



**Week 3, Term 3
4 August 2020**

NEWSLETTER

Te Reo o te Kura o Hato Hoani The voice of St John's School

Kia ora whanau,

What a beautiful late Winter's day we have had today and what an exciting and very busy week this week, as you will see by the newsletter. My message will be brief to allow for all the other content. We welcome Mrs Bridges back with us this week; part-time, working towards full-time again in a couple of weeks. We have been blessed to have Mrs Binns (Miss Binns' mother) filling in for Mrs Bridges in the office.

I am really looking forward to getting my 'fluro' gear on and dancing the night away on Friday. In our faith journey, we celebrate St Mary of the Cross this week and thank God for the benefits we enjoy because of her vision and ministry. Stay well and keep safe.

God's blessings on you all,
Viki Trainor – Principal

YOUTH PEACE WEEK



This week we celebrate Youth Peace Week. The theme for this year is Celebrating Diversity.

We often hear people say, "Imagine how boring the world would be if we were all the same?" They are so right. Our lives would not just be boring without diversity; they would also be impossible. There would be no one to fill in the gaps in our knowledge, experience or abilities. Basically, very few things would get done and those that did would be more difficult.

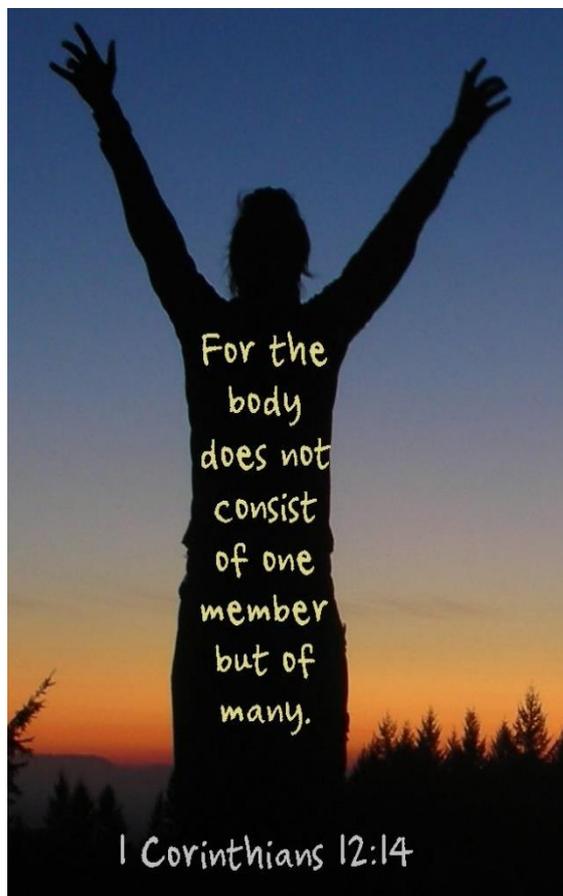
Just as the body consists of various parts all working together to achieve different things, as a community we benefit from uniting to achieve the tasks that God has set for us, including celebrating life!

God created us as a diverse people, He gave us different skills and strengths so that we would recognise our need for one another and appreciate our individuality. His love for diversity is not just visible in us but in all aspects of His creation. Look at the many species in any ecosystem all living in synchrony, or the changing seasons, each allowing for growth and harvest.

In our world, our differences are often used as a means to create distance between us, but God intends His people to come together. He didn't make us different so that we could be grouped... He made us different so we can CELEBRATE DIVERSITY; learn from each other, help each other and enjoy experiencing the differences.

We are so fortunate to have such a diverse community at St John's. Joined together in our faith, may we continue to celebrate the diversity in our community.

During the week children will be taking part in Peace Week focussed activities and our Year 6 Peer Mediators will be running activities during the lunchtimes. Thank you Mrs Miller for all the work you do looking after our Peer Mediators and our Cool Schools Programme.



God, creator of humanity, the sculptor of beauty, and the artist of diversity, Your people are before You.

