



27th October
2026

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome to Week 3. We have had a busy two weeks to start the term; Tuatara Basketball, gymnastics at North Harbour Gymnastics, a trip to the Art Gallery, financial literacy with ASB, and biking with North Harbour Sport to name but a few highlights.

SHAKEOUT DAY

Last Wednesday we participated in the nationwide Shakeout Day. ShakeOut is a self-run earthquake drill held across the country to remind people of the right action to take during an earthquake. The children were led in a drill to Drop, Cover and Hold. We were very proud of how the children responded.



ANNUAL MISSION FAIR SUCCESS: \$3,000 RAISED FOR CARITAS NEPAL

What a fantastic and memorable day we had at our Annual School Mission Fair! The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement from start to finish as all the children came together for a wonderful morning of fundraising fun.

Thanks to the incredible efforts, enthusiasm, and generosity of our students, staff, and families, we are thrilled to announce that we raised **\$3,000** to support Caritas and their vital Flood Appeal work in Nepal!

Highlights of the Day... The morning was filled with smiles, laughter, and non-stop action across the school:

- **Student-Led Games:** Our Year 5 and 6 students did an outstanding job designing and running a variety of creative games. Their hard work gave everyone a chance to play and contribute to a great cause.
- **Exciting Raffles:** We had a fantastic selection of high-quality raffle prizes up for grabs, made possible by generous donations from our school whānau, resulting in many very happy winners!
- **A Delicious Treat:** No fair is complete without something tasty – the yummy sausage sizzle was a perfect complement to the day and kept everyone energised.

A Heartfelt Thank You... An achievement like this is truly a community effort, and we want to extend a special thank you to key contributors across our school:

- **Mrs Cara Mountjoy (Director of Religious Studies):** A huge thank you for her organisation and leadership in coordinating this event.
- **Our Teachers & Staff:** Thank you for your invaluable support, setup, and supervision on the day.
- **Our Year 5 & 6 Students:** Thank you for your creativity in designing the games and putting together such fantastic raffle packages.
- **The PTFA:** We are incredibly grateful for your help with preparation, as well as supplying, cooking, and serving the fantastic sausage sizzle.
- **Our Children & Families:** Finally, a massive thank you to all the children for their enthusiastic participation, and to all our families for your exceptional generosity in supporting our fundraising efforts.

Your support will make a real, life-changing difference to the Caritas Nepal Flood Appeal. Thank you once again for making this year's Mission Fair such a remarkable success and a day to be remembered!



ORDERING OF SCHOOL PHOTOS

We are currently proofing all Class and Sports Team photographs which parents can now order online along with Individual and Sibling photographs. The system works on a specific link to your child's name. Photolife have already emailed caregivers directly with a 'shoot key' code which you use to view and order your children's photographs online via <https://photolifeonline.co.nz/ordering/access>. 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. Please be sure to check your email spam folder if you have not yet received an email. **Free delivery to school** applies to orders placed before **midnight on Sunday, 1 November 2026**.

PROPERTY UPDATE

Over the holidays we have replaced some of the safety matting in the gully playground. It looks great and the children are enjoying the bouncy feel underfoot. Thank you, Mr Ritson, for facilitating this work and reinstating the monkey bars for us.



Work has begun on the COLA project (Covered Outdoor Learning Area). The Board has engaged Shade Systems to design and build our COLA and preliminary work towards consent has begun. We have received the concept drawings which makes the project feel well underway. Thanks to the hard work from the PTFA, parent community and the Board, this will soon be a reality. We look forward to using our COLA next year.

TERM 4 SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

These can be paid either via bank transfer (12-3042-0320348-00) referenced with your child's name and 'Fees', or via EFTPOS/Visa at the school office. Any families paying in instalments should ensure that 2026 fees have been paid in full by mid-November to allow sufficient time for the office to reconcile accounts prior to the end of the school year and to send Attendance Dues and Religious Education donations to the Auckland Diocese within their time requirements. Please make contact with my

Executive Assistant, Michele Nash, if you have any queries regarding Attendance Dues and School Fees MicheleN@simb.school.nz

God bless,
Marina Binns - Principal/Tumuaki

SCHOOL UNIFORM

CHANGEOVER TO THE SUMMER UNIFORM

All children should now be wearing the Summer uniform. For more information, please see the uniform page on the [school website](#).

