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NEWSLETTER

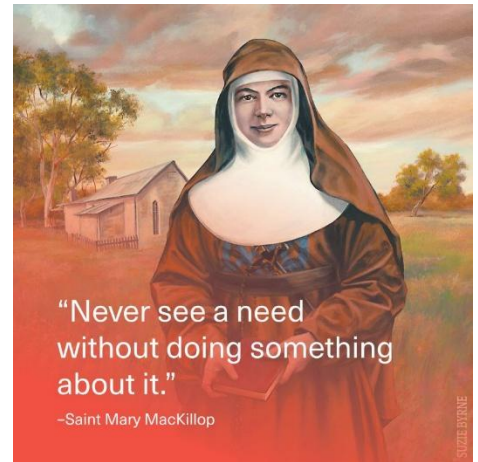
Te Reo ō te Kura ō Hato Hoāni
The voice of St John's School

Kia ora whānau,

As we rapidly approach the end of another busy and productive term, I want to highlight some wonderful opportunities for our school community to come together in the coming days, while also looking ahead to a well-deserved break.

We are gearing up for our upcoming **WINTER WARM UP SOCIAL OUTREACH**, and I am always incredibly proud of how wholeheartedly our community responds to support those in need.

Living out our school charism in a practical, hands-on way, our **Young MacKillops** student group will be leading our "Give a Kid a Blanket" (GaKaB) appeal. They are taking full ownership of this project—organising, sorting, and sizing the donations right here at school to save the charity's volunteers valuable time, before personally delivering them to the HQ on **Thursday, 2nd July**.



How You Can Support Us This Week

We are still collecting donations from now until **Thursday, 2nd July**. If you are able to contribute, we would love your support in helping our students make a tangible difference this winter.

We are accepting new or excellent condition pre-loved items:

- Blankets, sleeping bags, duvets, duvet inners, and covers.
- Baby sleep sacks and winter bedding.
- Warm pyjamas, beanies, socks, jumpers, winter coats, and raincoats.
- **New** pillows and **new** hot water bottles.

MATARIKI CELEBRATION & PYJAMA DAY

To cap off the term, **Friday, 3rd July** will be our Matariki Celebration Day! This will also double as a fantastic opportunity for social outreach. Students are encouraged to **wear their pyjamas to school** in exchange for a gold coin donation or a new/used winter warm-up item. Thank you to all those who have already donated. All funds raised and items collected on the day will go directly to *Give a Kid a Blanket* to support families facing the winter chill.

We invite you to join us at our Matariki Morning celebration this Friday 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).

STAFF UPDATE



Farewell to Karen Dorrington

After more than 8 years of service to our school sports program, Karen Hulena Dorrington, our Sport Co-ordinator, will be leaving St John's and joining the sports team at Westlake Girls High School. Her last day with us will be July 27th. Karen has been a driving force behind our sports teams, encouraging countless students to get active on the court, field and turf. We are immensely grateful for her years of hard work and wish her the absolute best in her future endeavours.

Thank you for helping out

Thank you to Mrs Gail Hardy and Mrs Vivienne Ball who returned to us for Term 2 in Mrs McFadzean's absence. We have loved seeing you around the school again and really appreciate all your work with our students this term. While we will miss your smiles and chats, we hope you can enjoy some relaxation, family time and wish you well on your next adventures.

Thank you to Mrs Colleen Binns who has been manning the front office while Mrs Bridges has been visiting family over the past three weeks. We appreciate all your support over the last few weeks, particularly at the front desk and in the sick bay.



Opening Room 10!

We are excited to be opening Room 10 at the beginning of Term 3 and welcoming, not only our newest students, but new staff members as well. We have appointed two fantastic teachers in a job-share capacity for the remainder of the year:

- Mrs. Emma Burjony will be the lead teacher, welcoming students on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.
- Mrs. Natasha Coughlan will be teaching the class on Thursday and Friday.

We are delighted to have both Emma and Natasha on board to guide our littlest learners!

New Roles and New Faces

Supporting our ESOL Learners: Mrs. Rachael Chandler We are incredibly blessed to have Mrs. Rachael Chandler on our staff, and she is stepping into an exciting new focus. Next term, Rachael will be taking up a specialized role to support some of our English language learners (ESOL), while still maintaining a portion of her current classroom Learning Support Assistant (LSA) responsibilities. We know she will do an amazing job guiding our students in this space.

Welcome to the Team: Mrs. Jane Lee Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Mrs. Jane Lee, who is joining our team as a new Learning Support Assistant (LSA). Jane will be working across various classrooms 4 days a week, offering support to our students' learning journeys.

We wish them all well in their new roles and responsibilities.

