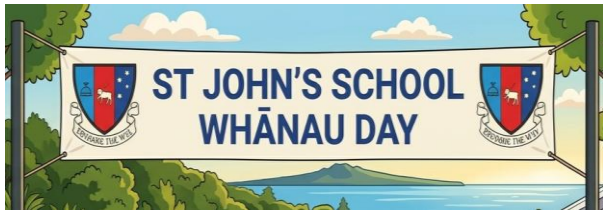




15th September
2026

Kia ora whānau,



Thank you to everyone who was able to come and share our whānau day with us last week. It was great to meet some of our extended whānau and catch up with some familiar faces. As this was our first time, if you have any feedback to share on what went well or how we can improve, please feel free to email me on MarinaB@sjmb.school.nz.

PLEASE DIARY... TEACHER ONLY DAY

School will be closed on Friday 27th November for our second Ministry approved Teacher Only Day. The teachers will be participating in professional development on the new curriculums coming into effect next year.

TERM DATES... END OF YEAR 2026 AND 2027

St John's will be closing for the year at 12:00pm on Tuesday 15th December 2026.

2027 Classes will begin on Tuesday 2nd February (the Tuesday following Auckland Anniversary). There will not be scheduled Meet the Teacher Interviews as we are changing the Parent teacher meeting schedule next year to be more aligned with the new reporting requirements. More details around this will follow next term

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI (MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK)



This week, our school community proudly joins with schools and communities across Aotearoa to celebrate **Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori**. Our faith calls us to honour, treasure, and care for the unique gifts of God's creation. Here in Aotearoa, Te Reo Māori is a cherished *taonga* – a sacred gift deeply woven into the land, culture, and history of our country.

Embracing Te Reo is an essential expression of our Catholic character, reflecting our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and our Gospel values of love (*aroha*), respect (*whakamana*), and unity (*kotahitanga*).

The national theme, "**Ake, Ake, Ake – A Forever Language**," celebrates the strength, endurance, and vibrant future of Te Reo Māori. Throughout the week, our tamariki (children) will be engaged in special learning activities – incorporating Te Reo into our daily prayers (*karakia*), singing *waiata*, learning traditional stories, and expanding their everyday conversational vocabulary.

Simple Ways to Join in at Home

- **Give it a go (Kia Kaha te Reo Māori):** Try replacing everyday phrases at home – swap "good morning" for *mōrena*, or "thank you" for *ngā mihi*.

- **Pray together (*Karakia*):** Incorporate a simple Māori prayer or grace into family mealtime or bedtime routines.
- **Share the learning:** Ask your child to teach you a new word, *waiata*, or phrase they learned in class today!

PRINCIPAL'S CONFERENCE



From Wednesday to Friday this week, Mrs Fuaaletoelau, Mrs Perry and I will be out of the office attending the International Confederation of Principal's Convention, just the second time it has been held here in Aotearoa. The conference theme is Purapura Korari, Ka ruia e te hau – the seeds of the flax bush are dispersed by the four winds. The theme talks to equity, new generations, the scattering of ideas and people by Nga hau e whā – the four winds of the world, celebrating individual cultures and sharing differences. We look forward to sharing some of our new learning and key takeaways when we return.

YUMMY APPLES – coming to a close

Thank you for all the sheets of Yummy apple stickers that have been dropped off at the office so far.

It is now time to send in any other complete or part completed sheets as we need to send them off to claim our share of free Sports Equipment. Please ensure all sheets have been sent to the office by the last day of Term.



DANCE CURRICULUM

We had another fantastic week with Manny, our instructor from Dance Curriculum. We were blown away by the number of whānau members who were able to come and watch the dance showcase.

Here is [the video](#) of the children performing at their dress rehearsal.

NORTH SHORE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS KAPA HAKA SHOWCASE



Our Kapa Haka group went to Rosmini College on Tuesday 1st September to represent us in the North Shore Catholic Schools Kapa Haka Showcase. We were very proud of them as they took the stage with enthusiasm, giving a great performance.

Check out [the video](#) of their performance.

CLASS PLACEMENTS 2027

As teachers and Senior Leadership begin planning for next year's class placements, we invite parents to share any information they believe is important for us to consider regarding their child's needs. If you wish to share information about any learning or social/emotional needs that may impact your child's learning, please feel free to complete [the form](#) by the end of Friday 16th October.

Please note that while we make every effort to consider all requests, we cannot guarantee that all requests will be met due to the complex balancing of factors that goes into creating our class lists. In addition to considerations for individual students, the criteria we consider when making class placements are:

- A balance of boys and girls
- A balance of academic diversity in learning styles and capabilities
- A balance of ethnic diversity and cultural backgrounds
- Socially balanced groups to minimise peer conflicts and promote positive interactions, and,
- a balance between current classes, so new friendships can be formed.

