

Dear Parents

Welcome to our 2012 school year and this, the first weekly newsletter. Please watch out for it every Tuesday as it plays a big part in our communication to you of school life. In addition to the copy that comes home with the eldest from each family, a copy is posted on our school website.

**A Special Welcome** to Miss Dixon who will teach in Room 2 this year and to the families and children beginning at our school today.

**SOME DIARY DATES FOR TERM 1 ARE :**

**February**

Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup>	:	Waitangi Day (National Holiday)
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	:	PTFA Family Picnic (Savaday is 2 <sup>nd</sup> March)
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	:	Year 6 Camp begins at Hunua Falls
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> - Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup>	:	Years 1 – 4 Outdoor Education Week
Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> - Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	:	Year 5 Outdoor Pursuit programme at the Millennium
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	:	Ash Wednesday

**March**

Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup>	:	Assessment Week begins for Year 4 to 6 children
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup>	:	Parent /Teacher Conferences
Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup>	:	School Swimming Sports (Savaday is Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March)

**April**

Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup>	:	Shore to Shore Fun Run/Walk
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup>	:	School closes for Term 1

**Mass Dates for Term 1 are:**

Week 3	Rooms 2 & 12	-	15 <sup>th</sup> February
Week 5	Rooms 1 & 8	-	29 <sup>th</sup> February
Week 6	Rooms 4 & 7	-	7 <sup>th</sup> March
Week 7	Rooms 3 & 9	-	14 <sup>th</sup> March
Week 9	Rooms 5/11/6/10	-	28 <sup>th</sup> March

Ash Wednesday Service	:	Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February, 11am
Reconciliation	:	Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March at 11am

**MEETINGS**

- The first PTFA meeting of the year is on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February
- The first Board of Trustees (BOT) monthly meeting is on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> February

**SCHOOL STATIONERY**

The children will be bringing home stationery lists today.

Each class teacher has marked the books required by your child and we would ask you to complete the list, add up the total cost and return it to your child's class teacher with payment as soon as possible in an envelope. The school EFTPOS facility is available at the school office between 8.15am and 3pm.

*Please note* the three sections on the Stationery List :

Section 1 : Stationery required by everybody

Section 2 : Items which can be added in if your child needs them

Section 3 : Fixed charges per child or family

You are requested to buy stationery from the school supply so that we can be sure that books are of the correct type and have current line spacing.

Please send your child with a clean plastic bag to allow them to take home books and stationery items for covering and naming.

**Please Note the following Stationery List explanations:**

**Outdoor Pursuits Programme** (Year 5 only) Year 5 children participate in a two day Outdoor Pursuits Programme at the Millennium Institute. They will experience kayaking, rock climbing, snorkelling, flipperball and be involved in aquatic games and team building activities (see Term 1 Events List). This year's programme will involve a Water Safety lesson and theory taken by instructors from The Millennium Institute.

**Religious Education Resource** In 2010 the Bishops of New Zealand through the Catholic Education Office introduced a digital resource to deliver the current Religious Education programme. At the same time the Children's Religious Education book was withdrawn from the programme and these are no longer available to purchase.

It is our conviction that a work book is a very important part of the children's interaction with the programme and to that effect they will have a workbook which will have worksheets from the resource glued into it as the programme is taught. These books will, as is current practice, be sent home with activities to be completed.

Please support your children in their Religious Education through helping them complete the activities, reinforcing the lessons being taught and ensuring the book is returned to school. Please complete the parent Comment Box at the end of each of the six strands being taught.

Religious Education lessons are on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**Mathletics** Mathletics is a computer based Mathematics programme designed to allow children access to interactive, fun and individualised Mathematics activities. The cost is \$20 per child for the whole year although you will pay only \$10 as the PTFA is again sponsoring the programme in 2012 at \$10 per child.

Each child will be issued a user name and password that will enable them to access their individual programme from any computer with internet access. The response to the programme in 2011 was most enthusiastic and we once again anticipate many mathematics gains as the children use it at both home and school.

