

## Newsletter – Week 8, Term 2 2 June 2020

Kia ora Whanau

*Let yourself be disturbed by the Holy Spirit: 'Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you on the path of everyday life and to give you grace to distinguish good from less good, because it is easy to distinguish good from evil' Pope Francis (2017)*



### **Comfy Friday Mufti Day – Bring a non perishable food item to support our parish foodbank**

Our children have been so amazing that we thought it would be nice to reward them with a special mufti day. This **FRIDAY 5 JUNE** children (and teachers) can wear their most comfy clothes to school, might even be PJ's and slippers!

To coincide with this event, Mrs Zaisluik, our DRS wants to help our Parish as they are running low on supplies for their foodbank and thought that perhaps our children could bring a food item in exchange for wearing comfy mufti. They especially need pasta sauce, tinned tomatoes, rice, can soup and can spaghetti, but any canned or dried food will be gratefully received.

Please bring all cans to the Young MacKillops, in the School Hall, on the stage, before the 8:50am bell on Friday.

### **Church Carpark**

Please remember to respect the neighbours who live either side of the church carpark driveway by driving very slowly in and out. This is for the safety of all. I cannot begin to imagine how our community would cope should an accident be caused due to reckless driving behaviour. **NO RUSH IS WORTH IT.**

### **GOD BLESS VIKI TRAINOR**

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### **HAUORA WELLBEING**



As a community we are all experiencing challenges at present – within our families, our learning environments, our businesses, and the wider community. Some challenges may seem overwhelming but there are many organisations and resources that can help us. Relationships will have been tested during lockdown. Living with our loved ones full time may have highlighted past issues or raised new challenges. If your family might benefit from some professional assistance, then you can contact a family or relationship counsellor who can provide some tips and strategies for getting a relationship back on track.

You can contact <https://www.govt.nz/browse/family-and-whanau/separating-or-getting-divorced/relationship-counselling/> for a list of local counsellors or visit your local Citizens Advice Bureau (in Takapuna, Glenfield, Birkenhead and Northcote and 29 other locations around Auckland) for agencies or counsellors in your neighbourhood.

If you have experienced domestic abuse or violence during this stressful time then specialist assistance is available for you, your children, and the perpetrator of the violence at <https://www.2shine.org.nz/> or call the helpline on 0508744633 (7 days a week 9am-11pm).

Shine provide specialist intervention including support for victims, and for children who have witnessed domestic abuse and a “No Excuses” 20 week stopping violence course for perpetrators of domestic abuse. Shine support staff can link you to other community services and government agencies. They can provide a safe house or refuge if you need it.

Or, if you require more culturally specific assistance then you can contact <https://shaktiinternational.org/> . Shakti (meaning “strength”) provides support and advice for women and children of Asian, African, and Middle Eastern origins including those living in fear or abuse.

Please don't be afraid to ask for help. No-one will judge you. If you have never had to ask for family support before, you may need to do so now.

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### **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE**

There would usually be a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale in the Hall this Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, however, due to Covid-19 restrictions sales in the hall have been postponed until further notice. In the meantime if you have any uniform needs please contact our parent co-ordinator, Fran Gilchrist, Tel: 021 488 279.

**ROSMINI and CARMEL ORIENTATION for 2021** students has been changed to Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## WINTER BUGS

As we move into winter, and the season of coughs and colds, we remind you that any absentees should be reported to the school office as soon as you are aware that your child is not well enough to attend school. Please ensure that you inform the school office every day of your child's absence. The office does not assume that a second day of absence from school relates to a notified absence from the previous day. This is 'best practice' for the benefit of the children.

You can notify an absence either by:

- Phoning (09 478 7734) and leaving a message (OPTION 1) with your child's name, room number and the reason for their absence.
- Alternatively, you may notify the office using the button  on the front page of the school website. [www.stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz](http://www.stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz)
- You can also notify the school via the Skool Loop app

Ministry of Health guidelines, in the case of vomiting and diarrhoea, are that you keep your child away from school for 24hrs following the last episode.

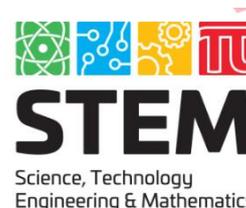
In the case of Impetigo (aka School Sores) your child should have begun a course of antibiotics before returning to school.

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## STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths)

St John's is excited to be starting STEM activities, led by Mrs Blind who is looking for the following items.



**Old small appliances (not working).** If you have any old small appliances we would love to tinker with them at school. Toasters, kettles, keyboards, phones, hinges... things with screws that we can pull apart. Also, if you have any screwdrivers, pliers, nuts, bolts, washers, screws, we would love those too.

**Boxes:** Please also collect your small to medium cardboard boxes (nothing bigger than cereal box size), for example toothpaste, soap, muesli bar boxes. **These items can be delivered to Room 13 (next to the Library) before or after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays.**



## CONGRATULATIONS

The following children took part in the 'Virtual' Weetbix Tryathlon and have been awarded their participation medals: Kate Bolland, Eloisa Duff, Thomas Duff, Jude Hames, Billy Hogan, Jeremy Howard, Joseph Howard, Ruby Lockwood, Isla McQueen, Charlotte Moore, Karney Prendergast, Isaac Reade, Oscar Reade, Bonnie Rice, Cameron Simpson, Libby Simpson and Jake Stucki.

Thanks go to Leanne Deuchrass and Sara Prendergast for organisation and a big 'Well Done' to all the other children who took part in their own Tryathlon's at home during Lockdown.

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## PARISH NEWS

**Foodbank:** Our stores are quite low. The items we are in need of are: Pasta sauce, tinned tomatoes, rice, soup and tinned spaghetti. We are most grateful for the donations of food from the Parish. Without this we could not operate the Foodbank for our needy families.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ECB UPDATE

**Reconciliation** pre lockdown had only the rehearsal and the sacrament to complete. I will send an update when we know more about our gathering numbers. After meeting with Fr. Raphael we have decided to cancel **Confirmation** in 2020. More information will be provided asap. I am hoping that **First Holy Communion** will remain as scheduled, although I am not sure what form it will take.

