

Newsletter – Week 8, Term 1

26 March 2019

Kia ora Whanau

The **LORD** is kind and merciful (*Ps. 103*)

*For all people throughout Aotearoa, New Zealand
We pray that anger and grief lead not to violence but to
consolation and peace...*



Student Drop off and Collection Procedures

There are three designated collection points for children to wait to be picked up at the end of the school day (2.50pm). These are the turning circle next to the school car park at the East Coast Rd entrance to the school, the front gate at 87A Penzance Rd and the top court near Room 3. Junior children attending Kids Choice after school care will be collected from their classes by a member of Kids Choice staff.

Children should not be waiting or playing in other areas of the school whilst waiting for collection unless attending a sports team practice. If you are delayed due to unforeseen circumstances please contact the school office (Tel: 09 478 7734) and your children will wait for you on the benches outside the office. For safety, any child still awaiting collection after 3.20pm will be placed in after school care with Kids Choice in the School Hall at the parents cost.

We have also recently observed children at school as early as 7.30am. This is very concerning as school grounds are not officially supervised until 8.30am. As a reminder, children should only wait/play on top court prior to the 8.30am bell.

Easter Reflection On Friday, 12th April, 2:00pm Room 6 will host an Easter Reflection in the Hall. As this was such a beautiful moving experience for our children and our audience last year, we have decided that it should become our Easter tradition. You are very welcome to join with us as we are called to remember the true meaning of Easter. We remind our children that this is a quiet, reflective occasion and that reverence is required. We ask that you refrain from taking photos and videos during this assembly time. *“May we learn to SEE the Jesus in ourselves and in everyone else around us”* Lenten thought from Father Sherwin Lapaan.

Viki Trainor – Principal

MUFTI DAY FOR CHRISTCHURCH



Last Friday, as a school, we took part in the nationwide ‘Colour Your Day’ initiative aiming to raise people’s spirits and show our unified support, visually and financially, for the people of Christchurch. The children, dressed in all colours of the rainbow, looked bright and full of joy and hope.

Thank you all for your caring and generosity. The school raised **\$821.40** which has been sent to a fund to support the families who were directly affected by last week’s tragedy.

Please continue to uphold the families of the victims and the people of Christchurch in your prayers.

In the words of one of our Year 6 students;

“Heavenly Father, please send down Your angels and blessings onto Christchurch.”



SWIMMING POOL CLOSURE - OUR POOL CLOSSES ON FRIDAY, 5TH APRIL

Pool key bond refunds are now available from the office.

Keys should be returned before the end of term, Friday, 12th of April.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Beginning in Term 2, Liz George, the Pastoral Assistant at St. John's Parish, will be running a programme called Seasons for Growth. The programme will run at school on Tuesdays for 9 weeks during the school day with a 45 minute session per week.

Seasons for Growth is based on the belief that change and loss are part of life, and grief is a normal response to these losses. Children, young people and adults need the opportunity to learn about how death, separation, divorce or other significant loss events may impact on their lives. The Seasons for Growth programmes provide an opportunity for participants to learn the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to understand and respond well to such experiences.

If you think that this may benefit your child or have any further questions about the programme, please see or email our Director of Religious Studies, Mrs Baddeley - laurab@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz.

SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Thank you for all your orders to the Lucky Book Club. I understand that a few people had trouble with the LOOP ordering system. After talking with the Scholastic representative there are a couple of steps to take before you place your order.

- #1 you need to register yourselves.
- #2 on the registration pages you need to add your child/ren,
- #3 place order, making sure that you are ordering from issue #2



Hopefully these instructions will help anyone who has struggled to place an order, should you still be having difficulty you can call the Scholastic book club line on 0800 266525.

The cut off time has now passed for delivery to the school but orders can still be placed. You will be charged a \$4.99 shipping charge and your items will be sent directly to your home. Chantelle Dunn - Library Manager

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

"St John's had a team of over 30 children participate in the Weetbix TRYathlon over the weekend. Congratulations - You were all awesome!" We invite them to wear their special t-shirts and bring their medals to our next school Assembly, which will be on Friday, 29th March, when we can celebrate their success.

TRYathletes included: Ruby Lockwood, Oscar Reade, Sophie Smith, Ashley Smith, Charlotte McKewen, Olive Thomas, Kirra Redfern-Hardisty, Bonnie Rice, Kate Bolland, Lachlan Drury, Celia Poledniok, Cameron Simpson, Libby Simpson, Lila Gilchrist, Jeremy Howard, Joseph Howard, Charlotte Moore, Julia Landon, Karney Prendergast, Callum Smytheman, Isaac Hames, Thomas Duff, Erina Younan, Connor Sievwright, Billy Hogan, Jake Stucki, James Vaughan, Michael Popov.



TENNIS TOURNAMENT



On Friday, 15th March our team of eight enthusiastic Year 5 & 6 boys and girls headed off to Pinehurst School with Mrs Dorrington to compete in our first Super Cluster Interschool Tennis Tournament. The team comprised of 4 girls and 4 boys being: Sebastian Moore & Glenn Augenstein (Boys Singles), Lachlan Murray & James Vaughan (Boys Doubles), Vivienne Wright & Charlotte McKewen (Girls Singles), and Celia Poledniok & Danielle Bull (Girls Doubles).