**School EOTC Week** As part of the Junior and Middle School EOTC Weeks there is a charge to cover the cost of activities. Both Teams will send information about this week in the near future.

**PTFA SCHOOL DIRECTORY FLYER** Following the successful printing of this directory over the last few years the PTFA are producing a directory for 2012. A sheet is coming home today. It is self explanatory and should be returned to school by Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February. **Please sign the form for each child (attached to this newsletter)** as this confirms your authority to be included in the publication. The cost is \$7.50 [one per family].

**Andrew Chinn** Andrew Chinn is an Australian musician specialising in Religious music for Church and School groups. He will work with the children in each of the Teams and with the Choir and will have a special concert for parents in the evening. More information will follow closer to the time.

**UNIFORM** You are reminded that the School does have a regulation uniform sunhat and that our policy is that this be worn. It is a standard cap or slouch styled hat in our School colour and can be purchased from the School Office for \$12 and \$15 respectively. This is the only uniform item available from the Office, for other requirements you must attend a sale or use the Order Form system through the office.

**SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAMME** Our Physical Education programme is focused around the swimming pool for the first weeks of Term 1. All children are required to take part in this programme. You are asked to send a written note to the classroom teacher if your child is unable to take part because of illness.

Children should bring their togs and towel in a plastic bag each day. Please have all clothing items clearly named – towels, togs, goggles etc.

**CARPARKING**

Please read the attached information carefully and adhere to the guidelines that have been put in place to ensure the safety of your children and the smooth operation of the carparking areas.

Please note that you are permitted to use the Church carpark but refer to the sheet for the usage guidelines.

**UNIFORM SALE** The first uniform sale for the term will be held on Tuesday , 7<sup>th</sup> February between 2.30 and 3pm in the Hall. All uniform items will be available. Caps and slouch hats are also available at the office during the school week. Uniform sales are scheduled for the first Monday of each month throughout the year unless otherwise notified.

## ANNUAL SUMMER PTFA FAMILY PICNIC

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> February - 5.30pm onwards

Diary this event now and come along, catch  
up with friends  
and welcome in the new school year.

Savaday is Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**SUN BLOCK CREAM** The PTFA are selling sun block in convenient roll-ons. These are ideal for children to have in their bags and are available to purchase at the uniform sales and at the school office for \$7.00 a 50ml roll-on. Also available are 100gm tubes @ \$8.50.

The product is specifically developed for New Zealand harsh outdoor conditions, offers SPF 30+ protection and is water resistant for up to 4 hours. Please see attached flyer.

From the Parish

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME - 2012

**RECONCILIATION:** We ask that candidates are a minimum of eight years old to benefit from this programme. The Sacraments call for commitment from parents and candidates. You are asked to make your involvement in the Sacramental preparation lessons a priority in your life. You may consider waiting until next year if you are not able to make this commitment. The sessions are held on Sunday mornings at 8am for 45 minutes with the hope that candidates and their families will attend 9am Mass.

**PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:** Registration is on Sunday, February 12th, 8am at St. John's Hall. (*Please bring candidates baptism certificate unless they were baptised in ECB parish.*)

**PARENT SESSIONS:** Run at the same time as the candidates [information to follow]. It is essential that one parent / caregiver attend.

**CANDIDATES SESSIONS:** Sundays at St. John's School Hall from 8-8.45am on March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25<sup>th</sup>, April 1st. Candidates **must** attend all five sessions.

**CEREMONY:** Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> of April at 7pm at St. John's Church.

### **HOLY COMMUNION:**

**PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:** Registration is on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 8am at St. John's Church. Candidates workbooks will be given out at this session.

**PARENT SESSIONS:** sessions run at the same time as the candidates. [Information to follow].

**CANDIDATES SESSIONS:** are being held on Sundays at St. John's School Hall from 8-8.45am. **Sessions:** August. 5th, 12th, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9th, 16<sup>th</sup>. Candidates **must** attend all seven sessions.

