



**21st July
2026**



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

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome back to the new term. I hope that you have had the chance for a break from routine and are looking forward to a full and exciting term ahead. Yesterday we welcomed our newest students and whānau to the school with our traditional pōwhiri. We pray that their time spent at St John's will be blessed and happy.

Thank you to all those who were able to celebrate Matariki with us at the end of last term. It was a lovely morning and many braved the early morning to do a bit of star gazing. Thanks to the staff who helped facilitate the different activities of the morning.

This Friday at assembly we will be farewelling Mrs Karen Dorrington. You are most welcome to join us in thanking her for her years of service and wishing her well on her next adventures. Assembly will begin at 1:40pm.

Next week, on Thursday 30th July, our rugby teams will be going out for the second day of their tournament. Go show off that amazing team spirit and enjoy every minute!

Kelly Club have started at St John's. To learn more or to book your spot, please visit: www.kellyclub.co.nz/sjmb

God bless,
Marina Binns, Principal – Tumuaki

ICAS ASSESSMENTS

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**

**Please click this image for more
information and to register your child**



MAIRANGI BAY ART CENTRE – MATARIKI EXHIBITION

Every year our Year 6 classes prepare artwork for display at the Mairangi Bay Art Centre for Matariki. Inspired by their learning around Matariki, our Year 6 students created these striking radial weaving stars. Each double-sided star is woven over a vibrant circular card background using dye and glitter to evoke the luminous depth of a galaxy. They are proudly exhibiting their work as part of the Mairangi Arts Centre's (MAC) annual Matariki Exhibition, currently on display at the centre (20 Hastings Road).

This year the exhibition began over the holidays. Leon, Bernard, Aaron and Lauren, popped in and had a wonderful time. They really enjoyed viewing the artwork, watching the performances, and trying the delicious food. Thank you for sharing your photos with us.



BOKASHI COMPOSTING

Currently, the two Year 5 classes have been trialling bokashi composting. Bokashi is just like normal composting, but you can put any food in it, including meat, bread, yogurt, or anything else left over in your lunch box! Also, we need to add the special zing seasoning to the mix. At the moment, we are thinking about keeping the bokashi program. We are using it in two garden beds and will see which garden beds grow better. The ones with bokashi composting or normal composting.

We currently have white buckets for the whole school that we use for composting. Now we have two green & black buckets (only for Year 5s) that we use for bokashi composting.

We process the bokashi by mashing it with a masher, then sprinkle a little wood chips all over it. Then we put it in a large white bucket, let it set for two weeks, and feed it to our worms.

By Connor B and Will T



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 Lakers. They played extremely well throughout the term and took out the win for the A grade for Term 2.



WINTER ILLNESSES AND ABSENCES



We know that every day of attendance at school makes a positive difference to your child's learning, however, no child can focus on learning if they are feeling sick or miserable. At this time of the year, it is not uncommon that children get sick with coughs and colds and other Winter illnesses.

As part of our commitment to the wellbeing of all students and staff, we kindly ask that you keep your child at home if they are unwell – especially if they require medication such as paracetamol (e.g. [Pamol](#)) to get through the day. While paracetamol can ease discomfort, it often masks symptoms without treating the underlying illness.

Unwell children may find it hard to concentrate and fully engage in learning, and they may also spread illness to others. Keeping them at home until they have fully recovered helps protect everyone in our school community.

We appreciate that every child is different, and you know your child best, however, please ensure they return to school when they are fully well and ready to participate in learning. Thank you for your support in keeping our school a healthy place for all.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER VOMITING OR DIARRHOEA

To help prevent the spread of illness, we follow Ministry of Health guidelines, which recommend that children stay home for at least 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. This allows time for full recovery and helps keep other students and staff safe from infection.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

Please inform the school office of your child's absence as soon as possible, identifying the reason for the absence as due to illness. Either via Tel: 09 478 7734 #1, email: office@sjmb.school.nz, or the school [website](#). For safety reasons, we do not assume that a student is "still sick" if they are away a second day. Please inform the office each and every day your child is absent.

YUMMY APPLES



Just a reminder that we are collecting stickers from Yummy apples.

At the end of the promotion these are redeemed for a share of \$200,000 of Sports Equipment. Yummy apples can be purchased from Pak'n'Save, New World and Four Square supermarkets.

It's easy to get involved: Collect stickers from Yummy apples or cut out the label from Yummy apple bags. Stick them on the official sticker charts and return completed charts to the office when they are full. New charts also available from the office.

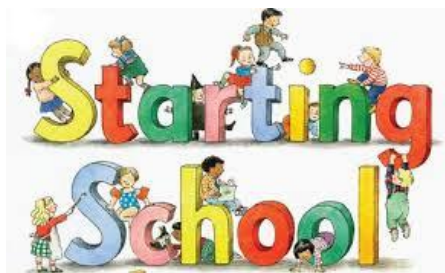
KINDO

Just a friendly, 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.

mykindo

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).

ENROLMENTS FOR 2027



Just a little reminder that enrolments are coming in for 2027 (and further). If you have not lodged an enrolment for next year, we encourage you to do so to ensure that you get a place.

Enrolment applications close on August 31st of the year prior to school starts but can be received at any time. Please contact michelen@sjmb.school.nz for any enrolment queries.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Keep up to date with school events through downloading and linking the SJMB Community Calendar. [Link to download calendar](#)

PTFA



Looking to pick up a few extra uniform pieces or clear out your child's wardrobe? Come along to our 2nd Hand Uniform Sale!

