

# Newsletter – Week 3, Term 4

## 29 October 2019

Kia ora whanau

*‘If I can speak beautifully and sing like an angel, but don’t love others, I sound like a child banging on a piano or a screeching radio. If I’m very smart – almost a genius – but don’t love others, I am nothing’*  
(Love passage for children.)

I trust that you have all had a restful Labour Day holiday. On Friday morning I watched the flotilla of sails glide past my office window as the Yachts headed up to the Bay of Islands for the annual Coastal Classic Yacht Race which for our family always marks the beginning of Labour Weekend as we have participated in this event for many years. Let’s hope that summer is now on its way!



It is time once again to organise our classes for the following year. Teachers and Senior Leadership are now in the process of placing children into classes. Our teachers spend a lot of time getting to know your children as little people and in a learning capacity. Therefore, their professional judgment is critical when placing the children in classes. Every year a considerable amount of time is spent by the teachers and senior leadership to ensure that your children are placed in the best fit classroom to meet their academic and social needs. This process has proven successful. Overall the children have been happy, working well with their cohort and have made good friends.

**In 2020 we will be having two teams:**

<b>Rangitoto Team</b> Years 0 - 3 led by Mrs Vivienne Fuaaletoelau		<b>Waitemata Team</b> Years 4 - 6 led by Mrs Suzanne Zaisluik	
Year 1	Room 10	Year 4/5	Room 1
Year 1	Room 11	Year 4/5	Room 4
Year 1	Room 12	Year 4/5	Room 7
Year 2	Room 8	Year 6	Room 5
Year 2	Room 9	Year 6	Room 6
Year 3	Room 2		
Year 3	Room 3		

Currently the teachers of the **2020 Rangitoto Team** are working with Senior Leadership to place your children in the best fit classes to meet all their holistic needs. These little ones have now had one or more years at school and their teachers have a greater understanding of their social and learning needs.

In most cases, the **Waitemata Team for 2020**, will be moving as classes through to the next year level. Your children will be changing class teachers and class rooms, but will remain with the same classmates.

Our school has a very positive reputation in the local community and in the wider Catholic community. As such, we have a full roll in 2020 and more children on our waiting list.

If you wish to share any information about your child that you think we need to know when finalising placement please email [classplacements@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz](mailto:classplacements@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz) by Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November. Confirmed placements for 2020 will be included in your child’s end of year school report.

### Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep Mrs Howard and her family in your prayers following the passing of her mother last week.

### Penzance Road Entrance

We have noticed that some parents are stopping across the school Penzance Road driveway to pick up their children at the end of the day. This creates HUGE Health and Safety issues due to lack of space, visibility, high student movement and being in the path of the school buses. We would like to remind you that if you do not wish to park and walk up to the gate that you should use the East Coast Road turning circle facility. Children will not be allowed to walk down Penzance/Hastings Roads to meet you at your vehicle.

Viki Trainor – Principal



## ONLY 10 SLEEPS until our annual St John's Twilight Gala!

The **Plants and Preserves** stall is one of our best and most popular - filled to the brim with fresh produce, flowers, herbs, plants and preserves. We'd love your potted plants and any homemade jams or preserves you have left from your summer/autumn harvest! Does anyone have any empty terracotta pots we could use??

We're also still gratefully receiving **chocolates** and **wine** for the **Quick Fire Raffle** and small new toys up the value of \$5.00 for the children's **Lucky Dip**. All these items can be delivered to your child's classroom.

Have you been meaning to bring in your good quality used **books or toys**? Opening days for the **container** are running out so get them in quick! We are also desperate for your old crockery for the smash a plate stall. Anything you no longer need or items with a chip are perfect! Find us from 8.15am - 8.50am on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings and from 2.30-3pm on Wednesday and Thursday or from 10am - 12pm on Saturday the 2nd of November.

**All calendar raffle money, ticket stubs or unsold tickets are overdue and should be returned to the school office as a matter of urgency!** We must account for all tickets and make sure that those who've bought a ticket are entered in the draw. For ease of reconciliation we appreciate them being returned in the envelope you received with your tickets.

