# NEWSLETTER

**10th November 2026**

## Te Reo ō te Kura ō Hato Hoāni

## The voice of St John's School

Kia ora whānau,

With less than two weeks to go, we are now counting sleeps to the PTFA Fun Fair… please check out the weekly overview for the item of the week (don't worry if you missed it, you can still send those items in) and school related Fun Fair information.

**STAFFING UPDATE**

At the end of this year, Mrs. Anne Howard will be retiring from permanent teaching at St. John's to spend more time with her family and embark on new travels. While this marks a major transition, it is not a final farewell – we are delighted that Mrs. Howard will still be visiting us in the classroom as a reliever.

On behalf of the staff, students, and the School Board, we extend our heartfelt thanks for her years of service. As she prepares to move on to this exciting next chapter, we wish her the very best in all her future endeavours and pray that the road ahead brings her joy and many rich blessings.

We will be formally farewelling Mrs Howard in due course.

**NON-UNIFORM DAY THIS FRIDAY**




Just a reminder that this Friday, 13th November, we will be having a non-uniform day at school.

Children are able to come to school in their normal clothes. Please ensure items that the children may remove (jackets, hats etc.) are named.

We ask that children bring in a gold coin donation to collect coins for the Lucky Envelopes for the PTFA Fun Fair, a favourite activity for our children, past and present.

**BE IN TO WIN**

A special raffle will be held just for the children currently at St John's School. Would your child like to be Principal for a Day? Tickets are $2.00 each and can be purchased from the school office any time this week and at the EFTPOS station at the Fun Fair. The winner will be drawn on Friday evening.




Check out the video explaining a little bit more about the prize.

## CARPARKING ON FUN FAIR DAY

The School car park and turning circle, accessed off East Coast Rd will be **closed AFTER morning drop off on Friday** to aid with organisation and emergency access. We ask that you make alternative arrangements to collect your children on Friday.

## AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES ON FUN FAIR DAY

I know that many of our whānau will be collecting their children and staying on for the Fun Fair. We ask that children are collected promptly by 3:10pm as our staff are required to undertake their Fun Fair duties. Any child not collected by a parent or caregiver will be required to wait in the school office as per normal school procedure. For health and safety reasons, children need to be under the direct supervision of their parents/caregivers during the Fun Fair.

**Due to the number of people onsite, the Fun Fair next week is a dog free event. We ask that you leave dogs at home on this day.**

## KAPA HAKA ON FUN FAIR DAY

The Kapa Haka will be performing on the entertainment stage to open the Fun Fair. They will be starting at approximately 3:15pm.

## SWIMMING POOL



Our pool is sparkling as Mr Ritson has been working hard to get it ready for Summer. We are currently testing the water quality and anticipate that the pool will be ready for swimming beginning Monday 23rd November.

To make the most of the pool, it is a good idea that the children have their named swimming gear (swim suit, towel, goggles) at school every day (just in case there is the opportunity for a quick dip).



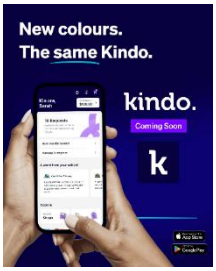

## POOL KEYS

Should you wish to use the pool during the Summer break, school families can hire a key for after school hours during term time and over the holidays. The cost is $85.00 for the entire season plus a $20.00 key bond [refundable]. The season end is flexible, around the 31st March 2027, and will be notified through the school newsletter.

Keys are numbered and must be returned within four weeks of the end of the season when a bond refund will be given. If the key is not returned within this time the refund is forfeited as these keys need to be refigured and replaced each year. Keys can be purchased at the school office up until noon, Tuesday 15th December when the office closes for the year.

God bless,
Marina Binns - Principal/Tumuaki

## 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.

## FUN FAIR – FOCUS OF THE WEEK

ST JOHN'S TWILIGHT FUN FAIR

### STUDENT POSTER CHALLENGE

We'd love your help getting posters out into the community to spread the word. Thank you to all those who have sent in their entries already. It's not too late… If you, a family member or a friend owns a business, or if you frequent a local shop, café, medical centre, daycare or other venue, please consider displaying one of our Fun Fair posters.

