

## Newsletter – Week 6, Term 4 19 November 2019

Kia ora Whanau

*“He rangi tā matawhāiti, he rangi tā matawhānui  
A person with narrow vision has a restricted horizon.  
A person with wide vision has plentiful opportunities”.*



We are looking forward to sharing a lovely day with our children and families tomorrow when we come together for our annual Athletics day at the AUT Millennium stadium. Please pay particular note to the information in this newsletter, including pick up instructions, as it is important for our children's safety. Please remember to be sun smart. Most importantly please pray for fine weather. Thank you to Mrs Dorrington for all the effort that she has put into ensuring the success of the day and to our teachers for preparing the children and supporting the event wholeheartedly.

### **Kapa Haka**

Our Senior Kapa Haka group performs on Friday at the Onepoto Cultural Festival. Thank you to Mrs Tina Peters and Mrs Cara Mountjoy for their leadership and preparation of the children.

### **Something special to share**

Last week one of our teachers celebrated their birthday. Some students joined us in the staffroom to present a poem to her and, of course, to share the birthday cake. Our staff was truly moved by the poem written by one of our senior boys and I thought it worth sharing an extract as it is a real indicator of the relationship that exists between teacher and student. It is this powerful relationship that has the most impact on learning.

*Here are some things I am grateful for...*

*I like how you call me Batman.*

*You help me with my maths.*

*You believe in me.*

*You tell me to never give up.*

*You make work fun... sometimes, just kidding!*

*You like my sense of justice which I sometimes don't understand why.*

*I like it when you do bets with me because I win... sometimes.*

*And I get a prize.*

*You say I'm a good writer and you like my stories.*

*You think they're funny.*

*You made me laugh – once!*

*But... that's ok.*

Viki Trainor – Principal

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## **JUNIOR CHRISTMAS SHOW – CHANGE OF DATE**



Please note the Junior Christmas show performance will now be on  
**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am in the school hall**



NOT 6<sup>th</sup> December as previously advertised.

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### **MAIRANGI BAY SANTA PARADE – Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November**



St John's School will be taking part in the Mairangi Bay Santa Parade this year. All St John's families and friends are invited to dress in nativity theme and join the float. Float meeting point is Mairangi Bay Park, Maxwellton Drive, at 11.30am. Look for the St John's school banner. For further information contact Brendon Murphy on 021 533 664 or [b.murphy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:b.murphy@xtra.co.nz) Volunteers will be needed on the day!

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### **PTFA MEETING**

The final PTFA meeting for this year will be held on **Tuesday, 3rd December, 7.00pm** in the staffroom. If you have constructive feedback about the Gala, or the activities of the PTFA in 2019 then please come to share your thoughts. If you cannot attend then please email your ideas to [sjmb.gala@gmail.com](mailto:sjmb.gala@gmail.com) in advance of the meeting. We'll also be drafting the PTFA calendar for 2020.

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## SCHOOL FEES

The last instalment of school fees was invoiced at the beginning of the term and were due 31<sup>st</sup> October. It would be appreciated if these could be paid as there are administrative tasks that need to be completed for the Diocese by the end of November. Families paying by automatic payment are asked that your payments for the year are complete by end of Week 7, 29<sup>th</sup> November. One page tax receipts for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, will be available in April 2020. Tax receipts for Year 6 children finishing at St. John's on 20<sup>th</sup> December are available now or after Term 4 2019 fees have been paid. Any queries, please email Michele – [michelen@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz](mailto:michelen@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz)

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## BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

CONGRATULATIONS! The big jar in the office has been filled once already, a BIG thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. Please keep collecting everyone, the more we have, the more we can donate, the more wheelchairs can be provided. If your younger children attend Kindy maybe they could collect too? Thank you – Mrs Bridges



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## SPORTS UNIFORMS

Please could those children that have been issued with St John's sports uniforms and/or fleeces ensure that they are washed and returned to school in a named bag as soon as possible after the relevant sports code season has ended. Mrs Dorrington will be doing an audit of all uniforms prior to the end of the school year so would appreciate early return.