**CEREMONY:** Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am at St. John's Church.

**CONFIRMATION:** Candidates need to be minimum of eleven years or older.

**REGISTRATION:** Tuesday 15th May, 4-4.30pm at St. Johns Church, Fr. Pierce Room.  
(Please bring candidates baptism certificate unless they were baptised at ECB.)

**SESSIONS:** Tuesday 4-5.45pm on June 5th, 12th, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Please phone Liz George at the parish Office on 478-4565 Extn 3 for more information.

**Community Notices...**Sports Registration Notices. Rugby for your son or daughter. Whether it be Rippa or Tackle, **MARIST** would like to welcome your child and his/her family to our Rugby Club which stands proud alongside North Harbour Stadium. Registrations with proof of age (Passport or Birth Certificate) will be held on Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 4-6pm, Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 12-3pm, Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 12-4pm and Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 5-7pm at our Club Rooms. For further information contact Graham on 021302187 or email graham.maristnh@hotmail.com  
**EAST COAST BAYS ASSN FOOTBALL CLUB** (North Harbour's only Premier Club) 2012 Registrations Register NOW online at [www.ecbafc.co.nz](http://www.ecbafc.co.nz). For new players there will be open nights on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm at the Clubrooms on Andersons Road, Browns Bay. All juniors up to and including 12 years of age to receive free ball, drink bottle and bag. All age groups and abilities welcome. Girls teams available.

God Bless You All



Bernard Fitzgibbon – Principal

31 January 2012

**Flyers with this Newsletter include:**

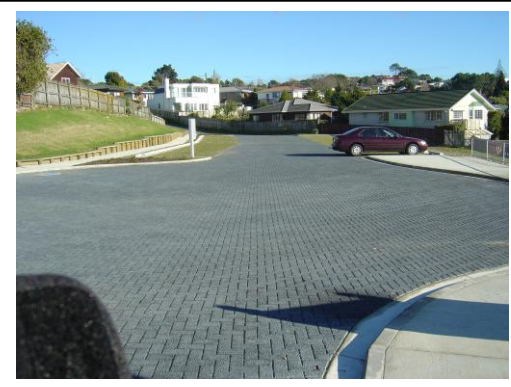
- A school parking flyer. Please note our school procedures and use the School Carpark as a first priority.
- PTFA Directory permission letter [personalised for each of your children]
- School Helpers List.
- Sun Block flyer.

To Parents, Grandparents, relatives and friends of families  
who drop off or pick up children at St. John's

CARPARKING AT ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

There are three alternative carpark areas for you to use.

1.



SCHOOL CARPARK

Access via  
East Coast Road  
going down the hill  
from Rangitoto  
College

When exiting you are  
Permitted to turn left  
or right onto East  
Coast Rd.

2.

CHURCH CARPARK

Access via Hastings Road

Please do not use the  
Church driveway off East  
Coast Road



3.



Hastings Road



Penzance Road



St. Ives Terrace

Please note:

Use the Church Carpark for long term parking only i.e. if you are using the Church or staying on at school after you have dropped your children off.

For short term drop off and pick up of children, parents are asked to use the School Carpark or the school side of St. Ives, Penzance or Hastings Roads.

PLEASE READ OVER FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

## FOR SAFETY REASONS

***Children are not allowed in the carparks unless accompanied by an adult.***

### **AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES:**

Please let your children know which carpark area you are going to use.

CHURCH CARPARK

Children wait on top court and must be collected from there.

PENZANCE / HASTINGS /  
ST IVES

Children wait at Penzance Road front gate and must be collected from there.

SCHOOL CARPARK

Children will wait at the end of the Miniball Court.

#### Parents using the No Parking Pick Up / Drop Off Circular Zone

Children will be able to move to your car via the footpath at the instruction of the Duty Teacher. If using this service you are not permitted to leave your car.

#### Parents Using the Permanent Parking Spaces

You must collect your children from the Miniball Court assembly area.