While we value your input, please understand that as professionals, we will make final decisions based on a holistic view of each child's academic, social, and emotional well-being. Our goal is to create the best possible learning environment for all students, and we appreciate your trust in this process.

Confirmed placements for 2027 will be included in your child's end of year school report.

Marina Binns
Principal – Tumuaki

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MISSION FAIR



On Friday 16th October, Week 1 of Term 4 the children will gather and participate in social outreach through our annual Mission Fair. This year we will be supporting Caritas and their work in Nepal following the recent floods.

We will be following the same format as the previous two years where funds were contributed through Kindo. Mrs Cara Mountjoy has emailed all caregivers today with more details.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



Photolife are coming once again to take our school photos. Class, individual and sibling photos are scheduled for **Wednesday 23rd September** with Sports team photos the following day on **Thursday 24th September**.

All children will be photographed for a class photo and an individual photo. We ask that children are in tidy and correct full Winter uniform for class and individual photos.

SPORTS TEAM PHOTOS: This includes all St John's School Netball, Basketball, Flippaball and Hockey teams and the school representative teams for Cross Country, Rippa, Football, Basketball, Hockey, Swimming, and Tennis.



All teams will be photographed in the uniform that they competed or play in except for Flippaball, who will be in full PE gear. We ask that children wear their trainers and short white sports socks (Hockey, please wear your navy hockey socks). If teams were winners or runners up in their grades for our various sports during the winter season, can they please bring along any medals, certificates or trophies that they were awarded.

Coaches and managers are welcome to be included in the team photo, however we are unable to give you a specific time. If you are wanting to be included in the photo or have any questions, please email the office at office@sjmb.school.nz.

SIBLING PHOTOS: If you wish for your children to have a sibling photograph where they are photographed together, **Photolife require a completed request form**. These should be returned to the school office as soon as possible and before 23rd September. No family will be photographed without this form. Your eldest child should have already brought one of these forms home, however, extra or replacement copies are available in the school office. Sibling photograph packs can be ordered and paid for, in due course, in the same way as the individual and class photos.

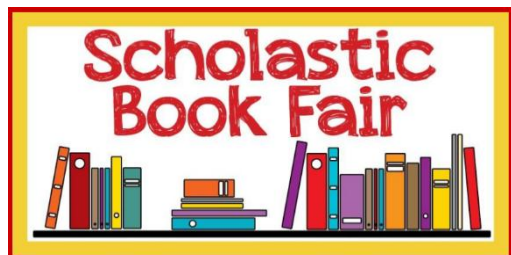
ORDERING PHOTOS: The ordering of Class, Individual and Sports Team photographs is online. This system works on a specific link to your child's name. After we have approved the proofs Photolife will email caregivers directly with a 'shoot key' code which you use to view and order your children's photographs online. They will also detail the order deadline date for free delivery to school. The shoot key is unique to your child and gives a high level of security; students cannot access other student's photographs, and the system ensures images cannot be 'grabbed' off the internet and printed or posted to social media sites.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank You! Thank you! Thank you!



Thanks to the wonderful response and generosity of our St John's Community to our book fair, we have sold \$6,600 worth of books. This is an absolutely amazing response!

What does this mean for our school? It means that Scholastic will give the school \$2,300 to spend at their store.

Lookout for all the new books coming to our library!

Ngā mihi, Chantelle Dunn - Library Manager

SCHOOL UNIFORM- CHANGEOVER AND SALE

CHANGEOVER TO THE SUMMER UNIFORM

Term 4 marks the changeover to our Summer uniform. For more information on the uniform, please see the uniform page on the [school website](#).

Due to the fluctuating weather, there will be a two-week period at the beginning of the Term where students can wear either uniform. We ask that the full Summer OR Winter uniform is worn and they are not mixed.

All students are required to be in full Summer uniform following Labour Weekend, from Tuesday 27th October.

SUN SMART

As we move into the warmer months, it is important for all students to wear hats during outdoor activities to protect against the strong UV rays in New Zealand. Sun safety is a priority, and wearing hats helps ensure we stay safe and healthy while enjoying time outdoors.

All children are required to wear the school hat when playing outside in Term 4. This starts at the beginning of Term 4, irrespective of what uniform the children are wearing. If they do not have their hat, they will need to play in the shade. Hats can be purchased from [NZ Uniform](#).

Please ensure that ALL items that your child/ren bring to school are clearly named.

We also ask that they bring their full P.E. uniform to school on Monday morning and that it is left at school then returned home on Friday if it needs washing.