- Children can collect posters from their teacher (or the school office).
- Take a photo of them putting the poster up in a local business and email it to Miss Binns (MarinaB@sjmb.school.nz).
- Each photo counts as an entry into our lucky prize draw! Multiple entries are welcome!
- Competition closes Thursday 12th, and the draw takes place Friday 13th.

### THIS WEEKS BRING AND DO

This week our collection focus is items for your class raffle hampers.

- Year 1 and 2 (Rooms 9,11, 12 and 13) – Summer
- Year 3 and 4 (Rooms 1, 2, 7 and 8) – Beach/BBQ
- Year 0, 5 and 6 (Rooms 5, 6 and 10) – Christmas

From tomorrow (Wednesday 11th) you can also pre-purchase your game zone bands and book your VR experience via Kindo. All pre-purchased bands will be given to the children at school on Fun Fair Friday. Bands can also be purchased during the Fun Fair.

Week 6 is donations of home-made slices, cupcakes and sweet treats. Please deliver to the school hall on the morning of the Fun Fair.

### MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK




Thank you to all those who have signed up to help on their class stalls. We are also looking for some volunteers to help setup and pack down for the Fun Fair. This is separate to the sign-up sheets CLPs will circulate for class stall time during the fair. Help may include tasks such as; packing sweet treat baking or hampers, preparing bread, moving/ setting up gazebos, BBQs and equipment, traffic/vehicle directing and many more tasks that go into a Fun Fair.

If you are able to help, thank you, please use this form https://volunteersignup.org/X8RT8 and select the time that suits you best (please ignore the #people needed column).
Thank you for supporting our school community!

### ENTERTAINMENT STAGE

You will have received an email yesterday about the Fun Fair Entertainment Stage. Please refer to the information in the email if your child is keen to participate.

# ST JOHN'S TWILIGHT FUN FAIR

| BRING | DO |
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| **WEEK 3 – Tuesday 27 October** | |
| Years 0–3<br>A bag of mini, individually-wrapped chocolate bars (for game prizes) – NO NUTS PLEASE<br>Years 4–6<br>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:<br>www.facebook.com/SJMBFunFair<br>**Follow Instagram Page**<br>@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:<br>Years 1 and 2 – Summer<br>Years 0, 5 and 6 – Christmas<br>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

Scan for our facebook page

## KAITIAKI GUARDIAN'S PRODUCE SALE

On Thursday, 5 November, the Kaitiaki Guardians held a produce sale. We grew all of the vegetables in our school garden and sold them at reasonable prices based on their size and quality.

We sold herbs for $1, and veggies and seedlings for $2 each. With our parents' support, it was a very successful fundraiser! All of the proceeds will go toward our Garden to Table programme.

"Our stall was a great success, and we had a lot of fun running it. Thanks to Leen's excellent skills at bringing customers over to buy our goods, we managed to make $81.00 in total."

We would like to give a special thanks to Mr. Ritson for putting up the gazebo, Mrs. Moore for organising and bundling up our produce, and Mrs. Mercer for coordinating the Kaitiaki Guardians for the event.

In conclusion, the produce sale was an amazing experience. We all had a wonderful time setting up and selling our produce, and we hope you can make it to the next one!

By Stevie, Eliza, Hajun, and Noah






## RECYCLING SHOW

On Tuesday, October 27th, all the Year 0 to Year 5 students at St John's went to a free recycling show in the school hall. The show was called Savvy and the Stolen Recycling, and it taught us how to recycle properly. The performers were from A Fools Company, which is funded by the Auckland Council.

It was a great show and a lesson with a bit of comedy, featuring two friends traveling around New Zealand to teach everyone about recycling. We enjoyed that it was funny and appropriate for all ages. It was very easy to understand what they were saying, and they knew all their lines by heart. It reminded us how to recycle and which bin to put our rubbish in, especially plastics.

**Which Plastics Can Go in the Yellow Bin?** ♻️
Remember, in New Zealand, only plastics with these magic numbers inside the little recycling triangle can go in our household recycling bins:

- Number 1 (PET): Clear plastics like your soft drink bottles, water bottles, and clear food trays.
- Number 2 (HDPE): Stronger plastics like milk bottles, shampoo bottles, and cleaning spray containers.
- Number 5 (PP): Sturdy plastics like ice cream tubs, margarine containers, and takeaway boxes.

Top Tip: Check the bottom of the container for numbers 1, 2, or 5 before popping it in the recycling bin. If it has a different number, or no number at all, it needs to go in the rubbish bin instead!

