

# Newsletter – Week 7, Term 1

## 19 March 2019

Kia ora Whanau



*“A true Lent means taking a risk by going deeper to the heart to find what really makes us tick.”* Monsignor Paul Farmer

### Mufti day fundraiser for Christchurch

In light of the horrendous event of last Friday in Christchurch our students would like to come together in solidarity to show their support and aroha for the victims and families involved.

This **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March** our school will hold a “Red is for Aroha” mufti-day. Children are invited to wear as much red as possible (clothes, wigs, shoes, hair bands etc). We ask that children bring a gold coin koha that will be collected and sent to the relief fund.

**Paid Union Meetings** Further to my message to you with regard Paid Union Meetings commencing 1.30pm Wednesday, 20th March, please now be advised that due to events last Friday, the meetings have been cancelled nationwide. Children will remain at school all day as normal.

**Thank you** to all the members of the community that helped with the strategic organisation of the Landon Funeral last Friday. Your kindness and support was very much appreciated.

Viki Trainor - Principal

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND FIRE EVACUATION SCHEME

Good practice recommends that our school community are conversant with our Emergency Response Document covering Fire, Earthquake and Lockdown Procedures. Every year in March we advise parents that copies of these documents are on our school website [www.stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz](http://www.stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz). You will find them under the School Information tab – School Policies/Reports. Should you have any questions please contact Michele Nash, Principal's PA.

### SWIMMING SPORTS

We were blessed with another fine and sunny day for our Swimming Sports last Thursday.

It was good to see so many of you on the bank watching and we hope you enjoyed the swimming below.

Congratulations to Red House for winning the Nicola Jack Memorial Trophy.



A special thanks to Mrs Dorrington who organised the sports and to all the teachers who prepared the children and all the staff who officiated on the day. For the pristine, sparkling water and beautifully maintained pool surrounds, we thank Mr Dixon for his work over the whole swimming season.



### SWIMMING POOL CLOSURE - OUR POOL CLOSSES ON FRIDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Pool key bond refunds are now available from the office.

Keys should be returned before the end of term, Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> of April.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

This week all classes have been focusing on **St. Joseph** who has two feast days on the liturgical calendar. The first is March 19<sup>th</sup> (Joseph, the Husband of Mary), the second is May 1<sup>st</sup> (Joseph, the Worker).

*“Saint Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God,”* Pope John Paul II had once said.

We can see from his actions in scripture that Joseph was a compassionate man, and obedient to the will of God. He also loved Mary and Jesus and wanted to protect and provide for them.

We celebrate this special Feast day to honour the founders of our school, the Sisters of St. Joseph, together with Mary Mackillop and Julian Tennison Woods.

### **Reconciliation**

Next Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March Year 5 and 6 children will be attending Reconciliation at St John’s Church between 11.00am – 12.30pm. Where possible please avoid booking appointments for your children during this time.

Laura Baddeley – Director of Religious Studies

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## **SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB**



A reminder that the final date for ordering from Scholastic Lucky Book club through LOOP at is 4.00pm, Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Should your child’s catalogue be missing you can find a copy online at <https://scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>

Any queries or questions can be directed to [Library@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz](mailto:Library@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz)

## **NATIONAL LIBRARY BOOKS**

As you are aware, all children at St John’s are able to check out books 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.

Chantelle Dunn - Librarian

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**PTFA AGM - TODAY 7.00pm in the Staff Room**



**Carmel College Pre-enrolment evening** for 2020 Year 7 – 9 students. Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 4.30 - 6.30pm in the college hall.

**Rosmini Open Day** is being held on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at 1.45 pm, Orientation Day is Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November.

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## **IMPETIGO**

There are currently a number of cases of Impetigo (also known as School Sores) at school. Impetigo is a bacterial infection that involves the superficial skin. The most common presentation is yellowish crusts on the face, arms, or legs. Less common, there may be large blisters which affect the groin or armpits. The lesions may be painful or itchy. Impetigo is contagious and easily spread, please ensure that you take your child for medical assessment if you have any concerns. Health Department Guidelines are that **infected persons should not attend school for a full 24 hours following the start of a course of antibiotics**. No infected person may use the swimming pool. Thank you for your help in containing the spread, good hand hygiene is the best preventative.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**PLAYERS OF THE DAY...** Reagan Smith, Rachel Qazanchy (Flippaball), Ashley Smith, Thomas Moore (Basketball), Karney Prendergast (Flippaball), Shaun Perera (Cricket)

**SEASON AWARDS...** Jackson Smith (Cricket)

**ALSO TO...** Gabriel and Joshua Rendle (Achieved badges for Rangitoto and Mahurangi Zones Cubs founders day), Maria George (Gymnastics), Charlie Rice (Silver Badge – Cubs), Charlotte McKewen (Swimming)



Our amazing Sports Coordinator, Mrs Karen Dorrington, has succeeded yet again, this time at the NZ Masters National Track and Field Champs, held in Timaru from Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd March 2019.

It was a great weekend and the weather was perfect for the athletes for the entire time. Karen was fortunate enough in her events to receive five medals over the weekend as follows:

400m Silver	High Jump Silver	
Long Jump Gold	800m Gold	Pentathlon Gold

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES...

- **FOUND** – Set of Rosary beads with crucifix missing. Please come to the school office if you think these may belong to you.
- **North Harbour Rugby Girls Only Club Ripa** Saturday Mornings 11<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 3.00 – 7.00pm Music, Stalls, Games and Bar.
- **Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation Centre (MERC)** are hosting a charity fun run on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to raise funds for MERC. The run is a 2 hour beach run, with the aim being to run as many 2km loops of the beach as possible within this time. The event can be completed as an individual, or as teams of up to four people. It is suitable for all ages. Entry is online at [www.trybooking.co.nz/717](http://www.trybooking.co.nz/717), and more information can be found on MERC's Facebook event 'Beach Fun Run 2019'.
- **Art in the Holidays** (for ages 7 - 12 yrs.) With step-by-step instruction children will draw then create a vibrant acrylic painting, learning tips and techniques along the way. Fun and focused. Venue: St Anne's Hall, Browns Bay, April 16th, 10am - 3.00pm, \$55.00 For bookings: [eion@eionbryant.com](mailto:eion@eionbryant.com), Tel: 09 483 6703

**Bilingual Children**  
雙語兒童語言發展 Language  
親子講座 Development  
**Parents Information Workshop**  
With Jennifer Chen, Speech Language Therapist 陳怡君語言治療師

SUNDAY, 17 MARCH, 3.30-4.30pm  
KOWHAI RM, WINDSOR PARK BAPTIST CHURCH  
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