



16th June
2026

NEWSLETTER

Te Reo ō te Kura ō Hato Hoāni
The voice of St John's School

Kia ora whānau,

It was a very special occasion to share in the Sacrament of Initiation as a number of our children were confirmed and celebrated their First Holy Communion. Congratulations to all the candidates and we look forward to you joining us in Eucharist at the Mass for the Feast of St John the Baptist on Wednesday 24th June. The school will be joining the parish at the 9:15am Mass at St John's Church.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

We look forward to the opportunity for all parents to catch up with their child's class teachers. A reminder that, to ensure all parents who wish to attend can, **school will be finishing at 12:00pm this 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.

Bookings for the upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences will close this Wednesday 17th June at 12:00pm.

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.



God bless,
Marina Binns, Principal – Tumuaki

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WINTER WARM UP - SOCIAL OUTREACH



Friday 3rd July, our Matariki Celebration Day, will also be an opportunity for social outreach. Students are encouraged to wear their pyjamas to school in exchange for a donation of a gold coin or new / used winter warm up items to donate to those in need. Funds raised and items collected will be distributed through the charitable organisation, Give a Kid a Blanket.

Community Service: Give a Kid a Blanket Appeal

"Never see a need without doing something about it." St Mary MacKillop

As the winter chill sets in, our school community is stepping up to answer St Mary MacKillop's call to action. This term, St John is proud to partner once again with the incredible local charity "Give a Kid a Blanket" (GaKaB) to support families in need across our wider community.



To live out our school charism in a practical, hands-on way, our Young MacKillops student group will be leading this project from start to finish. They won't just be collecting items—they will be taking full ownership of the drive by organising, sorting, and sizing the donations at school to save GaKaB's volunteers valuable time, before personally delivering them to the HQ on Thursday, July 2nd.

How You Can Help: From now until Thursday 2nd July, we will be collecting donations of new and excellent condition pre-loved blankets, sleeping bags, duvets, baby sleep sacks, winter bedding, duvet inners and covers, pyjamas beanies, socks, jumpers, winter coats, and rain coats. Also accepted are new pillows and new hot water bottles.

We would love your support in helping our students make a tangible difference this winter. Please keep an eye out for specific age and sizing needs, which we will share closer to the launch date. You may also like to follow their [Facebook Page](#) or visit [their website](#).

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping our ākongā recognise a need and act on it!

MATARIKI CELEBRATION



We invite you to join us at our Matariki Morning celebration at St. John's School if you are able! Below are a few details about the event.

This is an event for you to enjoy **with** your tamariki (all students must be supervised by an adult during this time).

Date: Friday, 3rd July.

Time: 7.00 - 8.30am
(If you are a keen stargazer, starting at 6:00am we have some telescopes at school to view the stars before sunrise).

Location: Top court/ Hall/ Library/ Garden/ Church.

Matariki, the Māori New Year, is a time of reflection, celebration, and connection with our whānau and community. Join us as we honour this special occasion with a morning filled with activities, performances, and shared kai.

To help us with catering, please RSVP using this [link](#) for approximate numbers.

Starting at 7:00am there will be activities that you can wander between and enjoy at your own pace.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

- Star gazing: Volunteers from the Auckland Astronomical Society will be bringing telescopes
- Activities: Planting, string weaving, sending our intentions, and waiata
- Remembrance: Candle lighting in St John's Church for loved ones who have died

- Kai: A shared soup breakfast to enjoy together (please bring a travel mug if you have one)
- Hot Drinks: Tea and coffee will be available in the hall

At 8:15am we will gather for waiata-singing, before moving into the normal school day. This will start with sharing from our Kapa Haka group.

If you cannot commit to the whole time, please do not worry. We would love to see you, even if it is only for a short while. We look forward to celebrating Matariki with you and your tamariki.

Your presence will make this occasion even more special.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Families who would like to remember a special person who has died can make a Google slide for our memorial slide show in the Church during our Matariki Morning. This can include the person's name, image and details of their life. You are welcome to create a slide for more than one person. Please note, this is **one slide per person**, not a slide show!

Alternatively, students are invited to bring in a copy of a photo, or email the image and information, to their classroom teacher.

Click on the [link](#) to see an example.