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## CARE FOR FAMILIES TRUST NZ

Thank you for the donations received so far which will be delivered to the Trust on Friday so that they can be included in packs for Christmas.



If you have any last minute items you would like to drop off please bring them / send them to the school office before the end of the day on **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November**.

The following items are all greatly appreciated:

Lip Gloss	Nail Polish	Nail File
Baby Wipes	Prem booties	Prem boys and girl all in ones with feet
Prem boys and girls bodysuit	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.

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## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Christmas Giving Tree will be arriving soon, keep an eye out for it in the school office foyer. More details coming next week.

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## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

All orders placed with Scholastic have arrived and will be sent home with your children today in a reusable bag. PLEASE return these bags to the Library to support our sustainability initiatives. Thank you! Mrs Dunn – Librarian



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**PLAYERS OF THE DAY... Emma Neill, Hudson Campbell, Isaac Reade (Basketball), Ashlyn Stevens, Emma Neill, Elena Rotaeché, Jude Hames, Libby Simpson, Sophia Zhao, Zoe Scott (Netball), Michael Harris (Hockey)**

Another member of our staff has proved how multi-talented they all are!  
CONGRATULATIONS **Mrs Elizabeth Hames** on being Surfer of the Day!



## SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY – TOMORROW



Our School Athletics Sports take place tomorrow at the AUT Millennium Stadium. The children will walk to the Stadium via Rangitoto College with their buddy classes and teachers. A Police Officer has been requested to oversee the road crossing at the lights. Children need to bring a good lunch and plenty to drink for the day.

We will be starting our programme at 9:30am with the 800m event. From 9:50am onwards the children will be involved in a variety of activities on and around the track. For ease of organisation the children will be grouped in their year levels. Each child will have a card pinned to their T-shirt which will record their achievements throughout the day. The programme is detailed below. Please note the times are approximate and could be subject to change.

**The children will need** their full School PE uniform including sports shoes, which they may wear to school, school sun-hat, a good lunch and drink and **two medium to large safety pins** to attach their House Cards to their shirt. Safety pins will not be available from the school office.

### SUN SAFETY...

**Slip...** All children must wear their school PE uniform for the day.

**Slop...** Please ensure that your children have sunscreen on before they come to school. Please also provide sunscreen for your child to reapply at lunchtime.

**Slap...** All children must wear their school hat during the day.

**and Drink...** All children need to bring a **named** drink bottle which they will carry around with them for the day. Water is highly recommended to keep the children hydrated during sport.

### AN INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS

All parents, families and friends are most welcome to come along and share the occasion. The AUT Millennium Stadium is in Antares Place. Feel free to sit on the grass bank, behind the track and fenced area, or on the grassy area behind the roped area. We ask that you don't come down inside the track area. Access is via Apollo Drive, off Constellation Drive or Rosedale Road. Lunch will be from approx. 11:20am - 11.50am and your children will be able to join you on the grass bank then. Children are not permitted to leave the stadium during the lunch break.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>9:30am</b>	800m Event - Year 4 to 6 Girls & Boys					
<b>9:50am</b>	Sprints	Long Jump	High Jump	Discus	Fun Relays	Shot Put
<b>10:20am</b>	Long Jump	High Jump	Discus	Fun Relays	Shot Put	Sprints
<b>10:50am</b>	High Jump	Quoit Sling	Fun Relays	Shot Put	Sprints	Long Jump
<b>11:20am</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>					
<b>11.50am</b>	400m Event - Year 4 to 6 Girls & Boys					
<b>12:10pm</b>	Quoit Sling	Fun Relays	Shot Put	Sprints	Long Jump	High Jump
<b>12:40pm</b>	Fun Relays	Shot Put	Sprints	Long Jump	High Jump	Discus
<b>1:10pm</b>	Shot Put	Sprints	Long Jump	High Jump	Discus	Fun Relays
<b>1:55pm</b>	4x100m Middle and Senior School House Relays					

**End of Sports Day Procedures...** At the end of the sports day (**approx.** 2:15pm) the children will assemble on the field. Parents wishing to take their children home may do so but will need to collect them from the field as the classes are called out. **It is important for the teachers to know which children have been taken by parents and which haven't.** Please help us in this and follow this procedure. You are reminded that if you wish your child/ren to be collected by someone else, a note **MUST** be given to the class teacher. All other children will return to school and leave from there as normal.

