

Newsletter – Week 2, Term 4 22 October 2019

Nimen Hao Whanau

My delegation to China is complete and I have arrived home. The opportunity to be part of this education delegation has been such a privilege. To be immersed in the country and culture of the Chinese people from an educational perspective has been so interesting, informative and beneficial particularly as Auckland has the highest growth rate of Chinese families coming into our schools and the North Shore predominantly.

Whilst in China I visited several schools where I observed both Chinese and English teaching and also worked with some children. I visited the NZ Embassy and met with Miranda Herbert, the director of Greater China and North Asia Education Consulate, as well as visiting Fudan University, who sponsored my trip, and NZ Business Central. The time was extremely busy but we did see some great sights and I even climbed the Great Wall!

The conference I attended and spoke at was about global citizenship and how we as educators prepare students for a global future. Forming relationships between NZ and Chinese schools is mutually beneficial.

I wish to thank Miss Binns, our amazing Deputy Principal, for holding the helm while I was away. I knew our school would be in more than capable hands. I also wish to thank our Board of Trustees for supporting me in this venture.

Whilst I have had the experience of a lifetime I am looking forward to being home on the island with my family and back to my happy place, St John's.

Viki Trainor - Principal



DATES TO NOTE

- **Tuesday, 5th November** – Carmel & Rosmini College orientation days for students starting in 2020. If your child will be absent for the whole day please report this to the office as usual. Children leaving St John's during the course of the school day must be signed out at the school office prior to collection. If your child is being collected by someone other than a parent please send a note giving permission.
 - **Tuesday, 12th November** – 2020 Year 6 Camp (current Year 5) information meeting for Parents, 7.00pm in the school hall.
 - **Saturday, 30th November – Mairangi Bay Santa Parade**
St John's School have been invited to join the Mairangi Bay Santa Parade again this year. Diary this date now. More information to follow in due course.
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Children love the **Lucky Dip Stall** and it's back for Gala 2019! Can you donate new toys up to the value of \$5.00?

We're still gratefully receiving chocolates and wine for the **Quick Fire Raffle** and blocks of chocolate for the **Chocolate Trailer**. All these items can be placed in the gala boxes in your child's classroom.

The **container** (located near the turning circle) will be open this week for any good quality used **books** or **toys** that need a new home. We'd love to receive your **old crockery for smash a plate** as well. Find us from 8.15am - 8.50am on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning, from 2.30 – 3.00pm on Wednesday and Thursday or from 10.00am – 12.00pm on Sunday, 27th October.

Thanks to everyone who has sold calendar **Raffle Tickets**. Unsold tickets are available at the school office - the more we sell the more we earn for the school, so snap these up! Cash/Cheque/EFTPOS/bank transfer accepted.

All money and Raffle ticket stubs are now due back to the school office inside the envelope you received with your tickets.

GALA BUSKING 2019

It's that time of year again when the teachers ask for talented children (in groups or individually) to sign up for the busking stage at the Gala. Children can start practising their Gala items now. The Busking stage is a great opportunity for children to take an active role in the School Gala. Children in the past have done musical items, singing, dancing, drama and played instruments. Mrs Trainor will speak to the students in assembly and if parents have any questions about the busking, please see her or Mrs Marsh as soon as possible. Please note that this year there is a 2½ minute time limit for each act. Disney songs are always popular and lyrics are suitable for the audience.



Please take note of the guidelines below to ensure that we all have a happy and successful event:

Guidelines for children taking part in the busking:

- ✓ It is a **fun** event, not the X Factor
- ✓ All acts must be auditioned by the class teacher
- ✓ Appropriate music must be used
- ✓ The song that is used at the audition must be the song that is used at the performance.
- ✓ Participants must be at the busking stage in plenty of time for their slot (late arrivals may be disappointed).
- ✓ Parents please help the staff by checking the appropriateness of the music and lyrics
- ✓ 2½ minute limit per act

Many thanks for your contribution

PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY – Gala Raffle

Our children are very excited about the prospect of sitting in the 'swivel' chair and being Principal for a day. This raffle is open to all current St John's students. I promise that the winning Principal will have a day to remember! Tickets for this raffle are only \$2.00. They are available from Miss Binns and will also be on sale on Gala day.

PTFA FRUIT AND VEGE FUNDRAISER – cancelled

Unfortunately, due to not meeting minimum numbers each week, this is no longer continuing. Thanks to those that supported this incentive during Term 3.



WORLD TEACHERS' DAY is celebrated in October in more than 100 countries world-wide. World Teachers' Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society.



World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thank you for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities. We will be saying a big thanks to our teachers next week on **Tuesday, 29th October** with the support staff hosting a morning tea for them.

STUDENT DATABASE ANNUAL UPDATE

Yesterday a letter was sent home with every child detailing parent/caregiver contacts and emergency contacts current held on our Student Database. Please review all data and return by **THIS Friday, 25th October** to your child's classroom teacher. Michele Nash – Principal's Secretary

RECYCLING AND SUSTAINABILITY – new initiatives for Term 4

Broken, empty and old gel pens, normal pens, mechanical pencils, white-out or 'Twink' pens are being collected in Room 6. Every kilo of old pens we recycle, we get a \$1.00 for our school. That doesn't seem much, but it will add up. Thanks!



Collect your **Bread Tags** to raise funds to purchase wheelchairs for children & adults in Africa. There is now a jar in the office for tags to be deposited.



Old woollen jumpers

If you have old school jumpers that your children no longer use but that are still in good condition (no stains, holes etc.) There is a laundry style basket at the back of the hall for collection. Thank you.

