

Newsletter – Week 9, Term 4 10 December 2019

Kia ora Whanau

“Each Advent is an opportunity for us to come closer to Christ and deepen our relationship with him through prayer and repentance. His power is at work in our lives when we make peace with the family member we have rejected, the relations we don't speak to, the neighbours we have fallen out with, the poor we have no time for and whose plight we don't want to know about. Breaking down the barriers will open the way for Christ to come to us and be born in our hearts at Christmas”

Viki Trainor – Principal



JUNIOR CHRISTMAS SHOW



The children have been practicing hard and are very excited to perform for their families and friends. Please join us for some festive fun!



THIS Thursday, 12th December at 9.30am in the school hall

CHRISTMAS ANGEL GIVING TREE



Both in the school office foyer and at St John's Church there is now a Christmas Angel Giving Tree for the collection of gifts for children who have family members currently in prison. Please place gifts under the tree in the school foyer **prior to THIS Friday** to allow enough time for them to be shipped for delivery by Christmas. Gifts should be marked with a tag 'boy or girl' and age suitability; under 2yrs, 3-5yrs, 6-9yrs, 10-12yrs and teenagers.

SPORTS UNIFORMS

All inventory belonging to the school needs to be accounted for before the end of the school year. A number of items are still outstanding. All uniforms will be checked back in against the 'issued list' we have, so **please ensure that you return them otherwise charges may be incurred.**

- All netball players both Winter and Spring, please return your netball uniform (Skirt or Dress and Fleece)
- All basketball singlets, hockey, and rippa fleeces, and all other uniforms and sports fleeces should be returned immediately.
- Team Managers / Coaches please return your kit bags with bibs, ball, first aid box, all Player of the Day Trophies etc.



Please deliver to the school office in a NAMED bag.

SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL AND KEYS FOR SUMMER USE



The pool is now open for swimming. You are offered a family key to take advantage of the pool for family swimming. The cost is \$70 for the entire season plus a \$20 key bond [refundable]. The season end is flexible, around 31st March.

Keys are numbered and must be returned at the end of the season when the refund of the bond will be given back to you. If keys are not returned by the close of the season, the refund is forfeited as these keys need to be refigured and replaced each year. Keys can be purchased at the school office up until noon, Friday, 20th December when the office closes for the year.

SCHOOL JOURNAL BOOKS

Please have a hunt at home (under beds, on shelves, in bags etc.) for St John's School Journal books and classroom reading books. These are all stamped somewhere on the inside cover as belonging to the school. These all need to be returned to school as soon as possible. House Points available!

ANNUAL SUMMER PTFA FAMILY PICNIC

Friday, 21st February 5.30pm onwards

Diary this event now and come along with a picnic tea, catch up with friends and welcome in the new school year.

The pool and playground will be open and we'll have a sausage sizzle and cold drinks available for purchase.

Maybe even a special treat for the children.

Lock it in your diaries now.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

PLAYERS OF THE DAY... Reagan Smith (Touch), Parker Simpson (Basketball)

ALSO TO... Megan Billings (Ballet), Rachel Qazanchoy (Bravery at the dentist), Thomas Duff (Futsal), Erin Wiles (Jazz Dance), Tara Watson (Tap Dance), Cecilia Zeng (Dance), Amelia Kwok, Richelle Feng (Tae Kwon Do – black belt)

BASKETBALL SUCCESS

Congratulations to Year 5/6 Pacers Basketball team...
Winners 2019 B Grade.



Alex Al Sammak, Massis Iskenderian, Sebastian Moore, Lachlan Murray, Marcus Nakasha, Cody Rummel, Yann Scott and Leo Spencer.

PARISH NEWS

Frankie & Johnny Christmas Edition is available now. This year we are trialing different methods of delivery to save costs and the environment! If you are on the Parish database you will be receiving it via email... in colour! The magazine will also be available from our website. For those who would still prefer a 'hard copy' there are printed copies available in the church foyer for a gold coin donation.

ECB Food bank items particularly required: Pasta sauce and jelly. St Vincent de Paul Society ECB are really appreciative of all the donations to the Food bank. If you are in need of a food parcel contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Learn to Sew School Holiday Workshops www.threadroom.co.nz, Thread Room Studio, 163 Lake Road, Belmont. 19th Dec – Learn to sew a summer top, 21st Dec – Learn to sew a Christmas Stocking, 16th – 24th Jan – Learn to sew Room Décor

Fussy Eater to Food Explorer Enrol for Sprouts OT's programme for just \$95.00. Five 1-on-1 treatment sessions usually costing \$750.00. Find out more at <https://sproutsof.co.nz/fussy-eater-to-food-explorer/> "Many families experience challenging mealtimes with their selective eater. We all want our children to eat a variety of foods without a battle. Your family can thrive with positive mealtimes too. Make the most of the slower pace of family time over the summer holidays to make a positive shift in your child's eating. The "Fussy eater to food explorer" programme is a five-week, summer, online programme that provides you with expert feeding therapy information at your home, bach or boat to help your child become a food explorer.