KAITIAKI GUARDIANS

BAKE SALE

On Wednesday, the 3rd of June, the Kaitiaki Guardians had a bake sale. There were cookies, lolly bags, brownies, muffins, and cake. Everyone was very excited to eat the baking that the senior students had made during their Garden to Table sessions this term.

Only the seniors were allowed to buy things, as this is an annual event that is run every year to raise money for our sustainability programme at school. Also, it's fun. We raised \$252.00

Thank you to the senior kids who brought \$1 to buy something. We appreciate it.

By Maria and Poppy (Room 4)



WEDNESDAY CLUB

This past month, the Kaitiaki Guardians have been going into the nature gully and building a track to guide people through the area. We have been drilling holes and drilling screws into the wooden planks to make a track.

We did not build the track to walk on the wooden planks, we built it to guide people through the nature gully. The wooden planks are by the side of the track. We loved building the track; it was a lot of fun because we got to use the drill! Lots of us have never used a drill before, but lots of us were naturals! We loved sharing what we did at the Wednesday club with you.

Thank you for reading our article.

Written by Stella H and Zoe P.

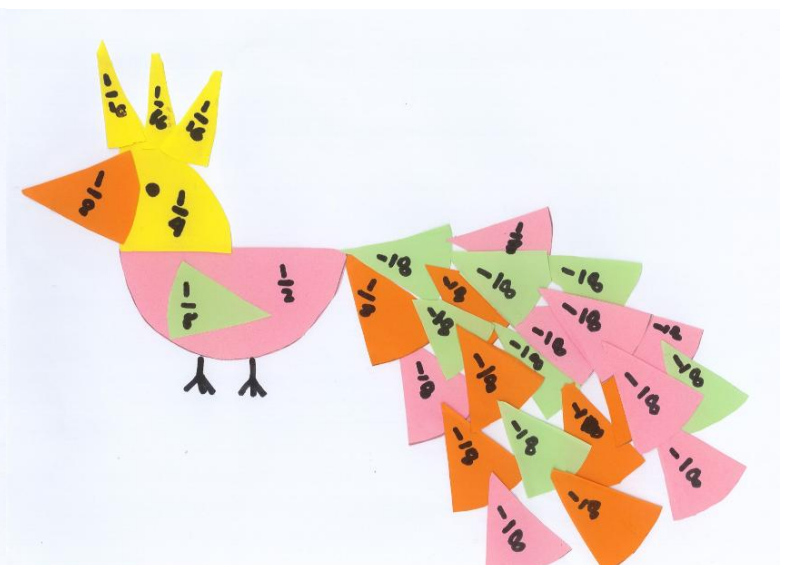


FRACTION FUN – YEAR 3

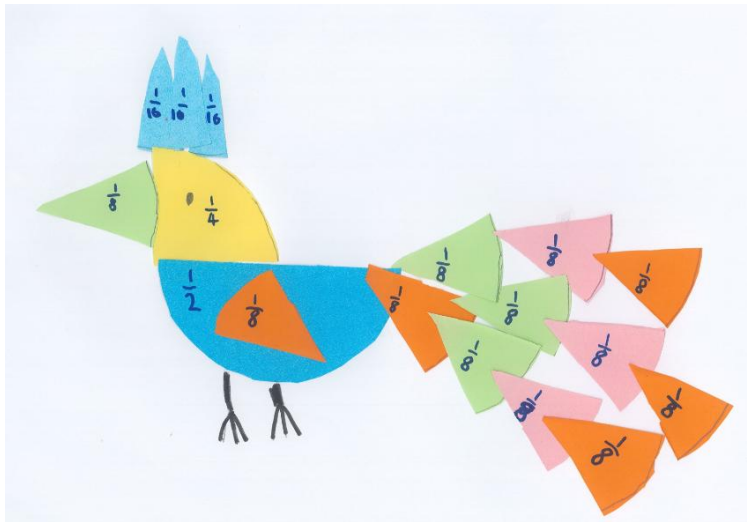
As part of their Maths programme, Room 8 created some wonderful fraction birds. I was very impressed as the children shared their knowledge of fractions, explaining how a $\frac{1}{2}$ is bigger than $\frac{1}{16}$ because to get a half you only have to share between two people, and with a sixteenth you get a lot less because you must share between 16 people.



