



**18th August
2026**

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau,

It is hard to believe that the end of this week marks the midway point of Term 3. Time has flown by as our classrooms, sports fields, and playgrounds have been filled with energy, curiosity, and active learning.

Despite the chilly winter weather, our tamariki have shown wonderful resilience and enthusiasm in their classroom lessons, school trips into the community, liturgical celebrations and winter sports leagues and tournaments. As we head into the second half of the term, we have plenty to look forward to, including welcoming new students to St John's, Whānau sharing time, school and sports photos, Scholastic Book Fair, Te Wiki o te Reo Māori and social outreach opportunities including Daffodil Day and Cans for Christmas.

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There was a LOT of excitement around the school last Friday and I imagine this carried on at homes after school too. The children were really looking forward to their disco and put a lot of effort into their outfits and a lot of energy into their dancing led from the stage by DJ Ray. Thank you to the PTFA for planning and organising a fantastic event for our children. We really appreciate all the parents and staff who gave their time to decorate the hall, cook the sausages, supervise and clean up afterwards. Without our awesome community, these events just wouldn't happen.



KIDS ARTWORK

As part of our PTFA fundraising this year, your children have created a piece of artwork which can be ordered as a calendar, greeting cards, diary, mousepad or sketch pads. A flyer will be coming home with your child today with more information and a code that is unique to your child if you wish to order.



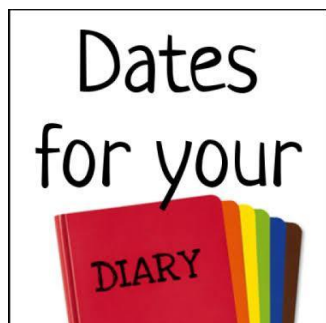
If you wish to see the different items, sample products are available to view in the school office

Close off for orders is Monday 31st August.

Calendars	\$15.00
Cards	\$15.00
Diaries	\$18.00
Mouse Mats	\$15.00
Sketch Pads	\$15.00

COLA UPDATE

We have received formal approval from the Diocese for the installation of the COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area) on the top court. The Board have appointed a contractor and the design and consent process has started. We are hoping to have this installed over Summer.



Reminder that school will be closed for a Teacher Only Day on Friday 28th August.

Friday 11th September we will be having a Whānau Sharing time where the children will invite and host their whānau (any and all who would like to come) during the afternoon (starting at 1:30pm); sharing their learning and their favourite activities and spaces around the school. More details will follow, but we would love you to put it in your diary now.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

God bless, and thank you for your continued partnership, prayers, and support in guiding our young learners.

Marina Binns, Principal – Tumuaki

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DAFFODIL DAY

As a faith community, we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ, showing love, empathy, and comfort to those who need it most. For over 20 years, St John's School has proudly stood in solidarity with the Cancer Society through our annual Daffodil Day appeal.



Due to the Teacher Only Day on the Friday 28th August, we will be celebrating Daffodil Day at school on Thursday 27th. Students are invited to wear a yellow item to school, and families are encouraged to donate to our St. John's School Fundraising page. This QR code links directly to our fundraising page. Please share this code with friends and family who may like to donate too.

CARING MASS

The Bishop of Auckland's Caring Mass is an annual celebration hosted by the Catholic Caring Foundation. It brings together Catholic schools and social services across the diocese to recognise a "community of givers." During this special liturgy, the Bishop honours individuals who have demonstrated outstanding care, compassion, and dedicated service to the poor and vulnerable in their communities.



A huge congratulations to this year's recipients from St John's School; Alena J, Leon K, Irene R and Cody T. Being selected by your peers to attend this meaningful event is a true testament to your character. Your classmates have recognised the genuine kindness and empathy you show every day.

We were incredibly proud to have you represent our school at Christ the King, Owairaka.



CANS FOR CHRISTMAS 2026



Cans for Christmas was established in 2015 as a community-building project between Catholic schools around New Zealand to donate cans of food to their local St. Vincent de Paul or Foodbank. Over the years, this wonderful initiative has grown significantly, bringing together dozens of schools across the country to collect tens of thousands of cans for those in need.

Once again, St. John's School is proud to be taking part in this project, and we encourage all of our families to donate at least one can of food. Challenge yourself to go a little beyond that sad old can of baked beans at the back of your cupboard! Think about what cans of food you actually enjoy eating—there are so many great options to choose from that are healthy, nutritious, and a yummy part of your favourite recipes.

We will be collecting cans during week 7 this term, Monday 31st August to Thursday, 3rd September. Donated cans can be dropped off directly to classrooms.

Remember that we are proud of our Catholic values, and that means thinking about others and doing good deeds. So, let's do some good! When you go shopping, put an extra can or two in your trolley and send them along to school. Thank you for your wonderful support!

Cara Mountjoy
Director of Religious Studies

HEARING AND VISION TESTING

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

The National Public Health Service - Northern Region Vision and Hearing Screening team will be visiting our school on Friday, 4 September 2026.

This screening is for **Years 0-2 students** who have **not yet completed** their B4 School Check, or any required **follow-up rescreen**. (Further information: [B4 School Check – Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora](#)).

If you **do not want your child** to take part in the vision and hearing screening, please let the school know **before the visit** by emailing office@sjmb.school.nz so we have a written record of your wishes.

Your child's screening **results will be sent home** with your child. These results may also be shared with the school, including your child's teacher to support their learning and wellbeing.