When You reached down from the heavens to mould us from the earth, You created within us a uniqueness and beauty that knows no bounds.

When You knelt down to breathe life into our lungs, You passed on Your love for us that we might share it with others.

Let us learn to embrace each other with love, welcome the stranger with benevolent kindness, and turn an enemy into a friend.

As the creator and artist of diversity, let us not shun Your ways. Instead, let us reach out to those who are different than us, demonstrating the love You have instilled in your people.

May we never forget that each of us carry Your breath within our lungs. We are Your people; Your beautiful diverse people.

Today, may we celebrate the diversity You created in order to practise the love You have shown us.

In Your sacred, beautiful, and diverse name, we pray, Amen.



BIKKIE DAY

Friday, 7th August is the Blind Low Vision NZ Bikkie Day, a fundraising opportunity to help children like 5 year old Renzo who was born blind. Renzo has just started school at Stella Maris and is part of our wider Catholic community. We would love the St John's Community to come together and support this amazing fundraiser.

How can you help?

Are you able to bake some cookies for the day? Please let Emma Simpson know via email if you're able to help by baking some cookies – emmamarysimpson@gmail.com.

Bikkies will be available for sale at morning tea for a gold coin donation on Friday 7th August 2020.



Donations can also be made directly to Blind Low Vision NZ – please follow the link <https://www.bikkieday.org.nz/fundraisers/stjohnsschool/bikkie-day>



KANIKANI PEKERANGI - PTFA CHILDREN'S DISCO

Grab your brightest and most fluorescent outfits for our 80's Fluoro disco, **this Friday the 7th of August** in the school hall.

Years 1-3 from 5.30pm to 6.45pm and Years 4-6 from 7pm to 8.30pm.

Tickets \$5 each, which includes a great DJ, prizes, competitions, something to help you GLOW and a small treat.

Ticket order forms were sent home last week. Order forms are also **available in the school office**.

Tickets are being processed overnight and will be given to children the day following handing in their request. The first batch are coming home today. Please look out for them in schoolbags. Any queries regarding tickets can be emailed to Michele michelen@sjmb.school.nz or please ring if that is easier. 478 7734 Xtn 203.



PTFA

PTFA meeting tonight, 7pm in the school staff room. Hear from Viki and the Board about things that are happening at school and join in the planning for our Parents event and Gala. Great opportunity to be involved in this aspect of school life and meet some new people.



ST MARY OF THE CROSS FEAST DAY 8TH AUGUST

This Saturday the Church celebrates the Feast day of St Mary of the Cross. In 2010, Mary MacKillop became the first Australian to be canonised. Although an Australian from Scottish heritage, Mary holds a special place in the heart of the New Zealand Catholic Church, and a special role in the foundation of our school.



Mary believed in the importance of care and education for all. Working as a governess in South Australia, she met Father Julian Tenison Woods, and together they started a small school in Penola to enable all children access to free education. Mary's sisters also taught there and soon others started to join her.



In 1866 Mary, wearing a simple black dress, began the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph.

As more young women joined her they were able to start more schools to provide free education and orphanages to care for children who had no families to look after them.

The order continues to grow, allowing the sisters to open schools and orphanages across Australia and New Zealand, including one in Mairangi Bay, in 1961; our school, St John's.



WHAKAPUAWAI

This year our theme at St John's is 'Whakapuawai' which means 'Flourishing Ever Forward.' Each class has been celebrating and integrating this theme into their learning in their own unique way.

In Term 1 our curriculum focus was Social Science and we unpacked the idea that in order to move forward we need to understand our past. Through 'inquiry,' students looked into their own and others' ancestors, traditions, culture and history.

In Term 2 our curriculum focus was Science: Physical World. We learnt how Science can help us to relate to the world around us and is important for future innovation. Students practised observing, investigating and explaining science through concepts such as forces, magnetism, light, floating and sinking, flight, electricity and energy.

