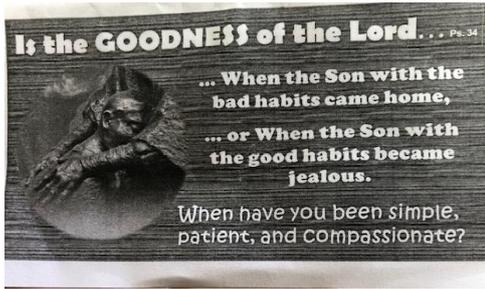


Newsletter – Week 9, Term 1 2 April 2019

Kia ora Whanau



Last week I was lucky enough to enjoy the parable of the Prodigal Son twice. Firstly, at assembly last Friday when our Young MacKillop's who hosted the assembly retold the parable and shared a video and then again at Sunday Mass. During the homily at Mass Pa Peter asked a very poignant question, "Who do you most resonate with"? The son with the bad habits who sought forgiveness or the son with the good habits yet struggled with jealousy? Pa Peter went on to suggest that maybe we should try to be like neither, rather, strive to be like the father in the parable who showed unconditional love for both. I thought this was a really good point for reflection.

Staff News

Mrs Paula Ritsma has joined the St John's teaching staff and will be teaching three days per week in Room 4. You will also see Mrs Ritsma in a variety of classes around the school as she will be releasing teachers for various reasons.

Extra-Curricular

Our students have been very busy with a myriad of extracurricular sports and events. Last week many of children participated in the Weetbix TRYathlon. Many thanks to Leanne Duechra for promoting this event and registering our school. Today another group of children supported by Sara Prendergast will represent St John's at the Interschool Swimming competition and later this week Mrs Dorrington our Sports Co-ordinator will be holding trials for netball. It is wonderful to see so many of our children involved in sport.

Lenten Prayer

E te Atua, God of mercy, as we continue our Lenten journey, may we extend your hospitality to each other. May we listen deeply to each other and be open to change.

Easter Reflection On Friday, 12th April, 2:00pm Room 6 will host an Easter Reflection in the Hall. 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.

Viki Trainor – Principal

Board of Trustee 2019 Elections

The Electoral Roll of eligible voters for the Parent Representative Elections is open from today for inspection and can be viewed, Monday to Friday, between 8.15am and 3pm at the School Office. You may request to sight your own entry. You may request to verify that another person is on the Electoral Roll but you may not sight any addresses.



Telephone enquiries are acceptable and welcomed. [478 7734 Xtn 203]. In this case a name provided by the caller may be confirmed or not as being on the roll but NO addresses will be disclosed or discussed by the Returning Officer or staff authorised [during school office hours] to assist the Returning Officer with this aspect of verifying the Electoral Roll.

KEY DATES:	02 April	Electoral Roll open for inspection
	08 May	Main Roll closes
	08 May	Supplementary Roll opens
	10 May	Nominations open
	22 May	Supplementary Roll closes [noon]
	24 May	Nominations close [noon]
	29 May	Voting papers distributed by this date
	07 June	Election Day Voting closes [noon]
	13 June	Votes counted and results declared
	14 June	Board takes office

Nominations forms for Parent Representatives will be posted to each person named on the Electoral Roll during the week of 6th May. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the School Office.

Statements by Nominees A nominee may, before the close of nominations, give the Returning Officer a brief statement of up to 400 words (signed by the nominee and which can include a photograph) about his or her experience, qualifications, abilities, previous involvement with the school, interests and anything else that can be reasonably linked to the education of children. The Returning Officer is authorised to omit or abridge any part of the statement if it is likely to be defamatory or offensive, or is too long. These profiles are published and circulated with voting papers. If a Nominee Statement is not given to the Returning Officer by noon of 24th May that nominee's statement cannot be sent to voters with the voting papers. Please note that any person other than those ineligible under S103 and 103A of the Education Act 1989 (details of which can be obtained at the School Office) may stand for election for the Board of Trustees; *however, if you are not on the Electoral Roll, you must be nominated by a person who is.* If you are on the school electoral roll and eligible to vote, you can nominate yourself and do not require a seconder, but you **MUST SIGN BOTH PARTS OF THE FORM.**

A copy of the advertisement calling for nominations that will be published in the North Shore Times Advertiser on 16th April 2019 will also be published in the 9th April School Newsletter. [Returning Officer, Michele Nash]

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.

CODE CLUB 2019



This year we have been fortunate enough to have Mark Leslie, a past parent and Code Club Aotearoa volunteer, return to support St John's. This Club is open to students in Year 6. The students spend Thursday afternoons creating code, making animations and getting to know the Scratch programme. Next term the Code Club will be exploring Python and HTML and they hope to organise a school event where they can share their skills.