INTERSCHOOL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

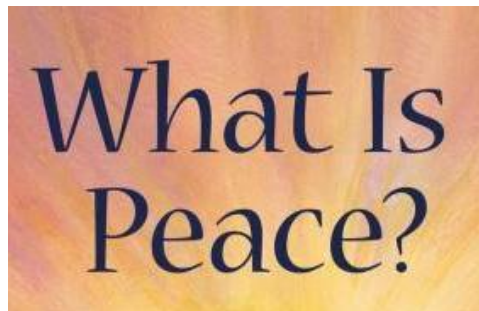
On Monday the 3rd of August, St John's boys' and girls' hockey teams travelled to North Harbour Hockey Stadium to compete against other schools in an exciting hockey tournament. Both teams showed great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the day. The players worked hard, and supported each other, and represented great pride to St John's. The girls' team had an outstanding tournament, finishing in 2nd place and showing excellent skill and commitment in their games. The boys' St John's team also played with great effort and resilience, coming in 1st place!

It was a fantastic day filled with exciting and tiring matches, new challenges, and great memories. Congratulations to all the players for their hard work and dedication and thank you to everyone who supported the teams during the tournament.

By: Poppy C (Room 4)



PEACE WEEK WRITING



When asked what Peace is to them during Peace Week, one of our Year 2 students, Claire K from Room 9, wrote the following.

Peace looks like lying down in the grass and staring at the stars and getting a hug from your mum.

Peace sounds like being calm and hearing the birds tweeting and gentle music and saying kind words.

Peace feels like having a friendship and being nice and being calm.

CONGRATULATIONS

HUTT VALLEY GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

A huge congratulations to Lucy, who competed over the weekend in the Hutt Valley Gymnastics competition representing North Harbour Gymnastics.

Across two days of high-level competition, she achieved phenomenal results: 1st on Floor, 1st Overall Team, and 5th Overall Individual on Day 1.

These great results meant that she qualified for the second day of competition where she took out 1st on Beam, 3rd on Floor, and placed 5th Overall Individual. Outstanding effort, Lucy!



OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS



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 Anneliese 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).



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KELLY CLUB ST JOHNS MAIRANGI BAY UPDATE

What's been happening...

We have had so much fun this last week with our Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Theme. We loved making animals and robots out of recyclable materials and of course making the yummy green smoothies. This week is our Kelly Club Rocks theme and we look forward to baking rock cakes, adventuring through the party obstacle course and being Kelly Club Stars.



KELLY CLUB

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!

KIDS RAVE ABOUT KELLY CLUB!

FEEDBACK FROM KIDS

"We have lots of fun!"
 "You get to hang out with your friends longer."

BOOK NOW www.kellyclub.co.nz

What's happening next week! Get Ready for Kids Choice!



THEME: Kids Choice!

Term 3 Week 6, 24th August 2026

Weekly Activities Plan

Kelly Club St John's Mairangi Bay

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Lego Competition & Structured Free Time	Friendship Bracelets & Structured Free Time	Colouring Competition & Structured Free Time	Cookie Decorating & Structured Free Time	 Teacher only day KELLY CLUB PARTY BOOK NOW kellyclub.co.nz
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Fruit Salad	Game: Duck Duck Goose	Game: Crab Soccer	Game: Red, Green Light	
2:50 - 3:00 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Fairy Bread & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Noodles & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Pizza Wraps & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Pancakes & Fruit	
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Dodgeball	Game: Musical Statues	Game: Football	Game: All In Tag	
3:45 - 4:30 pm	CRAFT Colourful Lanterns	COOKING Rainbow Popcorn	SPORT Golden Child	DISCOVERY Fluffy Slime	
					
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Muffins	Snack Time Rainbow Popcorn	Snack Time Vege Chips	Snack Time Dried Fruit	
4:50 - 5:15 pm	Playground or Game	Playground or Game	Playground or Game	Playground or Game	
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Quiet Time & Projects	Quiet Time & Projects	Quiet Time & Projects	Quiet Time & Projects	

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**KELLY
CLUB**

**A FUN PROGRAMME
THAT KIDS LOVE!**

Friday 28 August
**TEACHER ONLY DAY
PROGRAMME**

**OSCAR
PROGRAMME
SUBSIDIES
AVAILABLE!**

*Conditions apply

ST JOHN'S MAIRANGI BAY

Let's make unforgettable memories together and join the fun at our Kelly Club Party! A day filled with laughter, games, and exciting activities for kids to enjoy with their friends.

Full Day: \$60

7:00am – 5:30pm

School Day: \$50

8:30am – 3:00pm

Half Day: \$40

7:00am – 12:30pm or 12:30pm – 5:30pm

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22 AUGUST SATURDAY

PRE~LOVED KIDS MARKET

45 STALLS

OREWA COMMUNITY CENTRE

SHOP LOCAL
Great bargains!

CLOTHES * TOYS * BOOKS * BUGGIES * NURSERY FURNITURE

Good as New
Pre-Loved Kids Market

FROM THE DIOCESE

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT WANTED

Marriage & Family Life Ministry is seeking a part-time Administration Assistant (16 hours per week) to support its work serving marriage and family life. Based at the Pompallier Diocesan Centre. For details and to apply, visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies. Applications close Friday 4 September.

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](#).

BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY: PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS



At our school, we are proud to support the **Passionist Family Group Movement**—a fantastic parish initiative designed to bring families together and build a strong, supportive community. Guided by the motto "*A Family for All*," these groups offer a warm, extended family atmosphere where parishioners and school families of all ages can connect, support one another, and share in Christian life.

Groups usually gather once a month for simple, low-cost, family-friendly social activities—like potlucks, park outings, or shared lunches. It's a wonderful way for our tamariki to see faith in action, forge lasting friendships, and feel a true sense of belonging in our wider parish whānau.

Whether you are new to our school community or have been here for years, everyone is welcome—married, single, young, or old. **Interested in joining or learning more?**

Please contact our Parish Coordinators Shelley & Graham Ward, gandsward@xtra.co.nz or Tel: 027 388 6114 to get connected. We'd love to welcome you!

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](#)