This Term our curriculum focus is the Arts and we are looking at how we can express ourselves, use our imagination and influence others through the Arts.

Vivienne Fuaaletoelau
Curriculum Leader

WHAKATAUKĪ - PROVERB

**Ko te pae tawhiti, whaia kia tata
Ko te pae tata, whakamaua kia tina**

Seek out distant horizons, and cherish those you attain.



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 the ongoing anxiety or stress of COVID-19 continues to weigh on your mind, you may need extra support to manage your wellbeing.

Asian Family Services ("AFS") has counsellors, social workers, and health workers available to provide assistance. Staff can provide confidential face-to-face or telephone support to Asian people living in New Zealand.

AFS can provide services in English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Vietnamese, Japanese, Thai and Hindi. An interpreter can be arranged for other languages. If this service might be useful for you or your family then look at this website; www.asianfamilyservices.nz

Please don't be afraid to ask for help. No-one will judge you. If you have never had to work hard to maintain your wellbeing or take extra care of your mental health, you may need to do so now.

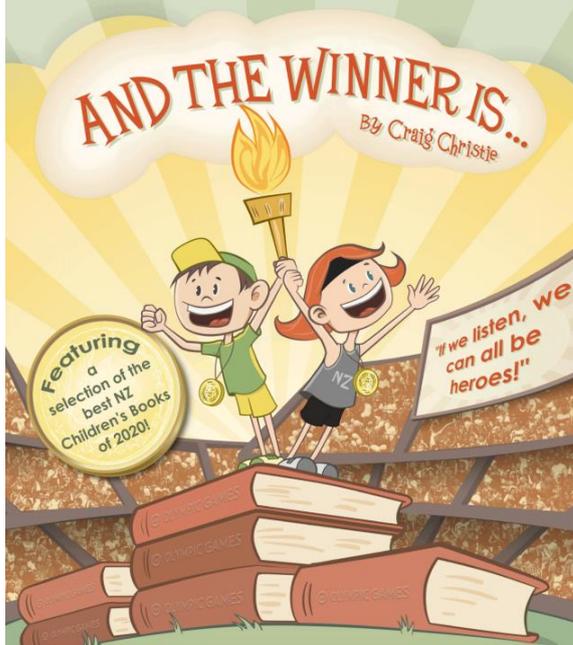
WORD OF THE WEEK

Kupu o te Wiki

manaaki(tia)

Look after, care for, show respect or kindness to

Book Week in Schools 2020



THE WINNER IS...

In preparation for our Literature Festival we will be having a performance for all of the students called "And The Winner is..." This is a wonderful **live theatre opportunity for all our students**.

This performance combines a love of reading and books with a celebration of diversity in a production that features the best 2020 New Zealand Children's Books.

The live theatre performance will take place on the afternoon of **Tuesday 18th August** in the School Hall. The visiting theatre group, Perform Education, is a multi-award winning producer of educational theatre. They have performed live theatre around schools across New Zealand, Australia and the UK.

The cost for this special experience for our students is \$5.50 per head, this cost has now been added to your Kindo account and we would appreciate payment prior to 18th August.

PŌTAE - BEANIES

Beanies can be purchased from the office for \$12.50. The first order sold out in a couple of days so be quick as this is the last delivery we can get at this great price.



Hundred Year Rock

September 8th, 9th & 10th
in the school hall

The Year 5 and 6 students are staging a wonderful musical to showcase our Performing Arts in 2020.

As the story unfolds, it will involve some terrific songs and dances. You will all have your toes tapping. We are very impressed by the commitment and enthusiasm shown by our students. We are looking forward to show stopping performances from all involved.

Please put these dates in your diary... you won't regret it! Tickets will be going on same in Week 5.



KINDO

We have been advised of the following changes to Kindo payments and fees from July 6th.

