June** for the public holiday.

God bless,
Marina Binns, Principal – Tumuaki

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SOCIAL OUTREACH

This term we will be collecting donations of excellent quality pre-loved and new items; blankets, duvet inners and covers, sleeping bags, infant sleep sacks, NEW pillows, NEW hot water bottles, warm infant, child, teen and adult clothing; pyjamas, robes, socks, beanies, jumpers, track pants and hoodies to be distributed through the charitable organisation, Give a Kid a Blanket.

**Items for donation can be brought into the office anytime
in the week 29th June – 3rd July**



We're looking for a new before and after school care provider

Following the departure of our previous OSCAR (Out of School Care and Recreation) provider at the end of Term 1, we want to acknowledge Carolina and Liz from Little Legends, who stepped up at short notice to provide care this term. We're very grateful for their support of our school community.

The Board is now running a formal process to appoint a provider from Term 3. To help us make the best decision for our community, we'd love to hear what matters most to your family. Please take 2 minutes to complete a short survey <https://forms.gle/USHL5Jm3NRtynKeb7>.



If you know of a provider who might be a great fit for our community, feel free to pass on this notice or send their details to presidingmember@sjmb.school.nz. Applications close Friday 22nd May.

Expression of interest: before and after school care provider *St John's School, Mairangi Bay*

St John's School, Mairangi Bay, is seeking an experienced and passionate provider to operate a before and after school care (OSCAR) programme for our primary school of ~330 students.

We are looking for a provider who shares our commitment to high-quality, safe, and engaging care for tamariki. The programme will operate on school premises, before school (from 7:00am - 8:50am) and after school (2:50pm - 5:30pm), during school term weeks.

Preference will be given to providers who are currently approved, or able to obtain approval, under the Ministry of Social Development OSCAR Approval scheme.

We are looking for a provider who can demonstrate:

- Full compliance with the Education (Outside School Hours Care) Regulations 2022 and Ministry of Education licensing requirements
- A clear, age-appropriate programme and activities philosophy
- A proven approach to child safeguarding and behaviour management
- Sustainable, transparent fee structures for families
- Financial stability and sound governance
- A strong track record of employment compliance and staff wellbeing

To apply, please provide:

1. Organisation overview and ownership structure
2. Details of current or previous OSCAR operations, including references from other schools or similar operations
3. Staffing model, ratios, and recruitment approach
4. Programme philosophy and sample programme
5. Proposed fee structure
6. Evidence of current licences, insurance, and employment practices

Applications close Friday 22nd May. Please send your EOI to presidingmember@sjmb.school.nz with the subject line "OSCAR EOI - St John's Mairangi Bay".

Enquiries to Jamie Russell, Presiding Member, St John's School Board,
presidingmember@sjmb.school.nz.

GARDEN TO TABLE – BAKE SALE

Announcing the return of our annual bake sale for our senior classes!

Wednesday, 3rd June during the morning tea break
(10.30 – 10.50am).



Come and buy our baked goodies that the senior children have made with their own hands.

All items will be \$1.00.

Only children from Years 4 – 6 will be able to purchase items.

All money will go to our garden to table programme.
See you there!

COMMUNITY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Annabelle from Room 4 who's submission to the Ocean Inspired Art Competition Gallery 2026 won first place for the theme of 'Human impact on the ocean (Ika Fish - Age 10 and under). Her art piece is name "the popcorn trap".

"Sometimes, what we leave behind on the beach becomes a nightmare for the animals in the sea. I painted this turtle to show what happens when our 'popcorn rubbish' washes into the ocean – he thought it was food and ate so much that it started growing right out of his shell. The bright mosaic patterns on his back aren't just decorations; they are the pieces of trash that his tummy couldn't hold anymore. As he swims through the wavy currents with the rays, he is carrying the weight of our mistakes. I want this painting to remind everyone that the sand is not a trash can, and our snacks should never become a sea creature's struggle."



Ocean Inspired Art Competition Gallery 2026 - Seaweed <https://share.google/sMUnbDqxuJ2JI16jp>



Congratulations to the Year 4 Sunflower team who placed first in their year level in a Pre-Season Netball Tournament last month.



Did you know you can order your child's school lunch online?

This term, every Ezlunch order puts you in the draw to win.

🕒 **Order & win!** Every Ezlunch order placed between 27th April & 22nd May goes in the draw to win 1 of 20 x \$50 Kindo credits.

📄 **Plus!** Order from the **tuckr menu** and you're also in the weekly draw to win 1 of 8 x \$250 fuel vouchers.

How it works:

- Order Ezlunch between 27th April & 22nd May 2026
 - Every order = one entry in the draw

We're announcing winners every week, so the more you order, the more chances to win!

[Place My Order/s](#)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ALL CHESS LOVERS

TO PROVIDE ALL AUCKLAND JUNIOR OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN CHESS COMPETITION, SCHOOL CHESS DEVELOPMENT WILL HOST REGULAR FREE CHESS COMPETITIONS IN AUCKLAND, ADULTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE FUN.

Voluntary Gold coin donations and other donations to help hosting more free events are welcome.

Email: nsjchess@gmail.com
Date: 16 August 2026
Time: 3:45pm to 6:15pm
Venue: Willow Park School

ADVANCE	MAJOR	JUNIOR
Open to All top players	Experienced, Under 1200 rating	Beginners, Under 800 rating
Top 3: Medals	Top 3: Medals	Top 3: Medals
Format: Swiss 5 rounds 10min + 10sec	Format: Swiss 7 rounds 10min + 5sec	Format: Swiss 8 rounds 10min + 3sec

B Pawn (5) **RA** Rook (8) **IN** Knight (8) **PO** Bishop (8) **W** King (7) **ER** Queen (9)

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREFERENCE FORMS

Fr Carlo will be available to sign the forms on Wednesdays. 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](#).



Register online if you can—or get in touch with the parish office.

Wings.Ngā Parirau
Catholic Faith Formation Programme



St John Baptist, Mairangi Bay
Tuesday 19th May 7pm

All Welcome "Come and See"
To register contact Dianna Fouhy diannaf@cda.org.nz Visit QR code for programme details

Register here

ECB Parish Logo

Thank you to all Parishioners who submitted their designs for the Parish Logo. All submitted designs will be displayed in both Churches. Please participate in voting by ballot in the church or by QR code. **One vote per person.** The winner will be announced at the AGM.



Annual General Meeting 2026

Sunday, 21 June, 12.30pm
St John's School Hall. The PPC and the Finance Committee will present their work from the past year. Also the new PPC members will be elected. See [more here](#).

Why not consider being part of the new PPC? Come and join us.

New Dawn Counselling

Counselling for all ages now available at St John's Church, if you would like to know more or arrange an appointment, please contact the [office](#), Rand at randpetros@gmail.com, or [visit](#)

