

Kia ora Whanau

The Beatitudes:

(Blessed Are)

the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	~	they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.	~	they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.	~	the pure of heart, for they shall see God.
the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.	~	they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Beatitudes: Roots that go deep.

"Life is full of ups and downs: challenges, crisis, tragedies all these inevitably come our way. Nevertheless, when we remain plugged into God who is the source of all love, mercy, and goodness, we are like a tree planted by flowing waters, we send out roots deep into the stream. The Beatitudes are the road map to living this kind of a blessed life, the individuals who live by it are all utterly dependent upon God, they are faithful and prayerful people. They are like trees who can weather the drought and the difficulties in life by stretching their roots to the underground water. They are dependent upon God and feel serene. This dependence upon God is not a sign of weakness; rather it keeps one in contact with a never-ending source of strength. In the Beatitudes, Christ has turned upside down accepted worldly standards".

Father George Carlos SDB – St Peters Parish, Waiheke Island

On Friday our brand new House Captains and Vice Captains hosted Assembly for the very first time. The confidence and capability of Year 6 children never ceases to amaze me and this vibrant group was no exception. In fact I believe they really raised the bar as they very professionally facilitated our assembly and delivered their speeches. It was so pleasing to note that the captains referenced Mary MacKillop in their speeches, telling me that the RE learning they are currently working on in class is resonating with them. I am looking forward, very much, to working with this group of incredible young people.

JUNIOR PARENTS CURRICULUM INFORMATION EVENING – Monday, 4th MARCH 6.00 – 7.00pm

Late last year we sent out a survey to our new families at school. The purpose of this review was to gather data that would help us to improve the experience of starting school at St John's. In response to this review we will be hosting a Junior School Curriculum Information Evening. Parents of children in **Years 1 and 2** are invited to attend. The presentation will be held in the school hall on **Monday, 4th March from 6.00 – 7.00pm**. During this time our junior teachers will provide you with information about a variety of curriculum areas. They will explain what happens at school and offer ideas for how parents can further support their child at home.

The following week will be Parent/Teacher Interviews where you will have an opportunity to share information about your child with their classroom teacher. We are very strong believers in the importance of building a strong home/school partnership and therefore, do hope that you can attend.

MODERN LEARNING ENVIRONMENT IN YEAR 6



During the holidays Rooms 5 and 6 were equipped with new modern learning furniture. Our Year 6 children were very excited to arrive at school to find their new look classrooms and have quickly established their own preferences for where and how they work. Glenn and I had great fun assembling these in the holidays. The tables are all interchangeable and allow for collaborative learning to thrive. I hope to furnish Year 5 similarly next year.

"In Room 5 & 6 we are very much appreciating the beautiful furniture that Mrs Trainor kindly built for us. It is really nice to have a change and not have set desks." Zach Walpert and Carter Chilek

KINDO ONLINE SHOP

As you will know, St John's is now using Kindo for Back to School expenses and trip permission forms and payments. We request that All families have a Kindo account as our aim is to be using this system exclusively by the start of Term 2, 2019.

To create an account go to 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).

Thank you for signing up and helping us to streamline these procedures.

Viki Trainor - Principal

EOTC WEEK

We are looking forward to our 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 AUT Millennium Institute on Tuesday and Thursday. Years 1 to 4 will be involved in various activities both at and away from school, including trips to Point Erin Pools and Ambury Farm Park. Payment for these trips should be made as soon as possible via Kindo.

Our Year 6 children will return on Friday, 1st March at approximately 1.30pm subject to traffic conditions. Please note that this is an earlier return time than in previous years. Camp fees are now overdue.

Due to EOTC week and classes being out on Camp and trips, there will be no newsletter next week.

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



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.

CALENDARS, CARD, SMENCILS

If any families are still waiting for delivery of Calendars, Cards or Smencils ordered as part of the Gala in 2018 please contact Gill Russell, Email: GillR@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Berenika Widera (Scouts – Assistant Six Leader), Alana Younan, Ava Murphy (Gymnastics)

COMMUNITY NOTICES...

22nd Lakeside Multicultural Festival 2019 to be held at the PumpHouse, 2A Manurere Ave, Takapuna on Sunday, 17th March 2019 from 1.00 – 5.00pm 20 cultural groups performing, FREE entry.

WEETBIX KIDS TRYATHLON

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. 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 or call 0800 WEETBIX. Any other questions, please contact Leanne at deuchrassl@gmail.com.