

Newsletter – Week 10, Term 2 16 June 2020



**GIVE
OLD
CLOTHES
A SECOND
CHANCE**

Kia ora whanau

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL UPCYCLING BOUTIQUE

A great big thank you to those who have brought in pre-loved children's clothing for our upcycle 'free' sale.

Our first upcycle market day will be this Friday, 19th June. We will have the clothes on display in the Hall from 8:30 – 9:00. We will not be in attendance, so please just come in, have a browse, and take whatever pieces you think will be useful. Please bring your own bag.

We will continue collecting children's clothes for the rest of this term. If you have good quality, used, children's winter clothing (0-16) that you no longer require, please drop them into the office.

We are an incredibly kind and caring community and I think this would be wonderful 'real life' learning for our children to see their used clothing going to another family and they may find something they could use also.

COMMUNITY FOOD STALL

Our St John's Community Food Stall is up and running. It can be found under the shelter next to the turning circle in the school car park off East Coast Road (where the children wait to be picked up).

This stall is available all day, every day, for anybody to take and to place non-perishable food items and fresh fruit and vegetables. I know we can all do with a bit of help and support at present and several people have told us that they have excess produce on their trees and in their gardens at the moment.

Food can be placed directly in the stall or in a box in the office.



SCHOOL BEANIES FOR WINTER

A couple of weeks ago, three Year 6 boys came to me with a very well thought out proposition. They had researched with our students and had data to suggest that 60% of our children would like to have a winter beanie added to our uniform.

I happened to agree with the boys as, having been on duty at the front gate for the last few weeks, I have noted so many children coming to school with a variety of coloured beanies on their heads and whipping them off before entering school. These boys have been fully involved in the process of designing, costing, ordering, and marketing the beanies.

The beanies will be on sale from the school office in the next couple of weeks. We have managed to secure a good introductory promotional price \$12.50. Normally they sell for \$17.00. The children

will be able to wear their beanie to and from school, during break times, and at school sporting events. Mum and Dad may want one too!

They come in three colours as pictured below. As soon as they are delivered, we will let you know so you can purchase at the promotional price while we have stock.



GOD BLESS VIKI TRAINOR

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.

If you are struggling to put food on the table for you and your family, then do not hesitate to ask for support. There are several organisations who can assist with food parcels and/or emergency food grants.

For a list of local food bank services try entering your location at www.foodbank.co.nz/foodbanks to find a local charity that might be able to assist or you can contact the Auckland City Mission on www.aucklandcitymission.org.nz/fundraising/food-parcels or St Vincent de Paul who can also provide food assistance in different ways (parcels, school lunches etc) www.svdpak.org.nz. Another possibility is the Salvation Army www.salvationarmy.org.nz/centres/#!/welfare. You can also obtain assistance from the foodbank at our parish by phoning the lovely Liz George at the office 09 478 4565 or by emailing office@ecbparish.org.nz. Different organisations have different intake procedures. You may need photo identification or a letter from WINZ or a budget advisor.

Alternatively, you may be entitled to an emergency food grant from Work and Income NZ www.workandincome.govt.nz. Please don't be afraid to ask for help. No-one will judge you. If you have never had to consider emergency assistance or a food parcel, you may need to do so now.

SCHOOL FEES AND TAX RECEIPTS

Receipts for the tax year ended 31 March 2020 are available if you need them. Please email Michele, Principal's PA, michelen@sjmb.school.nz if you would like a copy to file a return with the IRD when claiming the tax deductible donations for Special Character, Parent Contribution, School Development and Local School Fixtures and Fittings Contribution.

If you wish to discuss matters relating to fees for Term 1 or 2, please contact, in confidence, Viki Trainor vikit@sjmb.school.nz or Michele.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST FEAST DAY

On Wednesday, 24th June, we will be celebrating the Feast day of St. John the Baptist, the patron Saint of our school. Parents and whanau are invited to join us for a whole school Mass at 9.15am at St. John's Church.

Our school monogram invites us to 'Prepare the Way', just as St. John the Baptist did.

Monogram

The St John's School monogram is in the shape of a shield divided into three coloured segments on which are traced the signs.



Left segment: pale blue depicting sea and sky with the rock symbolising the church, surmounted by the cross – faith, the relationship of course being the Catholic School overlooking Mairangi Bay and the sea to Rangitoto Island.

Centre segment: the sacrificial colour – red, and symbolises John's revelation: "Behold the lamb of God, the lamb that was slain". The raised foot – the opening of the Book of Revelations.

Right segment: represents the night sky with the four stars of the Southern Cross – our flag.

POOL KEY REFUNDS

We would appreciate the return of the keys before the end of Term 2.

Key bond refunds still available from school office between 8:15am and 3pm. If it helps your children can return the key to the office in an envelope, we will then arrange the refund which will be given to children by their class teacher just before home time. We would then email you so that you retrieve the envelope the same day. A full set of pool keys is a significant financial outlay and apart from the odd loss, we like to account for every key at the end of each season. Thank you and we hope you and your family enjoyed the use of the pool.



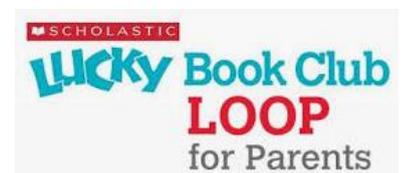
SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

There would usually be a 2nd hand uniform sale in the Hall on the first Thursday of the month. For the remainder of this term sales will continue to be dealt with directly by our parent co-ordinator. If you have any particular needs please contact: Fran Gilchrist, Tel: 021 488 279.