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## PARISH NEWS

- **ECB Foodbank** items required – cereal, jam and spread. St Vincent de Paul Society are really appreciative of all donations.
- **Diocesan Vacancy** – administration assistant to the Leader of the Pastoral Services Group. Part time position four hours. Monday – Friday with occasional weekend and evening work. Applications close Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 4.00pm. Further details can be found at [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/administration/staff-vacancies](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/administration/staff-vacancies)



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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Looking for fun, free ways to keep your children/ tamariki learning and building their reading skills over summer? Sign up for Kia Māia te Whai - Dare to Explore, Auckland Libraries' summer reading adventure for children aged 5-12 years.



**Don't miss out!** You can register online from 18<sup>th</sup> November at [www.daretoexplore.nz](http://www.daretoexplore.nz) OR visit one of our 54 participating libraries. This is a great activity to do with friends, so encourage your child's buddies to come along and join the adventure. Fill your children's summer holidays with exciting challenges and take part in the free activities offered at your local library. Keep your kids' reading levels up over the long summer break.

This year the theme is Onamata Inamata Anamata - Past, Present, Future. All of our fabulous characters are back, along with Mōa who returns this year. Children can join the programme from home, at the library, online, or away on holiday. Get involved and see why over 13,000 tamariki enjoyed reading with Auckland Libraries last summer!

### Key dates are:

18 November	Online registration opens
9 December	The programme begins. Children can collect their booklets
20 January	Programme finishes. Last day for checking in at the library
21 – 28 January	Celebration week with library party

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**Kids Choice School Holiday Programme** bookings are now open. The programme will be open from Tuesday, 18th December until Friday, 7th February 2020. Days are full of fun activities and trips to stimulate and entertain your children in a safe, fully supervised environment. CYF's approved allowing you to apply for a subsidy. We are based at the Presbyterian Church, 10 Penzance Road, Mairangi Bay. Hours of operation are 7.00am – 6.00pm daily. Contact Barb 027 440 6363 or 09 478 3705. Email: [kids.choice@infogen.net.nz](mailto:kids.choice@infogen.net.nz)

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**North Shore Youth Music** is a community organisation which runs a variety of orchestras and choirs for young people. Applications are now being accepted for 2020, and auditions will be held on Wednesday, 4th December. See [www.nsym.org.nz](http://www.nsym.org.nz) for an application form. **Orchestras:** Stringalongs (5 - 8yrs), Junior Orchestra (9 - 13yrs), Youth Orchestra (14+yrs) **Choirs:** Songsters (5 - 8yrs), Children's Choir (9 - 13yrs), Con Brio Choir (10 - 16yrs), Resound (14+yrs).

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**Mid-Bays Music school** 2020 enrolments open on 1st December! Our highly qualified tutors make learning music relevant and enjoyable. Any enquiries, please email Sang Ah Park [sangah.park@mbi.school.nz](mailto:sangah.park@mbi.school.nz). Music tuition for \$150 - \$250 for the whole year. (This does NOT include the instrument hire). **When:** Weekdays after school or Saturday mornings. **Where:** Murrays Bay Intermediate School. **Start date:** Classes start Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> February (Week 2). Group lessons open to 6-12 year olds but there are age requirements for some instruments. Please check our website for more information. Instruments offered: Drums, Bass, Guitar, Ukulele, Saxophone, Clarinet, Keyboard, Trumpet, Trombone, Recorder, Flute, Violin, Viola, Cello and Saxophone. Enrolments will be through Kindo so make sure you have an account. Any troubleshooting solutions will be online at [www.mbmusic.org](http://www.mbmusic.org). Spaces are limited and some of our instruments have sold out within the first 48 hours!

