

Newsletter – Week 6, Term 3

27 August 2019

I choose this little quote because it seemed so relevant to an experience I had last week when visiting Room 1. I had the privilege of observing the children sharing their understanding of fair play. They shared examples of times when they had supported and cared for others and also times when others had cared for and invited them into games. It was quite humbling to hear the empathy and kindness of these little 7 and 8 year olds. I am sure that they are not always perfect, but it was so heart-warming to know that they understood that their little acts of kindness could make a significant difference to others.

“No one has yet fully realized the wealth of sympathy, kindness and generosity hidden in the soul of a child. The effort of every true education should be to unlock that treasure.”
- Emma Goldman



Cultural Festival

The time for our Cultural Festival is drawing closer. The school is buzzing with coaches and children practising in every available space. I wish to thank all of the parent/teacher coaches for making this event possible. I know the cultural evening will be spectacular.

Save the Date - We now have a confirmed date and location: 6.00pm, Tuesday, 17th September at Windsor Park Baptist Church. Diary this date now for what is sure to be a colourful and entertaining event.

Viki Trainor - Principal

DAFFODIL DAY – THIS Friday, 30th August



This has always been a special day for us at St. John's. It is a campaign worth supporting and this week our Mission Collection is being set aside for the appeal.

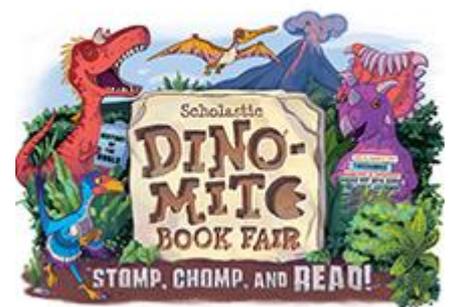
In addition the children are encouraged to bring a gold coin for a Daffodil. They will receive a special fabric daffodil which they can wear and feel part of this national appeal.

The Cancer Society provides a wide range of support services for cancer patients and their families, the promotion of healthy lifestyles, prevention and early detection of cancers, and the provision of information and resources to school and public libraries.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – Week 6

Between Monday, 26th and Friday, 30th August we will be holding our Scholastic Book Fair in the School Library.

- **Tuesday:** during Student Led Conferences (1.00 – 6.00pm) the Book Fair will be open for purchases.
- **Wednesday and Thursday 2.30 – 4.00pm:** open for parents to make purchases
- **During the school day children will have the opportunity to make purchases.**
- Cash/EFTPOS/Credit Card payments accepted.
- Out of stock items can still be ordered and will be delivered to school in due course.
- Please note that there will be **NO before school shopping** opportunities this year.



If anyone would like to volunteer to assist with the Book Fair, Mrs Dunn would be delighted to hear from you, please email: Library@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz

CANS FOR CHRISTMAS



On Friday, 6th September, we will be having a **MUFTI DAY** at school. Children are asked to please bring in a can of food for St. Vincent de Paul and the Mercy Hospice. Many other Catholic Schools from Auckland, Wanganui, Wanaka and Alexandra are participating in this and last year 19,000 cans were collected. Cans for Christmas is a registered Charitable Trust and we look forward to contributing to those in need. God's Blessing, Laura Baddeley - Director of Religious Studies

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The next sale of Second Hand Uniform will be next Thursday, 5th September, 2.30 – 3pm in the School Hall.

PTFA MEETING

The next PTFA Meeting will be on Tuesday, 3rd September at 7.00pm in the Staff Room.

FRUIT AND VEGE FUNDRAISER

The PTFA are working with one of our wonderful families to provide the opportunity to buy quality fruit and vegetables which are then delivered straight to school. Every Friday the contents of the box are made available on the Food Together website. We will also post on the PTFA Facebook page.



Working on a weekly order system you can buy a produce box filled with the freshest seasonal fruit and vegetables for \$25.00. Orders need to be placed at www.foodtogether.co.nz no later than 12noon on Tuesdays and your box will be available to pick up from outside St John's School Office on Thursday. With every box purchased, \$5.00 will be donated to the school. Any queries please contact Nicola Ritson PTFA, 021 2120911 nicolaritson1@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

PLAYERS OF THE DAY... Megan Billings, Caitlin McKemmish, Teresa Rotaeché, Nina Harris, Maria George, Alora Francis, Olive Sagar, Ava Murphy (Netball), Sean Billings, Thomas Duff, Boston Leonard (Basketball), Reagan Smith, Jamie Chapman-Smith, Julia Landon (Flippaball), Thomas Duff (Soccer).

ALSO TO... Bella Yhang (Cheerleading), Nina Harris (Gymnastics), Alora Francis (Dance), Alora Francis (Kumon), Elise Taylor (Swimming).

Congratulations to our Netball Jaguars (Jamie Beckett, Eva Ferguson, Beth O'Brien, Clara Park, Celia Poledniok, Annalina Schutz, Ashlyn Stevenson, Sophie Wavish) who came 2nd in their grade out of 75 teams

PARISH NEWS



Baptism Preparation for Parents wanting their first child baptised. The next course will be held at St John's Church, Tuesday 10th and 17th September at 7.15pm. Attendance at a preparation course is a pre-requisite for parents wanting their 1st child baptised. To enrol/book please email Liz George in the Parish office: liz@ecbcatholic.org.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Folkestone Street Infant & Child Care in Mairangi Bay are looking for a Centre Cook. No experience required, the hours are complimentary to school hours and there is some flexibility with school holidays... perfect for a school parent! Our team are friendly and fun and enjoy being immersed in the local community. Call Miranda on 0272241810 or email miranda@folkestonestreet.co.nz.