SUN SMART

We have noticed a number of children do not have a hat at school. 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. 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.

DESIGN TWEAKS

The Board have been working with NZ Uniforms to address the issue of tricky buttons on the culottes and fading of the polo shirt. A new culotte design (although still looking the same) has been approved and will go into production. The button has been removed, and a more generous, elasticised waist has been added. You may notice that, if purchasing a new polo, the fabric is slightly different. This has been implemented to reduce fading and wear.

Both the original culottes and polo shirt remain official uniform and can still be purchased from the second-hand uniform sale.

FUN FAIR – FOCUS OF THE WEEK

You will have received an email last Friday about the preparation, lead up and support for our annual Fun Fair coming up on the 20th November.

This week the focus of the week is donations of small individually wrapped chocolate bars to be used for prizes in the children's games (New Entrants - Year 3), and bags of wrapped lollies for lolly necklaces (Year 4-6).

Week 4 is donations of bars of chocolate to fill up the chocolate trailer, a favourite attraction at the Fun Fair.

The school will also be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 13th November where the children can come to school in non-uniform for a small cash donation. These monies will be used to fill our 'Lucky Envelopes', another favourite activity for our children, past and present.

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



**ST JOHN'S
TWILIGHT**

FUN FAIR

BRING	DO
WEEK 3 – Tuesday 27 October	
Years 0–3 A bag of mini, individually-wrapped chocolate bars (for game prizes) – NO NUTS PLEASE Years 4–6 A bag of individually-wrapped lollies – no open bags please (for lolly necklaces)	Join the Fair FB page and share on social media with friends and family: www.facebook.com/SJMBFunFair Follow Instagram Page @stjohns_twilightfunfair
	Put aside childrens/teens books in good, saleable condition (no adult books please) to bring to the hall later (Sunday 8 November – Friday 13 November)
WEEK 4 – Monday 2 November	
A large block of chocolate for the chocolate trailer	You can bring your childrens/teens books to the school hall on Sunday 8th November between 11am and 12pm
WEEK 5 – Monday 9 November	
Two items for your class' raffle hampers to match your class theme: Years 1 and 2 – Summer Years 0, 5 and 6 – Christmas Years 3 and 4 – Beach/BBQ	Pre-purchase your game zone bands and book your VR experience
Bring your good, saleable condition children/teens books to the hall	
WEEK 6 – Friday 20 November	
Make and bring in your home-made slice, cupcakes or sweet treats (eg. fudge, rocky road) for the "Sweet Treats stall"	
Your friends and family to the Fair	Have fun!

At any time we also gratefully accept:

- Any items or vouchers suitable for the quick fire raffle, please contact PTFA@sjmb.school.nz
- Any spare small packaged toys, stickers, stationery or similar items suitable for prizes (there is no need to go and purchase these specifically).
- Fruit and/or vegetables suitable for use in the food stalls or for sale, please contact PTFA@sjmb.school.nz



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ATHLETICS DAYS

YEAR 4 – 6 ATHLETICS DAY– Tuesday 10th November



Our Year 4 – 6 Athletics Sports take place on Tuesday 10th November at the **AUT Millennium Stadium**.

This day has a dual purpose of showcasing the skill development from the PE athletics focus this term as well as being part of the selection process for the Interschool Athletics event.

PARENT HELP IS REQUIRED... Throughout the day students will rotate around different athletics activities; sprints, long jump, high jump, shotput and discus throwing. To cater for all these events, we require parent helpers. No experience necessary. If you are able to help, please contact me directly marinab@sjmb.school.nz

We will be starting our programme at 8:30am with the 800m event. This is an optional event which some children will select to enter. All 800m runners are to be at the track by 8:20am as the event will be run before the other children arrive.

PARENTS: if your child is in the 800m event, please take them directly to the stadium where they are to report to Miss Binns.

The rest of the children will walk to the Stadium via Rangitoto College with their teachers. Children need to bring a good lunch and plenty to drink for the day.