MISSION FAIR

We raised \$2,535.40 – a new record! Congratulations St John's!

What a fantastic Mission Fair we had last Friday. This money will go to those children less fortunate than ourselves. It was so wonderful to see all of the children in mufti, enjoying a fair prepared by the children, for children and then the proceeds going to children – Ka pai St. John's!

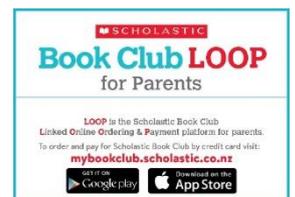
Many thanks to the PTFA for the sausage sizzle. Many thanks also to Mrs Hardy, Mrs D'Souza and the Young MacKillops for their support.

Suzanne Zaisluik - DRS



SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Due to parental feedback at last year's successful book fair we will be continuing to provide the opportunity to purchase books through the Scholastic Lucky Book club. Families choosing to take part in this opportunity will enable the school to receive rewards from Scholastic. Issue **#7** was sent home with all children last week.



We would prefer no money or order forms come to the school. All orders can be made through the Scholastic LOOP on the Scholastic NZ website <https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>. Parents will need to register themselves and then add each child at the registration stage prior to placing an order. All Book Club orders earn the same rewards for our school. All Book Club orders are delivered directly to the school and will be distributed by the Book Club Coordinator. By using the Scholastic Book Club LOOP app there is no need to fill out any forms or receipt numbers. **Scholastic Book Club orders must be placed online by Sunday, 4pm 10th November.** Any orders received after this date will not be delivered to the school.

On the website click on the 'order here' tab to place your order or alternatively download the Scholastic Book Club LOOP app which is available on Google play or the App store.

Using the Scholastic Book Club LOOP App

- #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 **#7**

Should you have any difficulties placing an order online call the Scholastic book club on Tel: 0800 266525 Any queries or questions can be directed to Library@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz

KINDO CORNER

iPhone App now available

Now you have an even easier way to order and pay, when and where it suits you on the myKindo iPhone App.

- Just search 'myKindo' on the Apple App Store
- Download, sign in and set up a PIN (you can even use TouchID or FaceID)
- Give Permission and make payments for trips and back to school expenses in 2020
- Contact the Helpdesk Monday – Friday, 8am – 4pm on Tel: 0508 454 636

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Statement update

To avoid confusion, bank and credit card transactions will now show on your statement as Kindo rather than Growth Collective.

Date ▾	Description	Amount
14 Oct 2019	Kindo Auckland NZ	\$21.00

UNIFORM

You are reminded that **All the children must be in summer uniform for the third week of Term 4, beginning NEXT Tuesday, 29th October.**

Hats - These are a **compulsory item** and must be worn by the children during Terms 1 and 4. Hats must be the school uniform hat. For sun safety we recommend the updated design which can be purchased from NZ Uniforms. The older style cap and slouch hat may continue to be worn.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

PLAYERS OF THE DAY... **Scarlett Hill, Sophie Hayward, Maisey Manolas, Harriet Ashton** (Netball), **Martina Mena** (Hockey)

ALSO TO... **Olivia Dahya, Oscar Reade** (Swimming), **Fernanda Tirado** (Athletics), **Megan Billings** (Ballet)



WELL DONE! Our Caretaker extraordinaire Mr Paul Dixon won the Peninsular Golf Club Moffat Cup for Match Play 2019. We always knew he was multi-talented!

PARISH NEWS

Altar Servers Training sessions will be held on two Friday lunchtimes 25th October and 1st November in Week 2 and 3 (For those who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion). If your child/ren are interested in training please ask them to speak with Mrs Zaisluik (DRS) in Room 1 or collect a letter from the school office.



Volunteers Thank You Lunch - Sunday, 10th November, 12.00 noon – 2.00pm in St John's School Hall. All those (Junior & Senior) who are involved in doing absolutely anything in our Parish are invited to join our priests and parish team for a light lunch. Please don't be modest or shy, the parish team really, really appreciate every person and their contribution. To RSVP add your name to the clipboard in the St John's Church foyer.

Feliz Navidad St John's Church, Sunday, 8th December, 3.00pm. Come & join us for an afternoon of Christmas Cheer & Fun. Actors, Musicians, Singers (12yrs and over), Solo artists (all ages), lots of volunteers required. Enquiries to Jenny Kingham, Tel: 027 465 2271 or Marie, Tel: 021 169 7700

Children's Christmas Eve Mass 2019

Are you aged 7 or older, **love to sing** (this is very important) and would like to have a special role in our **Parish Children's Christmas Eve Mass at St Francis Church on December 24th**? Practices will take place on Saturday afternoons from 3.00 – 4.00 pm at St Francis Church, Torbay beginning Saturday, 9th November. You will need to commit to approximately 6-7 Saturday afternoon practices during the months of November and December. Boys and girls both welcome.

Enquiries to Linda Williams, Tel: 027 271 5577 or email lindy@willplan.co.nz

ECB Foodbank items required

Spaghetti, baked beans and tinned fruit in particular for St Vincent de Paul Society East Coast Bays are really appreciated. Along with any other items you can donate e.g. rice, pasta, coffee, tea, biscuits etc.

Windsor Park Baptist Church Thursday, 31st October, 5.30 – 7.00pm Carnival for children up to Year 6, \$5 per family entry. An alternative celebration for Halloween with bouncy castle, games & activities. For more information Email kids@windsorpark.org.nz
