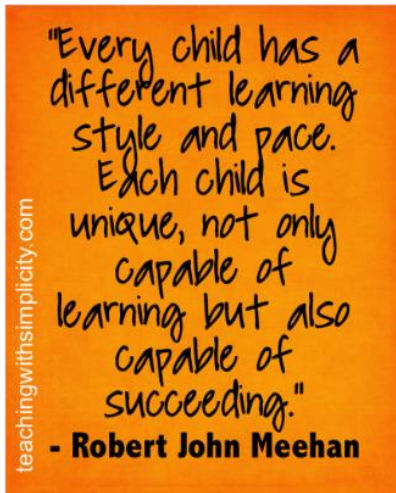


## Newsletter – Week 9, Term 2 25 June 2019

Kia ora Whanau



I have had great pleasure in reading and signing off our children's mid-year reports, which you would have received on Friday. I am sure that you are as proud of your children as I am. It was clear to see how hard they have all been working. Whilst I am obviously interested in their academic progress, I tend to take particular notice of the Key Competencies as it is these skills that will prepare and enable our children to be active participants in society. Without the ability to think for themselves, relate to others, manage their behaviour and participate and contribute in a variety of situations, they will find life challenging regardless of their academic ability. I know that our teachers are looking forward to meeting with you today to discuss your child's progress.

### St John the Baptist Feast Day

Our school celebrated the feast day of St John the Baptist on Monday, starting with a beautiful Mass, followed by talent sharing in the hall as has been the tradition for many years. This is an opportunity for the children who learn outside of school to share their talents. We were treated to dance, song, gymnastics, martial arts and comedy. Father Raphael, Father Marchellino and our lovely Liz George from the Parish joined us for the show. The children were very lucky to receive a special lollypop treat from the Fathers at the end of the day.

### First Meeting of our new Board of Trustees

This Thursday evening our new Board of Trustees will come together as a School Board for the first time. We are very blessed to have these wonderful people in our community who are so giving of their time and skills. I ask that you keep them in your prayers so as God will guide them as they make decisions for our school and our children.

Viki Trainor – Principal

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### BOT

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be this Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm in the staff room.

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The next uniform sale will be held on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2.30 – 3pm in the School Hall

### PTFA MEETING

The next PTFA meeting will be on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.00pm in the staff room.



**THIS Friday, 28th June, in the school hall.**

Dress up in some wacky opposite clothes and accessories and join in the fun!

Years 1 to 3 disco from 5.30pm until 6.45pm, followed by Years 4 to 6 from 7pm until 8.30pm.

Currently enrolled St John's children only please.

\$5.00 per ticket which includes an ice-cream and glow stick, a fantastic DJ, games and prizes.

Sausage sizzle available before both disco sessions.

## SUSTAINABLE ART

Last week as part of our whole school curriculum focus on Sustainability, Room 6 children explored the school and created some temporary art from Nature.



## St John's Parent Community Survey Feedback

Thank you to the parents that contributed to our April survey. We recently engaged the services of Ask Your Team as part of our membership of the North Shore Schools Kahui Ako. Ask Your Team support us to create engagement surveys to support continual improvement.

In our April survey, we surveyed staff, students and parents. It was great to see high scores across all three survey groups, particularly in the questions relating to the clear awareness and commitment to our values as well as wellbeing which was also identified as a priority area in our strategic review last year.

The strongest scoring areas are shown in the table below:

PARENTS	The School has a good reputation in the community	89%
	My child enjoys being part of the School	89%
	There are opportunities for parents to participate in the life of the School	88%
STUDENTS	The school cares about the environment	90%
	I know what the School's values are and try to follow them	90%
	I enjoy being part of this school	89%
STAFF	I enjoy being part of the School	96%
	I feel safe at school	94%
	Our school is inclusive and values diversity in students' home languages, culture and identity	92%

After a detailed analysis by Ask Your Team, we have identified some initial areas for development, based on the feedback from students, staff and parents.