From 9:20am onwards the children will be involved in a variety of activities on and around the track. For ease of organisation the children will be grouped in their year levels. The programme is detailed below. Any changes to the programme will be communicated to the Waitemata team.

	Year 4B	Year 4G	Year 5B	Year 5G	Year 6B	Year 6G
8:30am	800m Event - Year 4 to 6 Girls & Boys					
9:20am	High Jump	High Jump	Shot Put	Shot Put	100m Sprints	100m Sprints
10:00am	Shot Put	Shot Put	100m Sprints	100m Sprints	High Jump	High Jump
10:40am	100m Sprints	100m Sprints	High Jump	High Jump	Shot Put	Shot Put
11:20am	Long Jump	Long Jump	Discus	Discus	70/200m Sprints	70/200m Sprints
12:00pm	LUNCH					
12:20pm	400m Event - Year 4 to 6 Girls & Boys					
12:50pm	Discus	Discus	70/200m Sprints	70/200m Sprints	Long Jump	Long Jump
1:30pm	70/200m Sprints	70/200m Sprints	Long Jump	Long Jump	Discus	Discus
2:10pm	4x100m House Relays – Fastest 4 Boys/Girls (2 Races, 4 House teams)					
2:25pm	DEPART VENUE					

SUN SAFETY...

- Slip... All children must wear their school PE uniform for the day.
- Slop... Please ensure that your children have sunscreen on before they come to school.
Please also provide named sunscreen for your child to reapply at lunchtime.
- Slap... All children must wear their school hat during the day.
- and Drink... All children need to bring a named drink bottle which they will carry around with them for the day. Water is highly recommended to keep the children hydrated during sport.

UNIFORM... The children will need their full School PE uniform including sports shoes, which they may wear to school, and their school sunhat. Please ensure all items are named. We have changed the way we record results this year. Children no longer need to bring safety pins as we are moving to recording sheets and will no longer have cards.

AN INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS... All parents, families and friends are welcome to come along and share the occasion. The AUT Millennium Stadium is in Antares Place. Feel free to sit on the grass bank, behind the track and fenced area, or on the grassy area behind the roped area. Please do not come down inside the track area. Access is via Apollo Drive, off Constellation Drive or Rosedale Road. Lunch will be from approx. 12:00pm – 12:30pm and your children will be able to join you on the grass bank then. Children are not permitted to leave the stadium during the lunch break.

END OF SPORTS DAY PROCEDURES... At the end of the sports day (approx. 2:25pm) the children will assemble on the field. Parents wishing to take their children home may do so but will need to collect them from the field as the classes are called out. It is important for the teachers to know which children have been taken by caregivers, and which have not. Please help us in this and follow this procedure.

You are reminded that if you wish your child(ren) to be collected by someone else, a note **MUST** be given to their class teacher in the morning. All other children will return to school and leave from there as normal.

YEARS 1 – 3 RUN, JUMP, THROW

Our Rangitoto team will be showcasing their athletics skills with a **Run, Jump, Throw Day at school on Thursday 26th November**. From 9:15 - 11:00am the students will rotate around their athletics activities as a culmination of the PE athletics focus this term. Parents are welcome to come and watch, and there will be designated spectator areas around the grounds. To support us in the logistical organisation of the day, we ask you to remain in these areas, and not come into the areas where the children are participating.



Children may come to school in their PE gear on this day.

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO RIDE A BIKE DURING SCHOOL TIME?

Well, the Year Five students got to have that experience on Thursday, 22nd, and Friday, 23rd of October. We all took part in a Grade One cycling session with North Harbour Sport. We were split into 3 groups, each with amazing instructors.



We learned a lot and had fun while staying safe. 👍
Riding a bike during school time was a real treat! 🚲

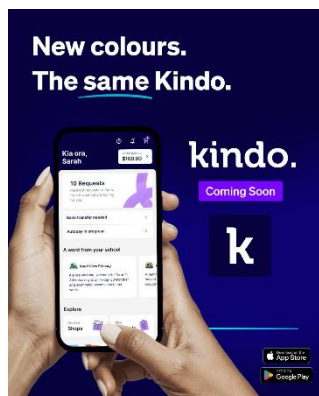
- **Learned:** 🧠 We learned how to check if our bikes or helmets were safe enough to ride.
- **Games:** 🎲 After learning how to stay safe, we played some fun games.
- **Safe:** 🌿 We learned how to signal while riding a bike on the road.