Summer	
Dress:	Blue check dress with white collar and red tie
Culottes:	Navy with school name
Shorts:	Navy with school name
Shirt:	Freight blue monogrammed short sleeve polo
Fleece:	Navy zip front monogrammed polar fleece
Ribbons:	Red, navy, blue or white
Shoes:	Leather sandals plain, flat black Roman sandal style
Hat:	Navy monogrammed bucket hat – Term 1 & 4



TERM 4

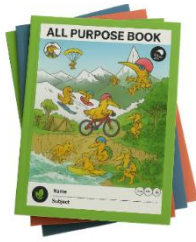
unIFORM SALE

WEDNESDAY
14TH OCTOBER
2:30pm
SCHOOL HALL

ANY PRELOVED UNIFORMS ALWAYS APPRECIATED

As we near the end of the term it would be greatly appreciated if all families could review their Kindo accounts (www.mykindo.co.nz) to check for any outstanding payments.

mykindo



In particular, we are reaching the time of year when children have done so much work, they have filled all their exercise books and are being supplied with new ones from the school office.

These items are charged for via [Kindo](#) so please keep a close eye on your account as payment as soon as possible is always appreciated.

There are also some whole school charges which are now overdue: R.E., Maths & literacy E-learning programmes, Life Education, Garden to Table and the Dance Curriculum.

We pride ourselves on offering our students a wide and varied curriculum and providing access to a number of valuable resources such as our Maths & Literacy online learning. Your ongoing support for these items is essential, and we gratefully acknowledge your contribution. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

We always endeavour to return items that are **clearly labelled**. If you are looking for a specific item, please contact the school office via email (office@sjmb.school.nz) with a description of the item, name and room of the child concerned and we will do all we can, in the time we have, to trace the item.

There are currently uniform, non-uniform, lunch boxes, water bottles and other items in the Lost Property box, all of which we are unable to return to their owners as they are unnamed.

All unclaimed items of Lost Property at the end of term will either be donated to the PTFA second hand uniform sale or will be donated to charity.



CONGRATULATIONS



ECB FOOTBALL

"With the conclusion of Winter Football last Saturday, the U11 ECB Green team (St John's boys) secured first place in their league! They also achieved the longest winning streak of 12 games, ending their final match with a 6 – 2 victory.

Several boys have been playing together since Year 2, guided by their coach Alex, with some former players progressing to academy teams.

It has been a fantastic season, and we wish the boys continued success as they move up to the Youth grades. Well done, team!

Team members: Nico, Jude, Ricardo, Felipe, Cody, Lorenzo, Matthew, Salva & Max

YEAR 4 NETBALL



Congratulations to our Year 4 netball teams, the Daisies and the Sunflowers, on completing a fantastic winter season. Both teams took out first place in their respective Kidzplay grades, showing great teamwork, effort, and sportsmanship throughout the term. The players received their medals and trophies at last weekend's Kidzplay Prizegiving – a wonderful way to wrap up their time in the competition before moving on to North Harbour Netball next year.

A sincere thank you to our coaches, team managers, and supportive whānau for giving up their time to guide, transport, and cheer on the players each week. Well done to both teams on a great season!

Daisies team: Amaya S, Bernardita D, Carla S, Catherine R, Chelsea F, Harper B, Jasmine B, Sienna F, and Thritvi F.

Sunflowers team: Bella K, Erin S, Felicity D, Grace B, Kate S, Lola H, Maxene G, Annie F and So-Eun K.

SHORT STICKS HOCKEY



A huge congratulations to the St John's Year 5&6 Short Sticks team, who finished as runners-up in the Primary Winter League!

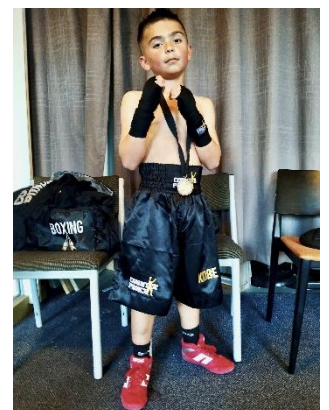
The team had a fantastic season, showing great teamwork, determination and enthusiasm throughout the competition. They made it all the way to the final, where they faced Mairangi Bay in an incredibly tight and exciting match.

It was a closely fought game from start to finish, with both teams defending strongly and creating opportunities. In the end, Mairangi Bay secured a narrow 1 – 0 victory, but it was a fantastic effort from the Short Sticks team, who never gave up and kept fighting until the final whistle. We are incredibly proud of Alba, Amelia, Caoimhe, Irene, Millie, Pippa, Poppy, Rocio and Zara for their outstanding achievement. Congratulations, Short Sticks! Finishing as Winter League runners-up is something you should all be very proud of!

BOXING

Kobe has been working hard for the past year and on the weekend he represented his boxing gym in Hamilton. He is very proud!