### Areas for development from the survey:

One area identified in the students' survey was how they give and receive feedback about their learning. Teachers have responded to the student survey by gathering more specific information around student agency and are now working in classes on specific teacher inquiries.

An area identified by the parent community is for us to clarify and review how we keep parents informed about their children's learning. We will be using the Ask Your Team system again next week to ask you for insights on how we continue to make improvements with this.

We value your input into these surveys; it helps us to continue to identify areas that we can improve on to make St John's School the best it can be. Please look out for this latest survey and help us work together. Kind regards, and many thanks again for your insights.

Jill Marsh

## NETBALL NEWS

On Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June our two Year 6 netball teams attended the annual "Field Day" Tournament at the Barfoot & Thompson Netball Centre in Northcote. This tournament caters for Year 6 teams only and is an opportunity for coaches and teams to get in some extra games before the Championship Round of the weekly competition commences. Each team played 4 games throughout the day and all players enjoyed the experience that tournament play demands. Both teams had mixed results with each team winning one game, while 6/2 also had a draw. The weather was crisp and cool to start with, but before too long we were basking under sunny blue skies.

It was great to see the parents cheering the girls on the sidelines. Mrs Trainor and Miss Binns could be heard raising their voices and cheering our teams too. Thank you to the Coaches and Managers on the day, for the wonderful work you are doing with our netballers. Thanks also to those parents who assisted with transporting the players to and from the netball courts.



To check if you have paid all outstanding expenses, please login to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) and click on the 'my orders' tab at the top of the screen.

If anything is outstanding for any of your children from the list of Start of School Expenses **please pay for them before the end of Term 2.**

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**PLAYERS OF THE DAY...** Thomas Duff, Oscar Reade, Emma Neill, Boston Leonard, Aaron Jayasekera, Libby Simpson (Basketball), Tiwonge Shoniwa, Olive Sagar, Ben Perry (Flippaball), Emma Neill, Maria Hale, Mia Beresford-Huey-Kher, Amber Saxon, Sophie Hayward, Alayna Allen, Ashlyn Stevens, Pearla Raffo (Netball), Isaac Reade, Mayan Awroos (Soccer), Thomas Moore (Rippa)

**ALSO TO...** Alora Francis (Kumon)

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES...

**Kelly Sports Holiday Programme** [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) Contact Felicia Martis, Email: [felicia@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:felicia@kellysports.co.nz), Tel: 022 533 5420 / 09 390 5000. For boys and girls aged 5 – 13yrs

**AUT School Holiday Programme** [gym.aut.ac.nz/kids](http://gym.aut.ac.nz/kids), Children aged 5 – 12yrs, 9am – 3pm, \$45 daily/\$200 weekly. Email: [holiday.programme@aut.ac.nz](mailto:holiday.programme@aut.ac.nz), Tel: 09 921 9747

**Under the Sea Primary Art Workshop** Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, Yrs 1-3 at 10am – 12pm, Yrs 4-6 at 2 - 4pm, Room A11 Rangitoto College. Email: [EmmieWu117076@cloud.rangitoto.school.nz](mailto:EmmieWu117076@cloud.rangitoto.school.nz)

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## PARISH NEWS



**Request for small** fridge from North Harbour Budgeting for client in a supported living home. Contact: Vivienne, [vivwood@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:vivwood@slingshot.co.nz)

**Available to Rent:** one bedroom self contained unit with bathroom in Whangaparoa, \$250/wk including power, water, internet, off street parking. Contact Keli Tel: 021 280 8310

**Baptism Preparation** for Parents wanting their first child Baptised. Course at St John's Church, Tuesdays 9th & 16th July, 7.15pm. Attendance is a pre-requisite for parents wanting their first child baptised. To book contact Liz George in the Parish office.

**Sacrament of Confirmation ECB** will be celebrated at St John's Church on Wednesday, 26th June. Please keep the candidates, their sponsors and families in your prayers.