Kia ora Whanau

God of all people, God of love,
Just as the colours of a rainbow blend and merge to form one rainbow,
So too may the colours of our different cultures and beliefs,
Blend and merge in our families, our communities and throughout our world
Through mutual respect and acceptance
So that we may come together in true harmony
Amen

I trust you have all had an opportunity to enjoy the holiday season. We have most certainly been blessed with wonderful weather. I had a great break. My husband Glenn, and I did our usual road trip. This year our goal was to drive to Bluff and back in 6 days and we succeeded! It was a speedy journey but lots of fun nevertheless. We saw some stunning scenery and gorgeous beaches and had lots of delicious food, but decided that Waiheke Island is paradise for us.

Our teaching staff came together at Rosmini College last Monday to join the other Catholic schools in our Kahui Ako for a day of professional development. We were very privileged to have Nathan Wallis as our keynote speaker. Nathan’s field of expertise is neuroscience. His research based delivery reinforced our Play Based Learning initiative along with lots of other very valuable information around brain development and learning.

For those of you who have had the opportunity to come into school, I’m sure you will agree that our teachers have done an outstanding job of creating vibrant learning spaces to welcome our children into. We have another fun filled year of learning planned with many opportunities for whanau to join us.

My team leaders have sent out information letters relevant to each of their teams, so please refer to these for general information.

Please review our traffic parking guidelines that have been included with this newsletter, as they are at the start of every term. In particular please do not leave vehicles parked on the driveway off East Coast Road that leads to the turning circle.

The vehicle pictured (right) was spotted last Thursday and again yesterday.

I love hearing about all the wonderful friendships and fun days out that our school families have had over the summer holidays and recently received this wonderful photograph which I wanted to share with you…

…St John’s Fishermen

Viki Trainor - Principal
DIARY DATES FOR TERM 1

**FEBRUARY**

Wednesday, 13th: 2nd Hand Uniform sale, School Hall, 2.30 – 3.00pm

Tuesday, 19th: PTFA Meeting, Staff Room

Monday, 25th: Yr 6 Camp begins at Hunua Falls

Monday, 25th – Friday 1st: Yrs 1 – 5 Outdoor Education Week

Tuesday, 26th & Thursday, 28th: Yr 5 Outdoor Pursuits Programme at the Millennium Centre

**MARCH**

Wednesday, 6th: Ash Wednesday

Friday, 8th: PTFA Family Picnic, 5.30pm

Monday, 11th: Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, 14th: School Swimming Sports (Thursday, 21st March)

Wednesday, 27th, 11.00am: Reconciliation (Yrs 5 & 6 only)

**APRIL**

Friday, 12th: School closes at the usual time for the holiday break and reopens on Monday, 29th April

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CLASS MASS DATES & CLASSROOM ASSEMBLY LEADERS

Masses are at 9.15am on Wednesday in St John’s Church. Assembly is at 9.30am on Fridays in the School Hall.

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FAMILY – WHANAU PRAYER KETES

Each class has their own special Prayer Kete. The Prayer Kete is a special way for you to pray together as a family. Included in each Prayer Kete are items that your child may choose to use to assist with praying at home. Some items include: Rosary Beads, a Cross, a Prayer book and a Prayer cloth. There are some suggestions of things to do inside your class Prayer book. Please ensure that the Prayer Kete is looked after and all items are returned to school.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMME

During Religious Education over the next few weeks, the children will begin learning about our school Charism. At St. John’s we celebrate our Josephite Charism as together, we excel, we celebrate, we live our Faith in Christ. Mary MacKillop together with the Sisters of St. Joseph and Julian Tennison Woods responded to God’s call to help those who needed it most in our society.

Later this term, Waitemata team will begin the Jesus Strand. In their study of Jesus the children will gain an understanding, appropriate to their year level, of Jesus. They will focus on Jesus as a Saviour and Redeemer, and will understand the various ways he is present in the world and in the Church, especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The children will also learn how Jesus’ life is a model for all Christians.

The Rangitoto team will begin the God Strand. In their study of God, children will gain and apply knowledge, skills, attitudes and values to understand that God is holy and is source of all life and all grace and all holiness. They will learn that people are created in the image and likeness of God and are called to believe in God, to adore God and share in God’s work of creation, as they build up the Kingdom or Reign of God ‘on Earth as it is in Heaven’, as members of the Catholic Church.

The Pupuke team will begin the Sacrament Strand. In their study of Sacrament, children will gain and apply knowledge, skills, attitudes and values to understand the Sacraments of the Church as the unique presence of the Risen Christ to whom people respond in faith and love.

You can find out more about the programme by using the online Faith Alive website [http://www.faithalive.org.nz] Simply click on the FAMILIES tab and open the pdf file.
MEETINGS
- The first Board of Trustees (BOT) monthly meeting is on Thursday, 28th February at 6.30pm
- The PTFA Annual Meeting is on Tuesday, 19th February at 7.00pm
Both groups meet in the staffroom.

SCHOOL PRAYER
We invite whanau to join us in the staffroom on Friday mornings at 8.15am for school prayer.