RECENT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

ST JOHN'S ATHLETICS DAY

We had a wonderful School Athletics Sports day last month at the AUT Millennium Stadium. The day was marked by an excellent spirit and participation by all the children.

House points for the day were as follows:

BLUE 805

RED 698

GREEN 671

GOLD 663

Congratulations to the children in BLUE who will be presented with the School Athletics Trophy at Assembly on Friday. Many thanks to Mrs Dorrington and to all the teachers for their preparation for the sports day and the parents who helped on the day.

INTER SCHOOL ATHLETICS On Wednesday, 27th November Mrs Dorrington and Mrs Marsh took a 43 strong team made up of girls and boys from Years 4 to 6. This annual event is now classed as a "Super Cluster Event" where eight schools were in attendance. We were represented in every event with two children entered per event. This year St John's co-jointly organised the Interschool Athletics Day alongside Campbells Bay, so there was a lot to be done in the week that followed our own St John's Athletics Sports Day. Thanks to Kaine Robertson, who was our parent helper at the start/finish line, Pamela Tirado & Tania Smith who were our parent helpers at the Discus event and to Natasha Popov who assisted Mrs Marsh with supervision at the school gazebo base. The children performed exceptionally well and tried their very best in each of their events. Results from the finals are as follows:

Year	Event	Student	Place Overall
Year 4 Girls	100 Metres	Ashley Smith	8 th
	400 Metres	Grace Murray	8 th
	High Jump	Ashley Smith	5 th
	High Jump	Althea Arnesto	7 th
Year 4 Boys	200 Metres	Angus Grayson	7 th
	400 Metres	Angus Grayson	8 th
	Discus	Xavier Smith	6 th
	Long Jump	Oliver Lumsden-Blincoe	7 th
	High Jump	Seth Storm	4 th
Year 5 Girls	100 Metres	Rebecca Robertson	6 th
	200 Metres	Rebecca Robertson	1st
	Long Jump	Rebecca Robertson	1st =
Year 5 Boys	100 Metres	Connor Siewright	3 rd
	100 Metres	Dominic Chan	6 th
	200 Metres	Connor Siewright	4 th
	400 Metres	Alex Al Sammak	8 th
Year 6 Girls	100 Metres	Fernanda Tirado	3 rd
	Long Jump	Fernanda Tirado	2 nd
	High Jump	Fernanda Tirado	1st =
Year 6 Boys	100 Metres	Leo Spencer	7 th
	400 Metres	Lachlan Murray	5 th
	Shot Put	Oscar Smith	7 th
	Discus	Oscar Smith	2 nd
	Long Jump	Lachlan Murray	8 th
	High Jump	Lachlan Murray	8 th

Lego Masters

On our last Lego Masters for the year, the team made a Lego Merry Christmas sign and a whole array of 3D candy canes and Christmas trees. What a pleasure it has been to work with these children this year! Lovely group and very creative. Hope we can do another club next year.

Cheers, Kate Drury



2020 BACK TO SCHOOL STATIONERY



We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make Back to School easy! All your child's school stationery list requirements are now uploaded online at myschool.co.nz to make it easy for you to purchase your child's back to school requirements. Simply search for St John's (Mairangi Bay), select your child's YEAR group and follow the instructions on the website.

We ask that you take advantage of this as it ensures that the type of stationery bought is standard across the school and is of the best quality. The school will also receive a commission on all orders placed via the OfficeMax MySchool service.

- **'Say When You Pay' offer** during December 2019 - ideal for getting organised before Christmas, plus you'll receive a FREE gift! Go to: www.myschool.co.nz/december-offer
- **Shop Your Way** - online at myschool.co.nz, freephone 0800 724 440 or in your local OfficeMax store.
- **Free Delivery** - for orders over \$46*. Choose delivery to home or work at a time that suits you.
* *Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.*
- **Save valuable time** - ensure your child starts the year with the correct stationery supplies and is ready to start learning from day one.
- **Multiple Payment Options** - including secure internet banking, credit/debit card and cash in your local OfficeMax store.

If you have any questions about OfficeMax MySchool please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Anneliese Bridges in the office before the end of term, email: office@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz (this email address will also be checked sporadically over the summer holidays) or speak directly to the helpful team at OfficeMax.

For New Entrant children joining St John's between Term 2 and 4 and **for additional stationery items** needed throughout the year for all year levels, these will still be available to purchase from the school office.