Congratulations Kobe!





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KELLY CLUB ST JOHNS MAIRANGI BAY UPDATE

What's been happening...

We had a lot of fun with our Deep Blue Sea theme this week - we made ocean playdough, some delicious shell cookies and got competitive with games of crab football and Octopus. It was so awesome to see the kids get creative with the activities this week.



What's happening next week! Get Ready for Let's Dance

 THEME: Let's Dance! Term 3 Week 10, 22nd September 2026 Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club St Johns Mairangi Bay					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Who am I? & Structured Free Time	Colouring Competition & Structured Free Time	Spinning Tops & Structured Free Time	Board Games & Structured Free Time	Dance Ribbon & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Handball	Game: Fly Seagull Fly	Game: GUESS WHO	Game: Red Light, Green Light	Game: Traffic
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	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Pastas & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheese Toasties & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Pancakes & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Tap Ball	Game: Snowball Tag	Game: Stuck in the Mud	Game: Line Tag	Game: Charades
3:45 - 4:30 pm	CRAFT Paper Roll Dancer	GAME Dance Battle	DISCOVERY Learn a New Dance	SPORT Musical Basketball	COOKING Spinning Pinwheels
					
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Dried Fruit	Snack Time Crackers	Snack Time Vege Chips	Snack Time Baking
4:50 - 5:15 pm	Playground or Game	Playground or Game	Playground or Game	Playground or Game	Playground or Game
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Quiet Time	Quiet Time	Quiet Time	Quiet Time	Quiet Time
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KELLY CLUB

SEPT/OCT 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

ST JOHN'S MAIRANGI BAY

**OSCAR
PROGRAMME
SUBSIDIES
AVAILABLE!**
(Conditions apply)

WEEK 1

Mon 28 Sep



ARRR ME HEARTIES!

Climb aboard and start the long voyage across the seven seas. Will you be a pirate on the ship or a mermaid under the water?

Tues 29 Sep



SECRET AGENT

Bring your detective skills to Kelly Club today. We are going to be putting your brain to the test with clues and clever obstacle courses! Can you solve the mysterious case?

Wed 30 Sep



NORTH HEAD TUNNELS

Join us for an adventurous trip day to explore the North Head tunnels and discover some local history. Please bring lunch, drink bottle, jacket and shoes.

Extra \$20 for the day.

Thurs 1 Oct



RACE THE CLOCK!

The name of the game today is speed. See what you can achieve in just 60 seconds with our wacky win in a minute challenges. Book in quick, the clock is ticking!

Fri 2 Oct



KIWIANA DAY

Celebrate who we are and all things New Zealand! Gumboots, Pavlova, Rugby, Ki o Rahi and more!

WEEK 2

Mon 5 Oct



A TRIP TO THE ISLANDS

Put on your flower lei as we take an imaginary trip around the Islands. There is so much to see and explore!

Tues 6 Oct



WHEELS DAY

Bring your bikes, scooters or other wheels for races, obstacle courses and relays and then see what else you can make move. Please remember your helmet!

Wed 7 Oct



AUCKLAND ZOO

Join us for an awesome trip day to Auckland Zoo to see some amazing animals. Please bring lunch, drink bottle, jacket and shoes.

Extra \$20 for the day.

Thurs 8 Oct



CHILD VS WILD

Have you got what it takes to survive in the wild? Come and learn some tips and tricks at Kelly Club to have fun in the outdoors.

Fri 9 Oct



FUN-TASTIC FRIDAY

Get ready for silly games, crazy challenges, and non-stop fun! Step into our wacky world and let the adventures begin.

Pricing:

FULL WEEK: \$285
7:00am – 5:30pm

FULL DAY: \$60
7:00am – 5:30pm

HALF DAY: \$40
7:00am – 12:30pm or 12:30pm – 5:30pm

SCHOOL DAY: \$50
8:30am – 3:00pm

EVENT DAY: Extra \$20
(Not Included in Full Week)

Contact: Alysha Osborne
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Address: 87A Penzance Road, Mairangi Bay, Auckland 0630

BOOK NOW AT

kellyclub.co.nz/sjmb

Further information:
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

YOUR LOCAL CINEMA
OWNED BY LOCALS, SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

CHILDREN

\$10

TICKETS

Or \$20 inc. a small combo

Weekdays before 5pm

BOOK A BIRTHDAY PARTY

10 Children, 2 Adults, Popcorn & Drinks

FROM \$240

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREFERENCE FORMS

Fr Carlo will be available to sign the forms on Wednesdays, 10.30am – 12.30pm.

Please make an appointment through: office@ecbcatholic.org.nz

MONTHLY CHILDREN'S MASS

3rd Sunday: 8.00 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](#)