This will be for no more than 15 minutes, finishing at 8.30am.

God’s Blessings,
Laura Baddeley - Director of Religious Studies

ECB PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019
The Sacramental year commences with Reconciliation with the program targeted at baptised children 8yrs & older. We require a parent to attend each session. The sessions are a wonderful environment to share your spiritual relationship with your child and with our community.

Sessions are held fortnightly on Sundays, 8.00 - 8.45am beginning with Registration on Sunday, 17th February. Sessions finish in time for 9am Mass at St John’s Church and we encourage you to stay for Mass, it helps to build your community. We follow the Diocesan program with our own flavour added!

If you have any questions please contact Liz in the parish office. Liz@ecbparish.org.nz or 09 320 3127

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAMME
The 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 clearly named togs, towel and goggles in a plastic bag each day. Any wounds or sores need to be covered with a waterproof bandage/plaster prior to arriving at school for Health and Safety reasons.

2019 BACK TO SCHOOL STATIONERY – www.myschool.co.nz
All children should have brought their stationery supplies with them to school ready for the start of term. If they haven’t, please ensure stationery is at school as soon as possible. If you have any questions about OfficeMax MySchool please don’t hesitate to contact Anneliese at the office email: office@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz. For New Entrant children joining St John’s later in the school year and for additional stationery items needed throughout the year for all year levels, these will still be available to purchase from the school office.

EZ COVERS FOR CHILDREN’S 2019 STATIONERY
We encourage all books to be covered as it helps to ensure they last the school year. The PTFA have registered an EZ15 rebate for our school which will mean the PTFA will get commission on all orders. From the drop down list choose to support ‘St John’s School (Mairangi Bay)’. www.ezcover.com/nz

SCHOOL FEE INVOICES are coming home today, payment is due by 28th February. School bank account details are on the invoice. If you need more time please contact Michele in the school office. Families that pay via automatic payment, weekly or fortnightly instalments, your invoice is also coming home so that you have a copy for Term 1.

CYBERSAFETY
As part of the start of year activities teachers will be revising Cybersafety with all students. On enrolment parents/guardians sighted and signed the School Cybersafety Policy & Use Agreement. Our Policy states that students from Year 3 and up should sign the student section themselves. If we do not have a copy on file your child may be bringing a copy home for signature. Please discuss as a family to ensure your child understands about keeping themselves safe online. Forms should be returned by Friday, 15th February.
From the beginning of 2019 St John’s will be using Kindo for Back to School expenses and trip permission forms.

**Fees will continue to be invoiced and paid separately.**

We have made the decision to use Kindo in response to the increase of transactions being made through the school bank account. To reconcile and keep track of payments has become a very cumbersome and time-consuming task for our administrative staff.

Kindo will enable parents:
- To pay anytime, anywhere – mobile friendly website.
- Complete permission forms electronically – no more lost bits of paper, more environmentally friendly!
- Fast one-click ordering: all siblings on one page – know what all your children are doing.
- Pay-as-you-go or prepay account topped up by Visa
- Mastercard, American Express, Union Pay, POLi and Internet banking
- Flexible payment amounts

All families **must** have a Kindo account as we are transitioning to using this system exclusively for trip information and permission and payment in addition to other school expenses. For example: school supplied stationery (Recorders, Recorder music books, Yr 6 Diaries and Badge, Handwriting booklets), Maths E-Learning, R.E. digital resource, Hapara Dashboard, Dance & Music Programmes, EOTC week and upcoming school trips.

To create an account go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) or follow the link on the school website.

If you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bridges in the school office or if you have difficulties with the Kindo website their helpdesk is but a phonecall away (Freephone 0508 454 636).

**WEETBIX KIDS TRYATHLON**

The TRYathlon is a fun event for children aged 7-15 years and involves swimming, cycling and running short distances which vary depending on the participant’s age. It is a wonderful event which rewards children irrespective of ability. It is about getting out there and giving it “TRY”, with which comes a real sense of achievement and personal pride.

A good number of participants are already registered as part of the St John’s school team for the event to be held on **Sunday, 24 March 2019** at Manly Reserve, Whangaparaoa, but there’s still room for more!

If your child does want to participate, early-bird entries close 24th February and cost $40 per child. All participants receive an event T-Shirt, swim cap, gear bag, medal, downloadable certificate and other sponsor goodies. St John’s have a gazebo set up at the event so remember to register as part of “St John’s, Mairangi Bay” school team when prompted during the registration process.

To register and for more information, go to [www.try.weetbix.co.nz](http://www.try.weetbix.co.nz) or call 0800 WEETBIX.

Any other questions, please contact Leanne at deuchrassl@gmail.com.

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**ANNUAL SUMMER PTFA FAMILY PICNIC**

**Friday, 8th March 5.30pm onwards**

Diary this event now and come along with a picnic tea, catch up with friends and welcome in the new school year.
CONGRATULATIONS TO...
PLAYERS OF THE DAY... Amina Deles, Erina Younan (Gymnastics)

ALSO TO... Rebecca Robertson (Colgate Games, North Island Champs. 1st – 60m, 2nd – 100m individual and relay and long jump)

Leading by example…

Congratulations to our amazing Sports Co-ordinator, Mrs Karen Dorrington, who competed in the NZ Masters Games shortly before the start of the school year.