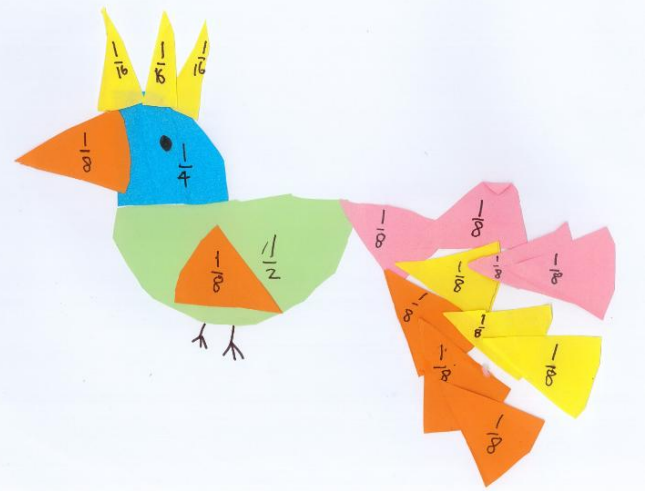
Alice



Madison



Seong Joo



Louie

YEAR 6 VISIT TO MOTAT



MOTAT by San K

Last Thursday, Room 5 and Room 6 went to MOTAT to learn more about the forces of flight and Newton's laws. We saw lots of planes in the aviation hall that were used in the early 1930s. There were big planes, small planes and jet planes.

After seeing the planes, we went to the second floor into a small classroom filled with activities that relate to Newton's 3 laws. My favourite activity was the one where you make a plane and the challenge was to make sure it was aerodynamic, so it was always in the middle of a wind tunnel.

Next, we went on the MOTAT tram to go to the other side of MOTAT. When we arrived we had lunch and went to explore a small museum. My favourite part was the VR because it felt like I was on a plane flying over the city and going under the harbour bridge.

The trip was so much fun I wish I could go again sometime.



MOTAT Trip by Irene

On Thursday all the Year Sixes went to M.O.T.A.T to learn about aerodynamics and the forces of flight. We went by bus and got to see a hall full of helicopters and aeroplanes from the 19th century!

First, we had our morning tea and had a session with Simone (our guide) about the forces of flight, thrust, lift, weight, and drag. It was pretty fun because there were many examples and experiments around that we could try ourselves!

After the testing of the experiments, we went to have a look at the aviation hall full with aeroplanes. My favourite was Queen Elizabeth's plane because it was a plane and also a boat! There was even this helicopter that we could go inside and even control.... but we couldn't fly it.

Next we went to lunch and then we got to explore the village. We even got to go inside a school which was built in the 1800s. After that we got to do VR! It was such an amazing experience.

We had an extraordinary time visiting different planes, looking at different artefacts and going to a VR! Our time at M.O.T.A.T was lovely. It was amazing and I wish I could go into the past and enjoy M.O.T.A.T again.



MOTAT Trip! by Pippa A

On Thursday, the Year 6s went to M.O.T.A.T. to learn about the forces of flight and see real planes from the early 19th century. After we got off the bus and had our morning tea, we went to explore the massive aviation hall where all the airplanes were kept. My favourite was probably the big white plane that Queen Elizabeth flew on.

After we had a little look around, Simone (our guide) took us up to the classroom where she would be teaching us about aerodynamics and the forces of flight. There were a bunch of different activities like making a mini plane, a cup where you had to seal a card to the top, and a tunnel with a little guy on a parachute that went flying!

When we finished and had another look around, we hopped on a tram to go to the other side of M.O.T.A.T. There was a rainbow machine, a playground (well, two actually) and even a V.R experience! Out of all the stuff I did, my favourite was probably the V.R. You would fly over Auckland, seeing a bunch of stuff like a big submarine, a drone, and other amazing things!!

A little bit later, we went to this place that had a room with comfy chairs and a video all about carbon, an energy machine which made these balls drop if you put enough energy in it, and a seat with a rope so you can hoist yourself up!! Just as I thought it was finished, we went to this old village with multiple houses, schools, shops, and even a church!!

Sadly, after we had seen all of the village, we had to go back to school. It was an amazing trip and I will never forget what I learned and all the fun I had.



INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Last Wednesday 48 children from Years 4-6 went to represent the school at the Super Cluster Interschool Cross Country. Running between 1.5 and 3.2 km, the children ran in their year level groups against the top runners from 7 other schools.