### 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.



As part of Bic Global Education Week we are holding another Eat My Lunch day on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November.



For every lunch you buy, Eat My Lunch we will not only give a lunch to a Kiwi child in need but our school will also receive a free gift from Bic. A great reward for helping change the lives of Kiwi children who would otherwise go without lunch. EML School lunches have 3 options and are just \$7.00.

Last Christmas we supported Eat My Lunch and gave an amazing 180 lunches. I'd be thrilled if we could beat this number in the true spirit of giving that our school community always demonstrates.

Visit [www.eatmylunch.nz/stjohnsterm4](http://www.eatmylunch.nz/stjohnsterm4)

**Orders MUST be made before 5.00pm, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

Thank you in advance – Mrs Bridges

#### TERM DATES FOR 2020

- Term 1** – Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February to Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> April
- Term 2** – Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April to Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- Term 3** – Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> July to Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September
- Term 4** – Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October to Date TBC

#### BOT

The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be this Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October at 6.30pm in the Staff Room.

**CARE FOR FAMILIES TRUST NZ** are a non-profit organization that gathers new or used prem, baby and children's clothing (up to 5 years), furniture, toys and accessories etc. to put into packs for families in need.



At this time of year Mrs Baddeley would normally be asking for donations to the Shoeboxes for Christmas campaign, however, with the arrival of her new baby daughter we thought we could change the focus this year to a local charity and have therefore decided to support Care for Families NZ. They provide packs to families all year but at Christmas their focus is on packs for families with babies in NICU and SCBU units across Auckland and New Zealand. Their goal is to make 600 packs and they are gratefully receiving for donations of the following items or donations to their bank account 03-123-0524744-000.

If you would like to donate an item please drop them off at the school office asap and we will ensure they are delivered in time for the Trust to use them for Christmas parcels.

Lip Gloss	Nail Polish	Nail File
Baby Wipes	Prem booties	Prem boys and girl all in ones with feet
Prem boys and girls bodysit	Prem boys and girl tops	Prem boys and girls pants
Prem cardigans	Newborn boys and girls pants	Newborn boys and girls tops
Small teddies	Travel shampoo	Travel conditioner
Mini body wash	Baby blankets	Swaddling wrap
Baby toiletries	Hand cream	Story books
Mini journals	Baby toys (rattle etc.)	Nappies (bulk boxes of approx. 96)
		Sweet treats (lollies, choc etc) for parents.

#### 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!



THANK YOU to all the children who have delivered **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 it but it is going to need a LOT more to fill it up – keep collecting please!



#### 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.

#### SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

A reminder that all **Scholastic Book Club orders must be placed online by Sunday, 4pm 10<sup>th</sup> November.** Any orders received after this date will not be delivered to the school. 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](mailto: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



#### 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

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

PLAYERS OF THE DAY... **Joshua Doherty, Isaac Reade** (Touch)

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### PARISH NEWS

**Baptism Preparation** for parents wanting their first child baptised. The course will be held at St John's Church, Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 7.15pm. Attendance at a preparation course is a pre-requisite for parents wanting their 1<sup>st</sup> child baptised. To enrol/book email Liz in the Parish office ([liz@ecbcatholic.org.nz](mailto:liz@ecbcatholic.org.nz)). ***This is the FINAL course for 2019.***



**Volunteers Thank You Lunch** - Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 8<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>**? Practices will take place on Saturday afternoons from 3.00 – 4.00 pm at St Francis Church, Torbay beginning Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:kids@windsorpark.org.nz)

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

**EducateMaths** Maths Tutoring for Primary, Intermediate & Secondary, one hour direct or online session, Call Paul Harper, Tel: 0275 304400, [www.nzmathstuition.co.nz](http://www.nzmathstuition.co.nz) or email [Paul@harper.co.nz](mailto:Paul@harper.co.nz).

**Brain Play** coding, robotics, and 3d printing classes. After-school, weekend, and holiday courses. Free trials available. Ages 5+ years. Five Auckland locations. Email us for more information on [info@brainplay.co.nz](mailto:info@brainplay.co.nz) or see [brainplay.co.nz](http://brainplay.co.nz).

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