School Leavers 2019

If your family is leaving our school and moving to Carmel, Rosmini or another school that does not use Kindo for school payments, you need to close your account. If your child is going to a different school, log in, go to *My Details* and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school. To close your account send an email to hello@mykindo.co.nz requesting to close your account. This request will need to:



1. Be emailed from your mykindo account email address
2. State the current balance on the account
3. Provide the bank account number for refunding the balance
4. Refunds and account closures will be actioned during January/February

From the beginning of 2020 St John's will be using Kindo **exclusively** for Back to School expenses, Trip permission forms, Sports Registrations etc. **Termly School Fees will continue to be dealt with separately.**

We made the decision to use Kindo following the increase of transactions in recent years being made through the school bank account. To reconcile and keep track of payments had become a very time-consuming task for our staff. During 2019 it has worked well for families being able to deal with permissions & payments anytime, anywhere.

Kindo enables parents:

- To pay anytime, anywhere – mobile friendly website.
- Complete permission forms electronically – no more lost bits of paper, more environmentally friendly!
- Fast one-click ordering: all siblings on one page – know what all your children are doing.
- Pay-as-you-go or prepay account topped up by Visa
- Mastercard, American Express, Union Pay, POLi and Internet banking
- Flexible payment amounts

If you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bridges in the school office or if you have difficulties with the Kindo website their helpdesk is but a phonecall away (Freephone 0508 454 636).

EZ COVERS FOR CHILDREN'S 2020 STATIONERY



Once again we are welcoming the opportunity to use EZ Covers. EZ Covers are a simple and unique way to cover school exercise books. They are reusable, non toxic, PVC free and made right here in NZ. You can order your covers in a few easy steps

1. Go to www.ezcovers.com
2. Select the cover types and sizes you need
3. At checkout, select St John's school (Mairangi Bay) from the drop down box and use the code EZ15 to earn our PTFA a 15 cent rebate for every cover purchased.

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PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

Our Sacramental year commences with Reconciliation. We offer this to baptised children 8 years & older.

As our sessions are conversational, we require a parent to attend each session. Our hope is that the sacraments become more integrated into daily life.

Building our community for generations to come; meeting other families; getting to ask questions and discuss our faith are just a few of the benefits.

Sessions are held on Sundays; 8.00-8.45 am finishing in time for 9am Mass. We encourage you to stay for

RECONCILIATION TIMETABLE	
REGISTRATION	SUN. FEBRUARY 16 TH
SESSION 1	SUNDAY MARCH 1 ST
SESSION 2	SUNDAY MARCH 8 TH
SESSION 3	SUNDAY MARCH 15 TH
SESSION 4	SUN. MARCH 22 ND
CEREMONY	WED. MARCH

Again, in 2020 we are offering the Sacrament of Confirmation for those who wish to complete the Sacraments of Reconciliation; Confirmation; and First Holy

CONFIRMATION: (Younger group)

REGISTRATION	Sunday 24 th May; 8.00am
SESSION 1	Sunday 7 th June; 8.00am
SESSION 2	Sunday 14 th June; 8.00am
SESSION 3	Sunday 21 st June; 8.00am
SESSION 4	Sunday 28 th June; 8.00am
REHEARSAL	Thursday 23rd July; 7.00pm
CEREMONY	Sunday 26th July; 3.00pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

REGISTRATION	Sunday 2 nd August; 8.00am
SESSION 1	Sunday 9 th August; 8.00am
SESSION 2	Sunday 16 th August; 8.00am
SESSION 3	Sunday 23 rd August; 8.00am
SESSION 4	Sunday 30 th August; 8.00am
REHEARSAL	Sunday 13th September; 8.00am
CEREMONY	Sunday 20th September; 11.00am

CONFIRMATION: Year 9 & older.

REGISTRATION	Wed. April 1 st	4.00pm
SESSION 1	Wed. April 29 th	4.00pm
SESSION 2	Wed. May 6 th	4.00pm
SESSION 3	Sat. May 12 th	4.00pm
YOUTH MASS	Sat. May 16 th	5.30pm
SESSION 4	Wed. May 20 th	4.00pm
SESSION 5	Wed. May 27 th	4.00pm
SESSION 6	Wed. June 3 rd	4.00pm
Session 7	Wed. June 10 th	4.00pm
SESSION 8	Wed. June 17 th	4.00pm
YOUTH MASS	Sat. June 20 th	5.30pm
SESSION 9	Wed. June 24 th	4.00pm
SESSION 10	Wed. July 1 st	4.00pm
REHEARSAL	Thurs. July 23rd	7.00pm
CEREMONY	Sun. July 26th	3.00pm

If you have any questions please contact Liz in the parish office.