When: Wednesday 5th August at 2:30pm
Where: in the School Hall

Donations Needed: If you have any pre-loved uniform items in good condition, we would love your support! Please drop off any donations at the school office prior to the sale. Thank you for supporting our school community! Please complete this [form](#) if you would like the school to sell items on your behalf.

Raising Boys in Today's World



Jo Robertson is Coming Back to
St. John's Primary School —
and You're Invited!

What do boys need most right now?

In a world filled with online influence, mixed messages, and increasing pressure on young people, many parents are asking the same thing:

How do we raise good young men?

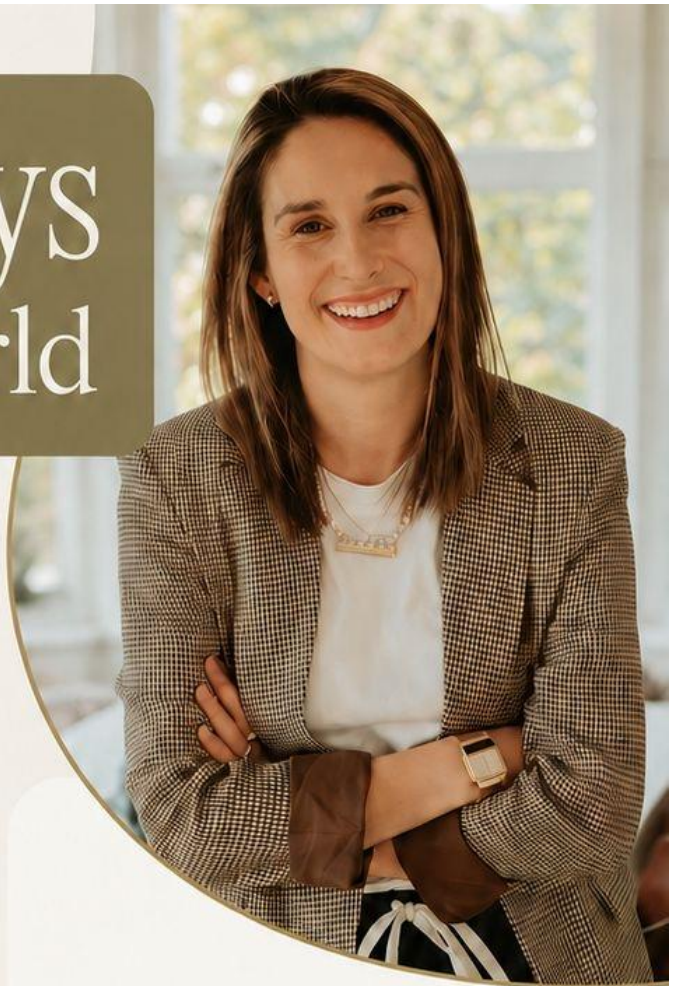
Join leading life educator Jo Robertson for a powerful, practical, and honest conversation about what boys need today — and how we can better support them as parents and communities.

Together, we'll explore:

- open conversations without shame
- healthy masculinity and respectful relationships
- emotional wellbeing and connection
- navigating online influences and counter-narratives
- what boys truly need to thrive in today's world



*For parents, caregivers, and anyone
wanting to raise thoughtful, empathetic,
well-connected young men.*



EVENT DETAILS



St John's
Primary School



Wednesday
12 August



7:30 PM –
8:30 PM

BOOK YOUR SPOT



Scan the QR code to book
via Eventbrite

email: ptfa@sjmb.school.nz

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](#).

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](#)



COMMUNITY NOTICES

INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENT PROGRAMME

Incredibly uncertain, incredibly different, yet also incredibly enlightening and promising.

Incredible Years Parent programme for parents and caregivers of children aged 3-8 years

Incredible Years Parent Programme 2026 North and West Auckland Region

HEAR OUR STORY LTD

QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DEVELOPMENT FACILITATORS

Introducing Russell Su'a, Donna Southworth and Susie Talimalo-Ikhihele of Hear Our Story Limited. We are a team of specialist teachers, parents and grandparents with a passion for empowering families to create positive change from the inside out. We work as a team and tailor our approach to meet the needs of our families, communities and partners.

About IY Parent

The Incredible Years programme for caregivers is based on 30 years of research. Developed by Dr Carolyn Webster-Stratton, it provides caregivers with strategies to navigate and thrive through the unknown and diverse behaviours. It's evidence-based, meaning there's a wealth of research proving its effectiveness.

Sign up with Hear Our Story Ltd

You are welcome to bring a partner, close friend or relative. You can also

What you'll learn

You will learn strategies to communicate and have a positive relationship with your tamariki who may see the world in a different way. Often this is less about the child and more about your response as a caregiver. You'll learn to reflect on your behaviour and play at their level to meet their needs.

Who is the course for?

Any parent or caregiver who is finding their child's behaviour challenging (ages 3-8 years) is welcome to join our programme. Whether your child

Where and when?

When: Tuesday (See dates)
From: 9.30-12pm
Duration: 14 Weeks

Where: Windsor Park Baptist Church 550 East Coast Road, Mairangi Bay, Auckland (Use the Noel Williams Drive entrance.)

Start Date: 28 July 2026
Finish Date: 10 November 2026

[Hear Our Story IYP 2026 Enrolment form.docx](#)

Click on the link, download the enrolment form, complete it and email to hearourstory3@gmail.com

If you have any further questions please email
hearourstory3@gmail.com and or contact Susie

CONTACT Mobile
Susie 021774016

<https://incredibleyrs.wpengine.com/programs/parent/>

November: 3, 10
NB: No IYP on public holidays