### **SOME FINAL MATTERS**

1. Cars are prohibited from parking in the circular drop off and pick up area of the School Carpark and along the driveway to the carpark.
2. Please obey the signs and yellow 'No Parking' lines.
3. Drive slowly and safely in all carpark areas.
4. Use the DISABLED parks at the Church and School carparks only if you can display a disability parking pass.
5. Access to the school via the Penzance Road entrance is prohibited.
6. The School Carpark will be closed after 4pm on the weekends. Church weekend access will be via Penzance Road as will weekday traffic after 4pm.

**SAFE DRIVING EVERYONE. LOOK AFTER ONE ANOTHER AND ESPECIALLY OUR CHILDREN**

# ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

## SCHOOL HELPERS LIST

At the beginning of another school year we once again approach you for **HELP** in our various activities. If you are able to help please fill in this form and return it to School this week.

	Please tick	Preferred Day/s
Classroom activities and resources	_____	_____
Working in a class as a parent helper:	_____	_____

Perceptual Motor Programme (see over for explanation).

Term 2	Monday <input type="checkbox"/>	Term 3	Monday <input type="checkbox"/>
	Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>		Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>

### *Library*

We need parent volunteers to help in the library for rostered duty. Training will be given. These parents use the library computer to issue and return books as per our local area library, replace books on the shelves and keep a watchful eye on the library.

Day	9.00-10.30	11.00-12.30	1.30-2.45
Monday			<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday		<input type="checkbox"/>	

### **Sport**

We provide a range of sporting opportunities throughout the year. This would not be possible without the generous offers of parental assistance.

I am able to assist with:

	<u>Please tick</u>	<u>Sport Code</u>
Being a co-ordinator	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Coaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Managing	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Assisting at sports events	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

### **General**

Do you have an expertise / hobby / interest you could share  
eg. musical or artistic ability / computer skills.

Please state: \_\_\_\_\_

I play the following musical instrument (s)

\_\_\_\_\_

PTO ...

Explanation :

Perceptual Motor Programme

A movement based programme that requires significant adult support.

This programme will commence in Term 2. We need several parent helpers for each session to assist the class teacher and teacher aides to provide instruction and supervise activity stations for groups of children. (Rooms 11 & 12 in Term 2, Rooms 10, 11 & 12 in Term 3.

Assistance is required from 8.30am to 10.30am each Monday and Thursday.

Training will be given.

School Helpers:

- working under guidance of classroom teachers to give support to small groups or individual children in varied curriculum areas
- terms and length of session can be flexible.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Home** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

(Do you know of any relations/friends/neighbours who might like to help for even a little while?)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no: \_\_\_\_\_

# SUNBLOCK

- SPF30+ protection, containing Aloe Vera and Vitamin E.
- Approved Federal Government's stringent Therapeutic Goods Administration test and conforms to New Zealand/Australian standards for Sun-Screens (AS/NZS 2604.1998)
- Broad Spectrum with protection against UVA and UVB rays
- Water Resistant for up to 4 hours.
- Tubes are a convenient 100 grams
- Roll-Ons are a convenient 50mls – great size for school and swim bags and very easy to apply
- After Sun Gel not available



## PAYMENT

Payment can be made by either: Cash or eftpos at the school office or cheques to be made payable to St John's School PTFA. Please send your order with your child to the school office. The orders will be processed and sent home via your child within a few days of the order/payment being made. We require payment no later than *Friday 17 February*.

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## SUNBLOCK ORDER FORM

NAME OF CHILD: ..... ROOM: .....

TUBES (100 grams) \$ 8.50      Number required ..... @ \$ 8.50      \$

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 ROLL ON (50 mls) \$ 7.00      Number required ..... @ \$ 7.00      \$

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**TOTAL PAYABLE:**      By cash / cheque or EFTPOS (please circle payment option)      \$

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*If you have any queries regarding Sunblock, please contact: Nicola Ritson 442 1503 or 021 2120911*