Congratulations to all the children who qualified and competed for our school; Erin S, Kate S, Ava M, So-Eun K, Felicity D, Bella K, Layla C, Catherine R, Benjamin H, Harley O, Walker S, Eli A, Wyatt M, Max B, Kobe C, Oliver K, Eliza M, Annabelle Z, Lola A, Bella D, Zoe P, Grace A, Sadie M, Florence H, Joshua W, Aayan F, Gabriel H, Dylan M, Oscar M, Maz B, Louie A, Lachie S, Caoimhe H, Irene R, Maggie K, Zoe W, Alena J, Amy T, Saoirse L, Rocio D, Daniel S, San K, Nico J, Thomas H, Carter G, Lachlan O, Jude B and Ricardo F.





A special congratulations to those children who placed in the top 10 students in their year group.
 Year 4 Boys; 4th Benjamin H and 8th Walker S.
 Year 4 Girls; 1st Erin S and 7th Kate S.
 Year 5 Boys; 1st Joshua W, 3rd Aayan F and 10th Gabriel H.
 Year 6 Boys; 4th Daniel S.

She's coming back...!

Jo Robertson

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St John's School HALL

Wednesday 12 August

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Over the last Summer break, Matthew H and Daniel H took part in the Summer Reading Challenge. They read throughout the holidays, tracking what they read. It was lovely to present them with their certificates and badges at the last assembly.

Congratulations Matthew and Daniel.

FANTASTIC GYMNASTICS RESULTS

Congratulations to Gabriella F (representing Waitakere) and Lucy M (representing North Harbour Gymnastics) for their amazing performances at their recent gymnastics competition!

Gabriella placed 4th overall and 1st in teams and Lucy placed 5th overall and 2nd in teams.

Both girls showed incredible dedication and commitment to their sport. We are incredibly proud of your hard work and fantastic results—well done, girls!



We love hearing about what the children are up to out of school... If you would like to share your child's extra curricula achievements, please feel free to email a photo and a short explanation to marinab@sjmb.school.nz with NEWSLETTER in the subject line.



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

MONDAY 6TH JULY - FRIDAY 17TH JULY



Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme which includes a special 'Games of Matariki' day - this is an action-packed sports day celebrating the Māori New Year, a time for new beginnings and bold goals.

We have lots of sports, awesome games and **MUCH MORE** on offer these holidays!
(some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones)

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9AM - 3PM

If your child/ren are collected late after the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$20 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

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Stars, Stripes & Sports

Saddle up for a star-spangled 4th of July Sports Day! Join us for football, baseball, cornhole, and plenty more, bring your competitive spirit and let the games begin!



Wicket Wonders

Howzat! The cricket grounds are calling, it's time to step up to the crease. Let's bowl with precision, field with focus, and smash our way to T20 glory!



Ultimate Human

The ultimate test of strength, speed, & skill. Push your limits, compete in exhilarating challenges. Are you ready to prove you're the ultimate human?



Games of Matariki

Let's celebrate by playing Traditional Māori Games & Ki o Rahi today. It's an action-packed sports day celebrating the Māori New Year, a time for new beginnings and bold goals.



Matariki

PUBLIC HOLIDAY TODAY

No programme today. We hope you enjoy this day with your whānau and we can't wait to see you next week.



Stick and Score

Can you do a perfectly placed shot? What about a flick? Come and try your hand at hockey and practice your skills to score the ultimate goal!



Dodgeball Dash

Hone your throwing accuracy, master your dodging techniques, and build stronger teamwork through fun drills and high-energy mini-games.



Footy Fun

Today, it's all about the oval ball - Rugby, League, AFL, or all of the above! Grab your mates, pick your game, and let's kick off an action-packed day of footy fun!



Leadership League

A fun-filled sports day where kids step up, lead teams, and build confidence through play and teamwork!



Hoops Frenzy

Get ready for a high-energy day of hoops fun! Build your dribbling, passing, and shooting skills through exciting drills and games, then put them to the test in friendly competitions.

Our programmes are suitable for children aged 5-13yrs and activities are adapted to suit all abilities. Every care is taken to ensure the safety of your children and their property. However organisers of Kelly Sports accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child or child's property.

Payment is required before the holiday programme begins. An invoice will be issued when a completed booking is received.



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- ✓ Learn to code using Scratch
- ✓ Let us Learn 3D Printing
- ✓ Minecraft - Develop your own Mods
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FROM THE PARISH

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](#).



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](#)