**Praise for Our School Kaupapa from the presenters**
*"We had a lovely time with both groups, and we were blown away by everyone's politeness and the manaakitanga we received from the students who helped welcome us and helped us pack up afterward. What a great school kaupapa you have!"*

Written by Maz, Sadie, Aayan and Grace

## CONGRATULATIONS




### INTERSCHOOL GYMNASTICS

Congratulations to Gabriella F, Lucy M, Catherine R and Irene R who represented St John's in the North Harbour Interschool Gymnastics competition last week.

Each of these girls train at their local gymnastics club and compete in competitions across Auckland and New Zealand.

They competed as a team and were awarded first place overall.

We are very proud of their dedication to their training and the skill level they showed on the day.

### TEAM SPIRIT CHAMPION




Congratulations to Hugo D who received the Armiger Award from Marist Rugby for the 2026 season.

This award is given to a player who builds and contributes to the team spirit and morale of their team.

Congratulations Hugo on this wonderful achievement.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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| Week 5, Friday 13th November | Non-Uniform Day for Fun Fair Lucky Envelops |
| Week 6; Wednesday 18th November | Waitemata Athletics Day (Years 4-6) |
| Week 6; Friday 20th November | PTFA Twilight Fun Fair |
| Week 7; Thursday 26th November | Rangitoto Run, Jump, Throw Day (Years 0-3) |
| Week 7; Thursday 26th November | Advent Wreath Blessing |
| Week 7; Friday 27th November | Staff Only Day (school closed) |
| Week 8; Friday 4th December | End of Year Mass and Year 6 celebration |
| Week 9; Friday 11th December | Rangitoto Christmas Show |
| Week 10; Tuesday 15th 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 five 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.

## FROM THE PARISH

**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 KELLY CLUB


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# KELLY CLUB ST JOHNS MAIRANGI BAY UPDATE

## What's been happening...

This Term has been so much fun! Last week was our Kids Choice week designed by our Kelly Club Kids. We loved making delicious ambrosia, creating our own Jellyfish Suncatchers and experimenting with Coke and Mentos Explosions.






## What's happening this week! Get Ready for Diwali Delight

KELLY CLUB

**THEME: Diwali Delight!**
Term 4 Week 5, 9th November 2026

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club St Johns Mairangi Bay

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 7:00 - 8:15 am | Fort Building & Structured Free Time | Origami Lanterns & Structured Free Time | Cup Towers & Structured Free Time | Kids Choice & Structured Free Time | Homemade Cookies & Structured Free Time |
| 8:15 - 8:30 am | Game: Chicken Tag | Game: Staff Choice | Game: 2 Truths, 1 Lie | Game: Head it Catch it | Game: Captains Coming |
| 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 Corn Thins& Fruit | Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit | Intro & Afternoon Tea Noodles & Fruit | Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit | Intro & Afternoon Tea Pancakes & Fruit |
| 3:45 - 4:30 pm | SPORT Cricket | CRAFT Rangoli Art | COOKING Fruit Custard | DISCOVERY Diwali Diya | GAME Put the Flame on the Diya |
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| 3:30 - 3:45 pm | Playground | Playground | Playground | Playground | Playground |
| 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 Baking | Snack Time Crackers | Snack Time Vege Chips | Snack Time Raisins |
| 4:50 - 5:15 pm | Zip Zap Boing & Projects | Rainbow Rush & Projects | Crab Football & Projects | Bang & Projects | Musical Statues & Projects |
| 5:15 - 6:00 pm | Homework & Quiet Time | Homework & Quiet Time | Homework & Quiet Time | Homework & Quiet Time | Homework & Quiet Time |

E: sjmb@kellyclub.co.nz kellyclub.co.nz/sjmb P: 021 314 062

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!

**BOOK ONLINE NOW AT** www.kellyclub.co.nz

KELLY CLUB

A FUN PROGRAMME THAT KIDS LOVE!



# Friday 27 November
# TEACHER ONLY DAY PROGRAMME

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

## ST JOHN'S MAIRANGI BAY

Get ready to add a burst of colour to your day at Colour Blast! Jump into action with Rainbow Rush and a Colour Scavenger Hunt, bake tasty rainbow treats and get creative with colourful crafts. Book online now for our fun-filled day.

**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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