The next onsite sale will be held in Week 1, Term 3; Thursday 23rd July at 2:30pm in the hall.

SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Families choosing to take part in this opportunity will enable the school to receive rewards from Scholastic. Last year the school was able to purchase over 100 new books for the library, with each classroom receiving two new books for their class libraries and other resources for their rooms. Thank you for the generosity of our school whanau.



We have chosen to do one issue per term. This means we will be doing issues 1,3,5, and 7. A catalogue will come home near the beginning of each term for these issues. Issue #4 was sent home with the children last week. You will still be able to purchase from the other issues i.e. 2,4,6 and 8 through the **Scholastic** LOOP app or the Scholastic web page, but these will be delivered to your home and will have an added \$4.99 shipping fee, likewise if you miss the cutoff date for the school order. All catalogues can be viewed online at <https://scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/> when they are published. Each issue will have a range of books from \$3.00 available to purchase.

Please use Scholastic LOOP to place and pay for your order. By using LOOP there is no need to fill out any forms or receipt numbers. All orders can be made through LOOP on the Scholastic NZ website <https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/> or by using the Scholastic LOOP app which is available on Google Play or the App store.

Using the Scholastic LOOP App or the Website

- #1 you need to register yourselves.
- #2 on the registration pages you need to add your child/ren,
- #3 place order, making sure that you are ordering from issue #4

All **Scholastic** LOOP orders ordered before the schools closing date of Sunday 4pm 21st June come directly to the school approximately three weeks after this date and will be distributed by the Book Club Coordinator. Any orders received after 21st June will not be processed through the school and will incur a \$4.99 shipping fee to be delivered to your home.

Any queries or questions can be directed to Library@SJMB.school.nz
Or you may call the Scholastic book club helpline on 0800 266525

Francine Gilchrist and Chantelle Dunn
Lucky Book Club Co-ordinator and Library Manager

PTFA

PTFA get together and first post-COVID meeting, 7pm Tuesday the 23rd of June at Deep Creek Brews & Eats, 111 Clyde Road, Browns Bay. Join us for a drink and a chat as we reset for 2020.

Hot cross buns- refunds are being arranged for those who ordered and paid for hot cross buns prior to lockdown.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Art Day for children in the holidays (ages 7 - 12 yrs.) If your child loves drawing and painting they'll love this one-day workshop with artist Eion Bryant. With step-by-step instruction they will draw then create a vibrant acrylic painting learning tips and techniques along the way. Fun and focused!
Venue: St. Anne's Hall, Browns Bay, Tuesday July 14th, 10.00 – 3.00pm. **Cost:** \$55 (includes all materials) **Bookings:** eion@eionbryant.com, mob 021 132 7033 or 021 060 6641.

The PKC July Holiday Programme Once again Premium Kids Care is offering a holiday programme, based onsite at Northcross Intermediate. Children from all schools are welcome to attend and the programme has been designed to ensure the activities are what the children want to be doing with their holidays! Our activities this time around include a Harry Potter Day, giant games and puzzles with the Pops Games, Tornado Tammy and more! The programme runs from 7:30am - 6:00pm daily during the holidays. Visit www.premiumkidscare.co.nz for more information or to enroll! Contact: Candice 021 047 0464 or email: candice@premiumkidscare.co.nz

Thunder Basketball Years 3 – 6 Training Sessions. June/July 2020 on Tuesdays and weekends dependent on age group. \$12 per session, minimum of 5 sessions, 10% discount for siblings, groups limited to 20 children. Email booking request to thunder@hoop33.co.nz

Coding and Robotics

Brain Play coding, robotics, and 3d printing classes. After-school, weekend, and holiday courses. Holidays on sale now for \$60.00 per day! Free trials available. Ages 5+. Email us for more information on info@brainplay.co.nz or see brainplay.co.nz.

Meadowwood Community house running a holiday programme. Monday 6 July to Friday 17 July. Phone 021 108 9904 Phone 478 9304 55 Meadowood Drive, Unsworth Drive, Unsworth Heights. Gamers, movies, baking, talent show. Please phone 09-4789304 for further details. A brochure with the two week activities is available from the school office.

KIWI TENNIS School Holiday Camps at Campbells Bay from 6 – 10 JULY, 184 Beach Road (inside Centennial Park). Full day and half day. Phone 022 898 1212 or email coaching@kiwitennis.co.nz.
Website www.kiwitennis.co.nz

Whānau Mārama Parenting is a well established, community-based organisation who is fully committed to, and passionate about reducing the statistics of child abuse and family harm in Aotearoa New Zealand. We endeavour to achieve this goal by constantly working towards being a respected, dynamic organization through the development and delivery of non-punitive, extremely practical and highly effective courses for parents.

We believe that parents have the power to change our world for the better. To fulfill this vision we work consistently to empower parents with practical skills and strategies on how to effectively discipline their children without resorting to punishment, teach them how to establish mutually respectful loving parent-child relationships and give parents ways to successfully help their children learn what they wish to teach them.

We do this by delivering highly effective parenting courses each week. Our three core courses are specially designed for different age groups, from new-born through to teenage years. All these courses are created using a bi-cultural framework between Māori and Pakeha and illustrate how to parent in a positive Kiwi way. These courses are delivered in both English and also Mandarin. Elizabeth Cameron. Manager/Programme Coordinator Whanau Marama Parenting. Phone 022 341 6212 www.whanaumarama-parenting.co.nz

RECENT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND NEWS