Having North Harbour Sport come visit St. John's was a real pleasure.

By: Florence H, Elena V and Millie Y. 🙌



KINDO



Kindo, the app we use for school payments and permissions, is getting a glow up!

You will soon notice fresh colours, a new font and bigger, easier-to-tap buttons. The app icon is changing too, and “myKindo” will now simply be called “Kindo”.

Everything else works just the way it always has, and there’s nothing you need to set up.

Look out for the new navy icon on your phone.

CONGRATULATIONS

SLAM DUNK IN BASKETBALL

Bernard and Josh competed in the SAS SLAM Basketball Tournament over Labour Weekend, which ran for three days at Bruce Pulman Arena in Takanini.

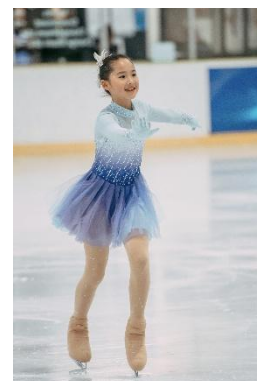
They competed in the U12 Boys A Grade and proudly came 2nd place, winning silver medals! 🏆

We’re very proud of their achievement and wanted to share this great news with the school.



SKATING TO VICTORY

Over the first weekend in the school holiday (3-4 Oct), Annabelle competed at the North Island Ice Skating Championship 2026 and won first place (Gold medal) in the Pre Elementary U12 Group. She was competing against eight other children, and it was such a lovely surprise to us.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week 4; Tuesday 3 rd November	PTFA monthly meeting, 7.00pm
Week 4; Friday 6 th November	PTFA Beats by Bingo
Week 5; Tuesday 10 th November	Waitemata Athletics Day (Year 4-6)
Week 5; Friday 13 th November	Non-Uniform Day for Fun Fair Lucky Envelops
Week 6; Friday 20 th November	PTFA Twilight Fun Fair
Week 7; Thursday 26 th November	Rangitoto Run, Jump, Throw Day (Year 0-3)
Week 7; Thursday 26 th November	Advent Wreath Blessing
Week 7; Friday 27 th November	Staff Only Day (school closed)
Week 8; Friday 4 th December	End of Year Mass and Year 6 celebration
Week 10; Friday 11 th December	Rangitoto Christmas Show
Week 11; Tuesday 15 th December	School finishes for the year (12:00pm)

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

We look forward to sharing time with you through many events over the next seven weeks. We understand that family life is busy and full of commitments, and we want to assure you, while you are always welcome, there is absolutely no expectation that you attend every school event; please simply choose the activities that work best for your whānau.

All Treats, No Tricks

Just Saints and Heavenly Things

Mass of **REMEMBRANCE**

Join us as we celebrate our faith, remember our departed loved ones, and honour the saints who inspire us to follow Jesus.

Children and adults are invited to come dressed as their favourite saint!

31 October and 1 November

At all Parish Masses -
St. John the Baptist & St. Francis de Sales



Let's remind the world that our greatest heroes
are those who lived for Christ, loved others,
and followed the path to holiness.

Let us honour HOLINESS! Let us celebrate the SAINTS
and answer God's call to become one!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREFERENCE FORMS

Fr Carlo will be available to sign the forms on Wednesdays, 10:30am – 12:00 noon for a 10-minute slot. 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](#).

FROM THE COMMUNITY



A vibrant poster for a 'LIGHT CARNIVAL' at Windsor Park Baptist Church. The central text 'LIGHT CARNIVAL' is in large, bold, white letters with a purple outline. Below it, a blue banner reads 'THU 4.30 7.30 PM' and a yellow banner reads '31 OCT'. The event is hosted by 'WINDSOR PARK BAPTIST CHURCH'. The poster features several callouts: 'FREE NO SIGN-UPS NEEDED', 'COTTON CANDY POPCORN LOLIPOP', 'EVERYONE WELCOME!', 'GAMES SAUSAGE SIZZLE', and a flag with a 'W'. The background is orange with confetti and a stylized blue and purple tent.

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