Our results were mixed with our team members winning some games, and losing a few. At the same time, the players all really enjoyed the experience and the opportunity to represent St John's. The energy, attitude and great team spirit with which they took on their opponents, was commendable. The organising schools' object of the day was for all teams to have fun, and that was clearly visible by our team and those of the 7 other schools there. We look forward to attending this tournament again in the future. Many thanks to the parents who assisted with the transportation, and to those who came along and supported the team. A great day for all involved.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

On Friday, 15th March a group of children from Room 5 visited Hugh Green Rest Home to sing and share the celebration of St Patrick's Day with the residents.

"It was a great experience and wonderful to see smiles on the faces of the residents whilst we sang and danced."

Kirra and Bella, Room 5



DATES TO NOTE



- The next **Board of Trustees Meeting** will be held this Thursday, 28th March at 6.30pm in the Staff Room.
- **Holidays** - School closes at the usual time on Friday, 12th April for the Easter holidays and resumes on Monday, 29th April
- **Carmel College Pre-enrolment evening** for 2020 Year 7 – 9 students. Thursday, 9th May 4.30 - 6.30pm in the college hall.
- **Rosmini Open Day** is being held on Thursday, 9th May at 1.45 pm, Orientation Day is Tuesday, 5th November.

Both Colleges are completely autonomous and administer their own enrolment process. Families should contact them directly with any queries.

EAT MY LUNCH

As from the last week of term, **Friday, 12th April** we will have Eat My Lunch, Buy One Give One for the children to order as an alternative to Subway. Eat My Lunch have worked hard on this new initiative for school children to support other children less fortunate than themselves. The lunch that your child will receive has been simplified to cater to a younger palate, the price has been reduced to \$7.00 and the ordering process simplified. Please see enclosed flyer for further information.

Anneliese Bridges – Office Secretary



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ENTERTAINMENT BOOK



For anyone looking to purchase or renew their subscription to the Entertainment book, the school does have an active code and if ordered using this code then the school will receive a donation.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/953h57>

Francine Gilchrist

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

PLAYERS OF THE DAY... Molly Brannigan, The Stingrays Flippaball Team, Oscar Reade (Flippaball), Emma Neill, Carter Gilchrist. Thomas Neill (Basketball). **SEASON AWARDS...** Shaun Perera (Yr3/4 Sportsmanship Cricket), Oscar Smith (Top Bowler MVP Cricket), Cody Rummel (Top Batter Cricket). **ALSO TO...** Nina Harris (Official Lolly Runner for Air NZ) Tiwonge Shoniwa, Eloisa Duff, Amina Deles (Gymnastics), Emma Neill, Thomas Neill, Molly Brannigan, Alana Younan (Swimming), Carter Gilchrist (Mini Triathlon with Poppa), Finn Brannigan, Molly Brannigan (Albany Lakes Summer Run), Jake Stucki (X Race Finisher).

COMMUNITY NOTICES...

Catholic Education Services Vacancy for a part-time Secretary (3 days per week) commencing on Wednesday, 1st May at Catholic Education Services. For an application form and job description please contact: Philip Mahoney, Manager, Catholic Education Services, Phone: (09) 360 3079, Email: philipm@cda.org.nz *Applications (by way of a CV, covering letter and completed application form) close on Friday 29th April, 2019.*

Kids Choice School Holiday programme Monday 15th April to Friday 26th April 2019. Days are full of fun activities and trips to stimulate and entertain your children in a safe, fully supervised environment. CYF's approved allowing you to apply for a subsidy. We are based at the Presbyterian Church, 10 Penzance Road, Mairangi Bay. 7.00am to 6.00pm daily. Contact Barb 027 440 6363 or 09 478 3705 Email: kids.choice@infoegen.net.nz

Studio 246 Holiday Programme at Murrays Bay Intermediate, Monday 15th – Thursday 18th April, 9am – 4pm daily. Programme includes dance, drama, singing, props, costumes etc. before performing a show on Thursday afternoon. Suitable for ages 5 to 15yrs, no experience necessary. Childcare also available between 8am – 9am and then 4pm – 5.30pm. For more information email Lenore: info@studio246.co.nz

The Conscious Kids Social Enterprise is inviting your children to a 100% play-in-nature school holiday programme. Nature play has proven physical, emotional and social health benefits. Our supervised programme allows kids to lead their own activities - mudslides, tree climbing, puddle splashing, hammock and hut building etc. Apart from the obvious safety restrictions and respect framework, there are few instructions for kids. Our number 1 'rule' is to have fun! Staff are present for supervision and support, but children follow their innate 'readiness meter' to make their own decisions before getting involved in any new situation. Such child-led play enhances creativity, problem-solving, communication (including listening!), collaboration and many other 21st century skills. First week of April holidays (15th - 18th April), at a cost of \$65 per day @ Long Bay. Daily programmes run from 9 am to 4 pm and are designed for children aged 5 - 12 yrs old. For booking and more information, please visit <http://www.consciouskids.co.nz>

Friday 12 April



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<https://www.eatmylunch.nz/s/tjohns12thapril/>

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