Wishing You a Blessed Break

Once our final celebrations conclude on Friday, it will be time for everyone to enjoy a well-earned rest. I want to extend my gratitude to our dedicated staff for their hard work, our students for their energy, and you, our families, for your unwavering partnership. I wish everyone in our school community a happy, safe, and relaxing holiday. May this break be a time of refreshment, quality time with loved ones, and staying cosy and warm.

We look forward to seeing everyone return safely and recharged for Term 3!

God bless,
Marina Binns, Principal – Tumuaki

THE CHICKEN AND THE SCRAMBLED EGGS...

Yesterday I held a little fluffy chick in my classroom. Their eyes are as small as a mouse. Their claws are as small as a bug. They are as fast as a jet. They are as cute as a hamster. It is as fluffy as a rabbit. They have a sharp tooth on the middle of their beak.

Adaline

In the morning Sarah [Abbot] came to our classroom. She brought Fluffy and Gumbooty with her. If hens lived out in the wild they would live up to five years. If they live on a farm they will live up to twelve years. Sarah rescued the hens from a farm called a battery farm.

Grace



On Friday we made scrambled eggs. First I cracked one egg into a shiny silver bowl. Next I whisked it with a whisk. Then I poured it into a big hot frying pan. Then I fried it. I mixed it together with the yolk and albumen. Finally I enjoyed it.

Arwen

On Friday we made scrambled eggs. We made scrambled eggs. First we cracked the egg in a shiny silver bowl and mixed the albumen with the yolk. Then we whisked the egg in the bowl. Next we poured the egg into the hot steaming pan and cooked the scrambled egg. Finally we went outside and enjoyed it.

Mason





The Board is pleased to announce that Kelly Club will be our onsite provider of before and after school care beginning in Term 3.

We would like to once again thank Little Legends for their care and service to the community over the last term while the board went through the appointment process.

From Kelly Club...

Kelly Club is excited to be bringing our before and after-school care and holiday programmes to St John's School from Term 3 2026 (Monday 20 July).

Kelly Club has been operating throughout NZ for over 17 years, and our motto is "Kids Home Away from Home".

Kids who attend our programme get to do a wonderful array of different things in a fun, safe and caring environment. Things like sports and games, arts and crafts, baking and cooking, science and discovery, along with structured free play after a long day at school.

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For families needing care over the July holidays, we have holiday programmes operating from Albany Primary School, Takapuna Primary School and Chelsea Primary School.

We look forward to seeing you at Kelly Club in Term 3.

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Check out our wide range of activities, easy online booking system, flexible payment options and childcare subsidy information at:

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Year 0 to 6 at St John's Mairangi Bay

Before-school options:
7:00am – 8:30am (Incl Breakfast): \$16
7:45am – 8:30am: \$11

After-school options:
2:50pm – 4:30pm: \$17
2:50pm – 6:00pm: \$24

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- Supporting your school**
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- Childcare subsidies**
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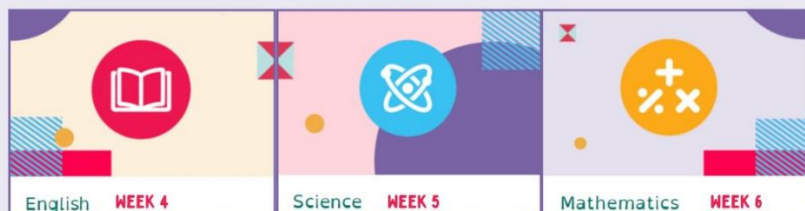
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St John's School will participate in the world-renowned ICAS competition in Term 3.

ICAS
assessments

This international competition is optional and open to all interested Year 4 to 6 students.

We will be offering the competition in



Registration closes on
Monday 27 July 2026

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She's coming back...!

Jo Robertson

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Join Jo Robertson,

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- clear relationship messages,
- strong counter-narratives,
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Wednesday 12 August

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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<https://tinyurl.com/3tycumh2>

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COMMUNITY CONGRATULATIONS

ST JOHN'S GYMNASTS SHINE FOR NORTH HARBOUR GYMNASTICS AT ARGOS ELEMENTARY COMPETITION

Congratulations to Irene R and Catherine R, two of our St John's students who compete for North Harbour Gymnastics, on a fantastic showing at the ARGOS Elementary Competition in Tauranga two weekends ago! Irene secured 3rd place in teams, while Catherine finished an impressive 6th overall and 1st in teams. Their hard work and determination really shone through. Congratulations to you both on some brilliant results!



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.

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

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For more information from the Parish, please see [their regular newsletter](#).

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](#)





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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO:

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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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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

SUNNYBRAE NORMAL SCHOOL

**JULY
2026**

FULL WEEK \$275
7.45AM - 5.45PM

FULL DAY \$60
7.45AM - 5.45PM

SCHOOL DAY \$48
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 & Kī 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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- ✓ Minecraft - Develop your own Mods
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