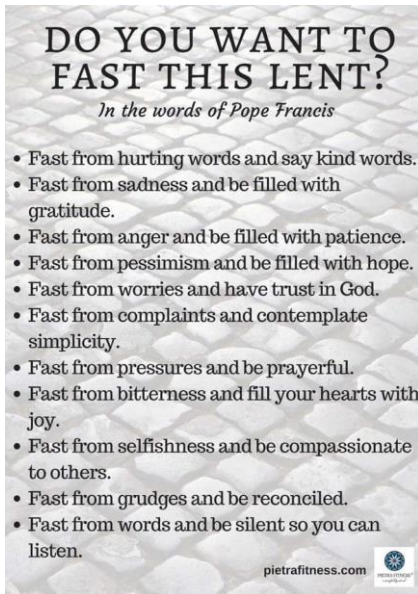


Newsletter – Week 6, Term 1 12 March 2019

Kia ora Whanau



Prayer for the First Sunday of Lent

E te Atua, God of the journey, we pray that you teach us to listen to the Spirit as Jesus listened.

May we discern your presence in our daily life and be filled with the spirit. Fasting from chocolate, sugar and wine seems quite insignificant when considering the fasting suggestions from Pope Francis (on the left). I tend to post this every Lent as I think there is at least one timely reminder for each of us in this reflection.

Sad news

It is with great sadness that I let you know of the passing of a precious father, husband and valued friend of the school, Craig Landon, in a tragic accident on the weekend. Craig and Andrea have supported sport in our school for many years. Craig has coached rugby and was well loved by the students whom he worked with. We ask for your continuing prayers for Andrea, William, Gianni and Julia.

A funeral service for Craig will be held at 10:30am on Friday at St John's Church, with a wake to follow at the Marist Rugby Club, Stadium Dr, Albany. The church car park and school playground (top and back court) will be open for parking for the funeral.

Church Carpark

On normal school days the church car park is for drop off and pick up only. Please use only the allocated spaces. Please do not park by the presbytery or in the area directly outside the church as this area is for our priests and parish workers only.

Viki Trainor – Principal



Our ANNUAL SWIMMING SPORTS Thursday, 14th March - 9.30am start.



Savaday Thursday, 21st March

Our Swimming Sports is always a special event and the children are keen to get in the pool and compete for their house teams. In response to feedback received over the past few years, the format of our swimming sports will be changed slightly this year. Year 3 to 6 children will be participating in the morning, starting at 9.30am, and competing for the **Nicola Jack Memorial Cup**. A copy of the programme will be published on the Sports page of the school website www.stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz in due course.

Year 1 and 2 children will be participating in a non-competitive afternoon, starting at 1.45pm, where they will have the opportunity to showcase what they have been learning and enjoy time together in the pool area.

We ask you to refrain from going into the pool area, rather, enjoy sitting on the surrounding banks. For safety reasons the children will not be allowed to leave the pool enclosure. They will have their hats on while not swimming and should also bring a T-shirt in their house colours to wear at the pool. Please feel free to give your child 'named' sunscreen to put on or apply it to your child before they come to school.

Best of swimming to all the House teams!

NATIONAL LIBRARY BOOKS

As you are aware, all children at St John's are able to check books out from our School Library to enjoy reading at home. In the past these have all been books belonging to the school and have been marked as such. Following the successful trial last year we will again be loaning books from the New Zealand National Library. They are distinguishable by their barcode on the top right of the back cover. Please ensure that these are returned to school and not to your local library as we have to account for everything we borrow. National Library books also have to be returned by specific dates and charges will be incurred if this is not complied with. With thanks in advance for your help with this.

SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB



Due to parental feedback at last year's successful book fair we will be trailing the opportunity to purchase books through the Scholastic Lucky Book club. Families choosing to take part in this opportunity will enable the school to receive rewards from Scholastic.

We have chosen to do three issues this year. Issue #2 will be coming home this week, issues #4 and #7 will be coming home later in the year. Each issue will have a range of books from \$2.00 available to purchase.

We would prefer no money or order forms come to the school. All orders can be made through LOOP on the Scholastic NZ website <https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/> and clicking on the order here tab or by using the Scholastic LOOP app which is available on Google play or the App store.

Please use LOOP to place and pay for your order. All LOOP orders earn the same rewards for our school. All LOOP orders come directly to the school and will be distributed by the Book Club Coordinator. By using LOOP there is no need to fill out any forms or receipt numbers.

LOOP orders must be placed online by 4pm Sunday, 24th March. Any orders received after this date will not be processed. Delivery to school will be during the last week of term. Any queries or questions can be directed to Library@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz

ANNUAL SUMMER PTFA FAMILY PICNIC

On Friday many of our staff and community will be attending the funeral for Craig Landon. As a mark of respect for our beautiful Landon family, there will be no PTFA picnic on Friday evening.

PTFA Annual General Meeting - Tuesday, 19th March from 7.00pm.

PARISH NEWS

Happy Hour As from Wednesday, 6th March Happy Hour will be hosted by Hugh Green Retirement Village, 105 Apollo Drive, Albany and will no longer be held in the school hall. It will continue with the same structure, smiley faces and volunteers. Everyone is welcome to join us fortnightly on Wednesdays between 1.30 – 3.00pm. Contact Christine, Tel: 09 479 7694

Conversational English We will be offering skills in conversational English for anyone new or fairly new to New Zealand. We will meet fortnightly on a Friday at 10.30am in the Father Quinn Chapel in the church at St Johns, Mairangi Bay, beginning this Friday 15th March. Please encourage anyone you think would benefit from these skills to come along and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and to get to know some other people. For information please contact Mary Finlayson Tel: 09 444 7156.

영어 회화 - 뉴질랜드에 새롭게 오셨거나 적응하시는 분들을 위해 영어 회화 스킬을 알려드립니다.

시간: 3월 15일부터, 격주 금요일 오전 10시 30분

장소: 마이랑이베이 세인트 존 성당(St. Johns) 내 경당

영어 회화가 필요한 주변 분들께 알려주시고, 오셔서 차 한 잔 하시면서 친교를 나누세요. 더 많은 정보는 메리 핀레이슨 444 7156 으로 연락주세요.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

PLAYERS OF THE DAY... Parker Simpson (Basketball), Conrad Grayson (Cricket)

ALSO TO... Elena Rotaeché (Gymnastics)

COMMUNITY NOTICES...

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

North Shore: One on One individual drumming lessons. All styles and can prepare students for International and/or NCEA exams if you wish to go that route. If it's just for fun that's cool too! Recommended Age: 8-18yrs. Space available with Mark and Carly, contact Mark, Tel: 021 265 1975 or see www.drumadiddle.co.nz.

East Coast Bays Football Club 2019 registrations open now for girls and boys. www.ecbafc.co.nz for more information. **North Harbour Rugby Girls Only Club Rippa.** Saturday Mornings 11th May – 31st August, home and away games. For more information contact your local club for their registration dates or Sarah McIlroy, Tel: 021 193 8716 Email; sara@harbourrugby.co.nz **Murrays Bay School Twilight Festival** Friday, 5th April, 3.00 – 7.00pm Music, Stalls, Games, Bar.