Code Club Aotearoa was set up in 2014, to help kiwi kids reach their digital potential by encouraging them to combine their imaginations with an understanding of programming, and to take their incredible inventions to the world.

Currently the St John's Code Club is full and we have a waiting list of members, if you are in Year 6 and you wish to add your name to this waiting list, please see Mrs Marsh.

FIRST PTFA FUNDRAISER FOR 2019

This Friday the PTFA will launch their first fundraiser for 2019, and the timing is perfect. This year instead of chocolates, we'll be asking our families to help us sell reusable produce bags to raise funds. These come in packs of three large bags to be sold for \$8.00 per pack and can be used over and over and over – perfect as our country works to phase out plastic fruit and vege bags as their next initiative of plastic bag reduction.



Each family will receive a box of 10 packs and will be encouraged to sell these and return the funds or the unsold bags by Friday, 3rd May.

The bags will be sent home with the eldest child this Friday and the first house to return all the funds or unsold bags will win ice blocks and a 10 minute early start to lunchtime to enjoy these!

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 received has been simplified to cater to a younger palate, the price has been reduced to \$7.00 and the ordering process simplified. Please see flyer enclosed in last week's newsletter for further information.



BUY ONE. GIVE ONE.™

Anneliese Bridges – Office Secretary



SWIMMING POOL CLOSURE - OUR POOL CLOSES 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.

SCHOOL FEES

Unless you have made other arrangements or have an automatic payment set up, school accounts for Term 1, 2019 are now overdue. Prompt payment via cash/cheque/EFTPOS at the school office or online to a/c: 12-3042-0320348 with your child's surname as reference is appreciated. The office needs a week before the end of term to conclude administration.

UPCOMING SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALES

This Thursday, 4th April 2019, 2.30 – 3.00pm in the School Hall. This is the last sale for Term 1.

The first sale for Term 2 will be held on Thursday, 2nd May 2019, 2.30 – 3.00pm in the School Hall.

Due to fluctuating weather we give you the choice for the children to wear either full summer or full winter uniform for the first two weeks of Term 2. Hats are not worn in Term 2 and 3. If you have winter items that children have grown out of and you would like to on-sell them, now is the time to bring them to the office and complete the sale detail form. Alternatively, do it all at home by downloading the form from the school website Our School – Uniform tab. From Monday, 13th May all children will be wearing their full winter uniform.

LOST PROPERTY

We are nearing the end of term and the blue box of lost property items in the Sick Bay is FULL of school uniform items, shoes, towels, togs, goggles, sports balls, water bottles etc. Please encourage your children to check for items they may be missing. At the end of term, remaining items are given to those in need or recycled through the second hand uniform sales. This is also a timely reminder to clearly name all items that your child brings to school.

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

PARISH NEWS

Pascal Meal You are invited to join us on Thursday, April 11th at 6.30pm in St John's School Hall to share a traditional meal. Cost: \$10/person, \$30/family. Please put your details on the clipboard in St John's Church.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

PLAYERS OF THE DAY... Joseph Howard, Finn Brannigan (Basketball), Mia Beresford-Huey-Kher (Flippaball)

SEASON AWARDS... Jamie Chapman-Smith (Most Improved Competitor in A Group, SLSC)

ALSO TO... Nina Harris, Teresa Rotaeché (Swimming), Molly Brannigan (Surf Lifesaving Level 1), Charlotte McKewen (Surf Lifesaving Level 2), Jude Hames (Weetbix TRYathlon), James Vaughan (Gymnastics), Fernanda Tirado (Central North West Athletics, 2 bronze, 1 gold)

COMMUNITY NOTICES...

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP for WOMEN, NORTH SHORE Warmly invites all women to our April Meeting. Topic: Serving Jesus (John 20: 17-18), Speaker: Jovita Parker, Wednesday, 24th April 7.30p.m. – 9.30p.m. (Date changed), Parish Hall, St. Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629 Contact: Sylvia 09 443 7477 www.dove.org.nz

New Zealand Guitar Ensemble 14th Annual concert, 27th April 2019 Kristen School Dove Theatre, Gate 2, 360 Albany Highway. Free admission. Tel: 027 580 5048

Face Painting by Dina, Art Student. Contact: mayadabakhaya@gmail.com Children's face painting for any sort of event.

Parenting Courses for Parents of all Cultures Starting from Tuesday, 30th April in English, Korean & Mandarin for children aged 4 – 11yrs, under 4's and Adolescents. www.whanaumarama-parenting.co.nz You can enrol on line or phone Elizabeth 022 341 6212

ECB Football Club April School Holiday Programme Mon 15th April – Thurs 18th April, 9am – 12.00pm. Andersons Road, Browns Bay. Email: ecbafc@xtra.co.nz. \$40 for one day or \$120 for 4 days. Flyers available from school office.