

Newsletter – Week 4, Term 4

05 November 2019

Kia ora whanau

Last week some of our children were blessed to go on one of two very diverse excursions to Chelsea Sugar Factory and The Zero Waste Zone at the Waitakere Transfer Station. The children returned from both venues absolutely fizzing with excitement and new learning.

Principal for the Day Raffle

Please remind your children to bring \$2 to school so that they can purchase a raffle ticket from Miss Binns to be in with a chance to win the opportunity to be Principal for the day. I can assure you that I have a truly memorable day planned for the winner. The winner will be drawn at the Gala on Friday night. Tickets can also be purchased on Kindo (www.mykindo.co.nz), just click multiple times for more than one ticket.



Gala

The excitement is mounting with only 3 sleeps to go until our school Gala. The PTFA have worked so hard to make this Gala yet another success for our school and our children. I look forward to sharing the fun with you all on Friday afternoon. Please read the PTFA flyer at the end of this newsletter carefully.

Happy Anniversary Mrs George

Mrs Liz George has served our Parish for over 20 years and today our staff celebrated with Mrs George, her family and her friends with a lovely morning tea and a beautiful cake made by the wonderful Mrs Alsabie. We are so blessed to have Mrs George in our community... from her invitation "You have had an immeasurable impact on the lives of our children, their families and our school staff. You don't just give, you give from your heart".



Funeral at St John's Church

Please note that there is a funeral mass taking place at St John's Church this Thursday at 11.00am. If you intend to leave your car at school because you are helping with school activities, please use the school car park off East Coast Road or park on side streets near to school. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Viki Trainor – Principal

CHANGE OF DATE

- **Rooms 1, 2 & 3 Mass** will now be on Wednesday, 27th November NOT 20th as previously advertised.

LIBRARY

As part of preparations for a full stocktake, from **Monday, 11th November** children will no longer be issued with books from the School Library. Please have a good look at home and return any school library books as soon as possible. Items discovered missing following the stocktake may be charged for.

CAMP MEETING REMINDER

Tuesday, 12th November – 2020 Year 6 (current Year 5) information meeting for Parents, **6.30pm** in the School Hall. It is imperative that at least one parent/caregiver attend this meeting.

PHOTOLIFE – Class, Individual, Sibling & Sports Team Photos

All proofs have been approved and 'Shoot Keys' for you to view and order individual, class, sibling & team photographs were sent home last week. If you **order BEFORE midnight on Sunday, 17th November** photos are delivered free via school. After that date you will need to pay the fee for delivery direct to your home/recipient.

Each shoot key is unique to your child and gives a high level of security in that students cannot access other student's photographs, and the system ensures images cannot be 'grabbed' off the internet and printed or posted to social media sites. The school office does not receive any duplicate shoot keys so please look out for them in your children's school bags.

If you have any questions please contact:

Anneliese Bridges in the school office, Email: office@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz

Photolife direct, Tel: 0800 501 040, Email: enquiries@photolife.co.nz



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



For every lunch you buy, Eat My Lunch 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 three 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

Orders MUST be made before 11.00am, THIS Friday, 8th November

Thank you in advance – Mrs Bridges

WEETBIX KIDS 2020 TRYATHLON

Registrations are now open for the 2020 Hibiscus Coast Weetbix TRYathon

The TRYathlon is a fun event for children aged 7-15 years and involves swimming, cycling and running short distances which vary depending on the participant's age. This is a wonderful event which rewards the children irrespective of ability. It is about getting out there and giving it a TRY, with which comes a real sense of achievement and personal pride.

St John's is once again registered as a participating school for the Hibiscus Coast event to be held on **Sunday, 22nd March 2020** at Manly Park, Whangaparaoa. If you are interested in participating in this event please check "register as part of a school team" box and name "St John's Mairangi Bay" when prompted during the registration process.



As a registered school St John's will be in the draw for some great prizes and the children will be in the draw for one of three spot prizes to be drawn after the event.