Customer account top ups:

- **Using internet banking through your bank's website (1-2 days clearance) continues to be free of charge.** Orders will go through when funds have been cleared.
- Instant internet transfers using POLi will incur a 1% + 50c service fee
- AP's continue to be free of charge and provide a good way to ensure funds are available when needed.
- Credit/Debit Card top ups will incur 2.5% and 50c service fee. Funds are instantly transferred.

Account closures and refunds:

- Refunds of below \$5 will remain on the caregiver's Kindo account balance for future use.
- Families wanting to close their accounts may still request their account balance to be returned or donated to the school, however a \$5 administration fee will be deducted from their balance.



NGĀ KĀKAHU O TE KURA - UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK

Hair must be worn off the face and tied back if longer than the bottom of the collar and be a natural hair colour. Dyed hair or haircuts with distinctive cut or shaved lines are not permitted.

Ribbons, head bands and bobbles of the school colours are the only hair adornments permitted. These are to be red, navy, blue or white.

PĀNUI WHAKANUIA - CONGRATULATIONS

Eowyn Walsh - Confirmation and First Holy Communion

PLAYER/S of the Day

Isla McQueen Gymnast of the day (for hardwork and enthusiasm), **Oonagh Burns** Gymnast of the day, **Isabella Mitchell** – Netball (awesome defence), **Annabel Ko** - Netball (Sportsmanship award), **Parker Simpson** – Basketball and Rugby, **Rebecca Robertson** – Hockey and Rugby, **Jeremy Howard** – Soccer, **Joseph Howard** - Soccer, **Isaac Reade** – Basketball (great passing), **Ava Murphy** – Netball,

PĀNUI Ā HĀPORI - COMMUNITY NOTICES



Bays Conservation Expo

This Conservation Week join Restore Hibiscus & Bays to learn how you can get involved with conservation in the Bays.

- Find out how to identify & report pest plants
- Germinate a kōwhai seedling to take home
- See the range of traps and bait stations
- Discover how to get involved with local groups and projects

East Coast Bays Library

Saturday 22 August 10:00am – 12:00pm
Free event. Everyone welcome.

Find out more: phone 09 377 0209 or
visit aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/
East Coast Bays Library
@Auckland_Libs

 Restore
Hibiscus & Bays
www.restorehb.org.nz

 Auckland Council
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Ngā Pūtea Kōwhiri o Tāmaki Makaurau

Bays Conservation Expo

East Coast Bays Library wants *your* feedback Tell us what kind of events and programmes you would like to see in the library for kids and families.

Visit the library and put your comment on our special feedback board, or in the comments box or take our short survey

[KIDS SURVEY](#)

[PARENTS SURVEY](#)

or just follow this QR code



KIDS



PARENTS

Rhythmic Gymnastics. Have you ever tried rhythmic gymnastics? It's really fun learning skills with ribbons, hoops, balls and more! North Harbour Gymnastics has some great new rhythmic gymnastics classes. Maybe you'd like to give one a go? Sign up through www.nhgym.co.nz now or email erica.xtremerg@gmail.com for more information.

Precompetitive class (Tuesdays 3:30-5pm) * for 5-7 year olds

RG Squad (Wednesdays 5-7pm at Glenfield College and/or Saturdays 3:30-5:30pm at Eventfinda Stadium) * for 6-10 year olds

Kindy RG (10:30-11:30am at Eventfinda Stadium) * for 4 year olds.

Basketball Skills Term 3 – HOOP33.

HOOP33 are a community based platform geared towards helping you achieve your basket ball goals the right way. We cater for hoopers of all ages and skill ranges in a supportive environment built on our shared passion for basketball. Further information phone or email Sarah on 0212040324 assist@hoopee.co.nz.

Synchronised Swimming; teamwork, precision, strength, and grace not to mention a lot of fun!. Lessons for all age groups. For further information please email infosynchro@gmail.com or check the website www.northharboursynchro.co.nz.



Nga Whare Maha Kohanga Reo – Garage Sale.

Saturday 15 August 2020 – 8am – 12pm.

7A Ceres Court, Rosedale.