

Dear Parents

School Buses - An Exciting Travel Option

Have you considered your children catching a bus home from school?

We have four buses that pick our children up at 2.50pm and then move on to picking up the Murrays Bay Intermediate children. They then travel the four bus routes set out on the afternoon bus schedule attached to this newsletter.



Our procedure is that the children line up as you might expect for the bus. As they get on they swipe their hop cards and, as is our rule, sit in the front of the bus together.

You could take the first ride with them, if you wish, and show them where they will get off.

There is a morning schedule which is available from the office.



Staff News

It was with sadness that we learnt yesterday of Leone Findlay's passing. Leone was the mother of Michele Nash and Kerry Findlay and we offer them our prayerful support at this time.

First School Mass for 2012 – Tomorrow at 11am

Our first school mass for 2012 will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, at 11am in the church. (Please note the change of time) The whole school will be attending with the leadership being provided by Rooms 2 & 12 children. Bishop Pat will be celebrating the mass with us and we welcome you to attend.

EOTC Week

We are looking forward to our Special Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) week next week.

Year 6 children will leave for their week long camp at Hunua Falls on Monday.

Year 5 will have two days of Outdoor Pursuits at the Millennium Centre on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Years 1 to 4 will be involved in various activities including a Beach Day Programme. The programme and helpers and permission forms were sent home last week. Have a great EOTC week everyone.

Ash Wednesday

Our normal Ash Wednesday service in the church will occur at 11am on Wednesday 22nd for Years 1 to 4 children. Year 6 will be at camp and will incorporate an Ash Wednesday theme into their prayer that day. Year 5 will be away also and the parents who wish their Year 5 children to receive Ashes should note the Parish times in the evening.

From the PTA

The following matters can be reported from the monthly PTFA meeting held last week.

- The PTFA picnic is organised for this Friday 17th February beginning at 5.30pm. Please refer to the advertisement and note that you are responsible for supervising your own children at the pool.
- Over the past 4 years the PTFA and the school have supported the Shore to Shore fun run/walk. While still encouraging families to participate in this event there will be no formal PTFA involvement. After reviewing our participation the PTFA committee felt that it is more appropriate for us to support the annual Mairangi Bay fun run/walk. The advantages of this event are that it is a local community event, that is held later in the year allowing children to participate in early of the year events such as the Weetbix Triathlon, the Bays swims and Surf life Saving events.
- The children's Disco will be held in Term 2 this year with the chocolate Fundraiser in Term 3. Entertainment Books will also be available with more information to follow.

ANNUAL SUMMER PTFA FAMILY PICNIC

THIS FRIDAY, 17th February - 5.30pm onwards

Savaday is Friday, 2nd March

Second Hand Uniform

We are looking to recruit a Second Hand Uniform Co-Ordinator – full training will be given. This is a service that is very valuable to school families and as a result, very rewarding for the person who looks after this function for the PTFA. Our second hand co-ordinator is taking on another challenge and would like to hand over to another parent. Please call Lisa Glazer 410 6639 or 021 717997, the PTFA Uniform Co-ordinator.

PTFA Update

The officers currently holding the positions of Chair Person, Support & Services Coordinator and Pastoral Services Coordinator are standing down and we are actively seeking replacements. This is a great opportunity to be part of a great team working to support the children at St John's. Please refer to the enclosed sheet in today's newsletter for additional information.

Sunblock:

Sunblock is still available to be purchased via the office. Roll-ons are \$7.00 and the tubes are \$8.50 which offer great value for money.

Congratulations to

Meryl Memrbishi – Swimming, Lauren Leitz – Surf Life Saving, Molly McGinn – Irish Dancing, Liam O'Duffy – Player of the Day for Cricket, Angela Lorusso – First in Top Ten Athletics.

St John's Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA)
Annual General Meeting
Monday 26 March 2012

The PTFA provides an opportunity for parents to become involved in the school community. It can be a lot of fun and is a place where you can discover how the school is operating as well as making lifelong friends. You can experience a great sense of satisfaction when you are part of a team which is working to support the children at St John's.

Nominations are sought for the following PTFA positions for the next year

Chair Person

Setting the Agenda for meetings, chair the PTFA meetings and to lead and maintain the function and spirit of the St John's PTFA.

Secretary

Keeping the PTFA record of activities, including the recording and distribution of minutes of meetings, and the processing of correspondence.

Treasurer

Maintaining the records of PTFA finances; present the monthly position at each PTFA meeting, provide cash floats as required for fundraising events and the banking of monies collected.

Pastoral Services Coordinator

To coordinate all parent social events and classroom coordinators.

Support & Services Coordinator

To organise and facilitate the catering and activities for social events, the school picnic, the disco.

Fundraising Coordinator

To lead and coordinate the fundraising team and coordinate specific fundraising activities.

Please indicate below if you would like to be part of the PTFA team. We welcome the energy and support that new members bring. The PTFA meets generally on the first Tuesday of each month.

For more information about the PTFA and the positions of the PTFA, please contact:

Therese Leslie (Chair Person) on 473 0210 or 021 022 66192

Yes, I would like to find out more about the positions indicated and / or offer my nomination. Please return this form to the school

- Chair Person
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Pastoral Services
- Support and Services
- Fundraising Coordinator

- PTFA Member only

Name: **Phone Contact**

Thank you for your reply. A PTFA member will be in contact with you.

AFTERNOON SCHEDULE

Bus Timetable

31	3:00pm	St. John's - Forrest Hill
	Route	St Johns School, Penzance, St Ives, Honeysuckle, Wisteria, Sunrise, Murrays Bay Intermediate loop (also for Murrays Bay School), Sunrise, Beach, Hastings, East Coast, Galaxy, Matipo, East Coast, Sunset, Sycamore, Sunnynook, Forest Hill to corner Quebec Road
		1 Stage fare

54	3:00pm	St Johns School to Milford
	Route	St Johns School, Penzance, St Ives, Honeysuckle, Wisteria, Sunrise, Murrays Bay Intermediate loop (3.05), Sunrise, Beach to Castor Bay loop, Beach (in opposite direction), Aberdeen, Campbells Bay Primary, East Coast, Shakespeare to stop near hospital
		1 Stage fare

60	2:55pm	St Johns to Pinehill
	Route	St Johns School, Penzance, St Ives, Honeysuckle, Wisteria, Sunrise, Murrays Bay Intermediate loop (3.00), Sunrise, Beach, Browns Bay Rd (for Browns Bay Primary), Clyde, Browns Bay Shops, Bute, Beach, Glencoe, Oaktree, Weetman, East Coast to stop at Rangitoto College
		1 Stage fare

69	3:00pm	St. John's - Albany
	Route	St Johns School, Hastings, Penzance, St Ives, Honeysuckle, Wisteria, Sunrise, Murrays Bay Intermediate loop (3.00), Sunrise, Beach, Knights, Browns Bay, East Coast, Carlise, Firth, Deep Creek, Mizpah, Beach, County, Glenvar, Awaruku, Stredwick, Marina, Glammorgan, East Coast, Oteha Valley, Oteha Valley Extension, SH17 to Albany shops
		2 Stage fare