The games started on 1st February with the Athletics events held from the 2nd – 4th February. Mrs Dorrington won a total of FOUR gold medals in the following events: Long Jump, High Jump, 400m and 800m.

COMMUNITY NOTICES…

Citizens Advice Bureau free information session on Renting in New Zealand the Kiwi Way, Tuesday, 26th February, 10.30 – 12.30pm, East Coast Bays Library, 8 Bute Rd, Browns Bay. Contact Sara Russell, Browns Bay CAB 479 2222, Email: settlement.northshore@cab.org.nz

North Shore Trampoline club is taking enrolments for term 1 classes. Learn from how to do flips, pass badges and maybe even enter competitions. See our website to enrol www.northshoretampoline.co.nz

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women, North Shore warmly invites all women to our February Meeting: Holy Mass to welcome in 2019. Celebrant: Fr. Alfredo Garcia, Wednesday 20th February, 7.30pm, St. Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629. (Fellowship to follow after Mass in the Parish hall) Contact: Sylvia Hartley (09) 443 7477 www.dove.org.nz
Our Sacramental year commences with Reconciliation. We offer this to baptised children 8 years & older.

*Take time to recognise whether your child has developed a conscience.*

As our sessions are conversational, we require a parent to attend each session. Our hope is that the sacraments become more integrated into daily life.

There are many bonuses: meeting other families; getting to ask questions and discuss our faith.

Session dates are held on **Sundays; 8.00-8.45am** finishing in time for 9am Mass. We encourage you to stay for Mass.

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In 2019 we are offering the Sacrament of Confirmation for those who wish to complete the Sacraments of Reconciliation; Confirmation; and First Holy

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Our program requires candidates to attend all sessions and remain for activities after Youth Masses.

Sessions on Wednesdays are 4.00-

**COLLEGE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:**

Please check with the DRS at either Carmel or Rosmini Colleges for their programs. Carmel: Ms Rosanna Fouhy. Ph 486 1132

If you have any questions please contact Liz in the parish office.
MATHS E-LEARNING

We would like to announce the opportunity for our school community to use MathsBuddy and Mathletics. Both of these online learning tools enable students to control the pace of their own learning and further assists teachers to ensure that no-one misses out. This is because the key feature of this programme is that there is a

MATHS BUDDY
Years 3 – 6

• To see what your child will experience go to www.mathsbuddy.co.nz

• Then ask for your child’s login details and insert them here

• Now you will have access to every lesson in the NZ curriculum from year 1 to 13 by selecting “Browse All Lessons”
Getting Started

1. On the Mathletics homepage, click **SIGN IN HERE**.
2. Enter your username and password.
3. With **Single Sign On** capabilities, users can choose an option to link a Mathletics account to a range of providers such as Google or Office 365 for simpler, faster access.

Students enter a space where they are given agency to choose their own learning pathway. They have the choice to independently **LEARN** through curriculum-aligned topics, learn through **PLAY**, and **REVIEW** their results and progress.

Navigate through the main areas of Mathletics using the buttons at the top of the screen.
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

2. **CHURCH CARPARK**
   Access via Hastings Road

   Please do not use the Church driveway off East Coast Road.

   Please use this carpark for long term parking only 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.

3. Hastings Road

   Penzance Road

   St. Ives Terrace

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

**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** park 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 and on the weekends. Church weekend access is via Penzance Road as will weekday traffic after 4pm.
SCHOOL CAR PARK AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES

THE CIRCLE

- There is space for 6 cars in the circle. Cars are to move forward to fill all 6 spaces.
- Parking is not allowed in the circle area.
- As cars leave the circle, move forward to the front of the circle; it should always be full.
- ‘After School Care’ vans park in a parking space while waiting for the children.

PARKING

- It’s best to arrive at school between 2.30 – 2.45pm to get a park.
- Fill car parks from the top (near circle) back. Do not leave gaps, as these will be difficult for others to access once the queue moves into the car park.
- If you arrive at school after 2.45pm, please join the queue, or find alternative parking.

THE QUEUE

- If you arrive at school prior to 2.45pm, and the circle is full, and you are not parking, stop and queue just before the car parks begin.
- The car park is usually mostly full by 2.45pm. Therefore the queue can at that time move forward to join the queue at the circle. If the front car parks are filled earlier, cars in the queue can move forward.
- No pushing in/cutting in front of first car in back queue unless parking.
- Those in the queue, please keep in mind those queued right back to the entrance, and around in Tudor Place, so move forward as soon as is appropriate prior to 2.45pm, and definitely after 2.45pm.
- If the queue is right out to the entrance, turn into Tudor Place, and queue there. When clear, move around the corner into the entrance, so as not to block traffic.
- Do not use the right turn into the drive if the queue is up to the entrance as this blocks the vision of those trying to exit.

DRIVING OUT

- Cars driving in (queuing) please be aware of parked cars wanting to leave and leave room for them to do so.