For more information please go to www.try.weetbix.co.nz or contact Leanne at deuchrassl@gmail.com. Further information will also follow next year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

PLAYERS OF THE DAY... Oscar Reade, Summer Cox (Touch), Julia Landon (Basketball), Annabel Ko, Zara Ko, Ava Plummer, Ashley Smith, Orlaith Burns (Netball)
ALSO TO... Teresa Rotaecche, Brooke Thornton (Gymnastics)

Big Congratulations to **Seth Storm** who came 5th in the **US Kids Golf Spring Tour Tournament** at North Shore Golf Club on Sunday, 27th October 2019



PARISH NEWS

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

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

North Shore Catholic Women's Fellowship Last meeting of the year on 20th November at 7:30 p.m., St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield. A time to sing and praise our God, listen to a teaching and fellowship with one another with a cuppa. *Topic:* Fullness of Life in Christ. *Speakers:* Rita and Roger Peterson. Colossians 2: 6-7 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.



Wave Warriors Holiday Surf Programme

The NZ Surf Academy are running their popular holiday surf programme over the summer holidays for 6-16yr olds at Orewa Beach

Fun, Safe, Active & Healthy

6-16yr olds | 5 Day Programme | \$175 per person

16-20 Dec | 6-10 Jan | 13-17 Jan | 20-24 Jan | AM or PM session times

Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment at Orewa Beach

Limited spaces | Please email to book

surf@nzsurfacademy.co.nz

www.nzsurfacademy.co.nz



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE **Principal** for a day?



DRESS LIKE A PRINCIPAL... PARK IN THE STAFF CARPARK... LEAD THE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY... GIVE OUT CERTIFICATES... HAVE MORNING TEA IN THE STAFFROOM... MAKE DECISIONS... LEADERSHIP LUNCH... PARENT MEETINGS... VISIT CLASSES... INTERVIEW AND APPOINT A DEPUTY PRINCIPAL... ORGANISE BELL TIMES... BUS DUTY... YOUR OWN P.A. ...

and of course... HAVE YOUR NAME ON THE DOOR!

RAFFLE TICKETS \$2 EACH

**OPEN TO ALL CURRENT ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL STUDENTS
PURCHASE VIA KINDO, AT SCHOOL FROM MISS BINNS OR AT THE GALA
THE MORE YOU BUY, THE BETTER YOUR CHANCES**

LAST MINUTE ITEMS & HELPERS NEEDED

CAKE STALL

Cake boxes went home with the children last Friday, 1st November. Don't forget to get baking!
Please take these items direct to the hall on **Friday morning (Gala Day) - House Points Available!**

CHILDREN'S MUFTI ON GALA DAY!

As part of the excitement of the Gala there will be a **MUFTI DAY on Friday**. There is no charge/donation for Mufti. Children must, however, have a sun hat to wear outside. It does not have to be the school uniform hat.



EQUIPMENT NEEDED

The Gala team are in need of:

- Extension Cords
- Chilly Bins

Please label with your name, child's name and room number and drop in the back of the school hall either Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

PARKING and AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

- The School Car Park will be open as usual on Friday Morning for student drop off but **CLOSED FROM 9.30AM** and will not be available in the afternoon for pick up. Please let your children know your alternative arrangements. Some spaces in the car park will be cordoned off. Please do NOT move the traffic cones or park in these spaces.
- Gala goods and services arriving by car are asked to use the School Carpark entrance off East Coast Road. Access to the Gala area via Penzance Road and over the top court will not be possible during the school day. As always, the children's safety is paramount.
- The Gala starts at 4.00pm. School finishes at 2.50pm, **normal school pick up procedures apply**. There is no provision for supervision of students. Children not picked up by 3.10pm will be sent to the office to wait. We ask for your support in prompt pick up as, being Gala Day, there are additional hazards on site and staff have additional responsibilities.

SETTING UP ON THE DAY

Stallholders and anyone who can help with setting up, will be meeting in the School Hall at 9.00am on Friday for a briefing. Everyone welcome, and lunch will be provided for helpers. If you arrive later in the day, **please make sure to sign in at the hall.**



WE ARE STILL GRATEFULLY ACCEPTING ITEMS:

- Children's lucky dip items up to \$5 value
- Bottles of wine and boxed chocolates for quick fire raffle
- Books and Toys—container open each morning (8.30—9am) and afternoon (2.30—3.00pm) until Friday!
- Old or chipped crockery for Smash-a-plate
- Plants or preserves for our wonderful garden/produce stall

EFTPOS

There will be an EFTPOS facility available on the night of the Gala. You will be able to make cash withdrawals. It will be located in Room 14. Look out for the sign.