Rangitoto Kindy Fair Saturday, 7th September, 10.00am – 1.00pm, 2A Hythe Terrace. All Welcome! Bouncy castle, face painting, pony rides, second hand toys, books & clothes, cakes, lucky dip, haunted house, treasure hunt and lots of wonderful auction items.

Measles in Auckland schools

The only way to protect your family is to make sure they are vaccinated or immune.

Please see your doctor now to catch up on missed vaccinations. They are FREE at your GP.

If your children are vaccinated, they won't need to stay at home if there is measles at your school.

Keep your child at home if they are sick and watch out for symptoms:



If you or your children show symptoms please stay at home and call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116) for advice.

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles

Auckland Regional Public Health Service
Rangiora Hauora & Iwi & Tamaki Makaurau



HELP PLEASE!

There is a hint of Spring in the air and before we know it the sun will be shining and we will be able to open our school pool... BUT...

...without some volunteers the Pool will not be open for the FULL summer season.

Our School Pool Caretaker, Mr Dixon will be taking some well-earned holiday overseas between 20th December and 13th January 2020. In his absence the water quality of the pool still needs to be checked daily. We are looking for local members of our community who would be willing to be trained in water testing procedures so that a rota can be established.

Please contact Mrs Bridges in the school office (office@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz) if you would like further information or would be happy to volunteer your time.



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL GALA Friday, 8th November 2019

**We're dusting off the tombola, hiring the bouncy castles and counting out the cake boxes
Gala preparation has begun!**

A highlight of the St John's School social calendar and a fantastic fundraiser for our school is the annual Gala. Last year it raised over \$25,000 and delivered the wonderful new Junior playground, but it takes months of planning, lots of donations and hours of hard work to make it such a huge success.

This year, the funds raised from the Gala will go to giving our School Hall a bit of a spruce up. The hall is the heart of the school coming together – weekly assemblies, discos, the bi-annual musical production, the Nativity play and for parents social events. It's looking a little tired and could use a lot of love.

Before diving into the detail, the PTFA have taken some time to look at all the stalls, the effort put in and what people enjoy the most and have subsequently refined what the Gala will look like in 2019. We also know that there are usually lots of requests to families and friends so this year we are hoping to make communications clearer, concise and planned allowing you to choose in advance where you would like to donate.

Over the coming weeks we will focus on one stall a week to collect for. If children can bring these items to their classroom they will be collated by the PTFA and stored in preparation for the main event. Reminders will be posted each week in the newsletter and on the Facebook page (St John's Mairangi Bay PTFA). You are very welcome to make a donation at any time, below is a guide to let you know what we will be talking about and focusing on in the weeks running up to the Gala.

DATE	FOCUS	DESCRIPTION
w/c 26 th August	Chocolate	Blocks of chocolate for the coin toss
w/c 2 nd Sept	Volunteers	Can you run a stall or help with the preparation or organization?
w/c 9 th Sept	Wrapped lollies for lolly necklaces	
w/c 16 th Sept	School Raffle information	
w/c 23 rd Sept	Gold coin envelope decoration	
Fri 27 th – Mon 14 th	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
w/c 14 th Oct	Quick fire raffle	Wine and chocolate combos
w/c 21 st Oct	Books and Toys	
w/c 28 th Oct	Plants and preserves	
w/c 4 th Nov	Cakes, fudge and sweets	Cake stall

Every donation and every hour of help makes a huge difference to the success of our biggest fundraiser.

Thank you for your generosity.
The St John's PTFA

ROOM 7 – GREAT KIWI BAKE OFF COMPETITION

This week our Room 7 children were inspired by the Roald Dahl story of Matilda and the delicious chocolate cake Miss Truchbull had made especially for her by the school cook. Bruce Bogtrotter was forced to eat the whole chocolate cake on his own after stealing a slice! If you were forced to eat a chocolate cake, you would want it to be the best.

The children were challenged to choose a recipe from home that they, or someone in their family, thinks is the best cake and get the judging panel to test it for them.



Liam: I really liked it but my goal is not to eat so much cake again at the end.

Annalina: It was so fun making the cake with my friends and at the end I loved looking at all the yummy cakes that were half eaten.

Rhys: It was hard putting the icing on top and making it look good.

Caroline: It was really yummy tasting other people's cakes.

Julianna: It was a really good experience, it was fun making the cakes, I liked other people's cakes and it tasted really good.

Sean: Every cake was unique, it was a great experience. All the cakes had different designs.



Kate: It was really funny, but don't get it on the floor outside.



Karney: It was really cool to have something fun in the class. It was a great experience.



Holly: It was really hard to bake the cake and it took a lot of time. But we were up for the challenge.

Oscar: It was hard at first deciding on what type of cake to make. When we got started our team worked together really well.

Connor: My belly was full by the end of tasting all the cakes. It was hard work, but it all paid off at the end.

Shaun: It was really exciting and fun.

Rebecca: It was fun seeing all the different cakes made. I enjoyed baking the cake with my group.

Ashlyn: It was hard making the chocolate dome, but we got there in the end.

THANK YOU to all our families for supporting us with this fun challenge!