



Week 9, Term 3
15 September 2020

NEWSLETTER

Te Reo ō te Kura ō Hato Hoāni The voice of St John's School

Kia mahara tatou rite maha ringa e hanga he whare, Na meinga maha ngakau i te kura.

*"Let us remember that as many hands build a house,
So many hearts make a school".*

Te wiki o Te Reo Māori

On Monday at 12 o'clock, our school came together as part of the nationwide virtual Māori Language Moment. This was to remember the moment in 1972 when the Māori Language Petition was presented to Parliament calling for te reo to be taught in our schools. The aim was to get 1 million people to take part in the Māori Language Moment.

Mrs Mountjoy led our teachers and children in some of our favourite waiata, including our school waiata.

This week is a great opportunity for us to practise our te reo. I encourage you to ask your children to share kupu (words), waiata (song), and karakia (prayers) that they know.



There are many things that define New Zealanders and connect us to our home, one being te reo Māori.

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



FEEDBACK REQUEST

Our School values excellence and we would like to ensure that everyone gets an opportunity to give feedback on what is going well and how we can strive to be the best we can be. In order to do this, we need your feedback on how well we are performing. We have engaged a cloud-based system that allows us to collect the views and ideas from students, staff and whanau. Here is a [link to our annual Future Together survey](#) that asks you for your feedback on our school on a range of issues. The survey is anonymous. This is important because we want you to be honest in your feedback.

The survey is now open and will close at 5:00pm **THIS FRIDAY** 18th September 2020.

Thank you for your contribution

Jill Marsh
Assistant Principal

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

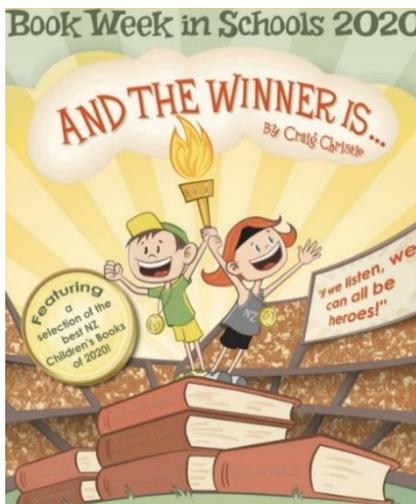
*Nau mai ki Te Wiki o te reo Māori
Welcome to Māori Language Week.*

This year marks 45 years since the first Te Wiki o te Reo Māori was held. It is a point in time to celebrate, promote and encourage the use of te reo – it is also a prompt that every time we use te reo we contribute to its revitalisation.

The chosen theme for 2020 is again 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori'.

'Kia Kaha' is well understood in New Zealand English with its meaning of 'be strong'. We often talk about languages as if they are people – talking about language health, strength and revitalisation. So when we say 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori language strong'.

For more ideas and resources for including te reo in everyday life please follow the [link](#).



AND THE WINNER IS...

The performance for all of the students called "And The Winner is..." scheduled for during this recent lockdown has been rescheduled. This will be a wonderful live theatre opportunity for all our students.

The live theatre performance will now take place on the afternoon of **Monday, 2nd November** in the School Hall.

For all year levels/students, payment for this performance should be made via Kindo as soon as possible.

The cost for this special experience for our students is \$5.50 per head. www.mykindo.co.nz

Lost Property



The blue lost property bin in our sick bay is overflowing with items of clothing, water bottles, sports balls etc.

We endeavour to return items that are clearly labelled, however, at the end of this term unnamed items left in the bin will be donated to the PTFA second hand uniforms for resale and all non-school clothing, footwear and other items will be donated to charity.

REMINDERS

You are reminded that:

- **School closes for Term 3 at the usual time on Friday 25th September and re-opens on Monday, 12th October.**
- **Week 3, Monday, 26th October is Labour Day, a Public Holiday.**

Hats - These are a compulsory item and must be worn by the children during Terms 1 and 4. Hats must be the standard uniform hats which can be purchased from NZ Uniforms, 19A Douglas Alexander Parade, Rosedale.

LOST – Yellow Stop Watch

Last seen at Swimming Trials held at AUT Millenium Pool on 6th March. Please could parent helpers at this event have a good look at home to see if they still have it and return it to the school office ASAP. It is marked on the back with St John's #2. Many thanks in advance.

Karen Dorrington
Sports Co-ordinator



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.

As Auckland's alert level "2.5" is extended again, you might find your anxiety levels rise and your mental wellbeing take a knock.

Check out <https://depression.org.nz/covid/covid-19/> to learn about signs of depression or anxiety in yourself or those around you. This agency also has some useful advice about how to manage your feelings with special pages specifically focusing on the wellbeing of Maori and Pasifika families. Please don't be afraid to ask for help. No-one will judge you. If you have never had to consider your own mental wellbeing, or the wellbeing of others around you, you may need to do so now.

Kupu o te Wiki

WORD OF THE WEEK

te reo: language

WATER BOTTLES

We ask that all children bring a water bottle to school as our drinking fountains remain switched off. These can be refilled in the classrooms.





NGĀ KĀKAHU O TE KURA - UNIFORM REMINDER OF THE WEEK

The changeover to summer uniform takes place from the beginning of Term 4.

Due to the fluctuating weather there will be a period when either summer or winter uniform can be worn, however, all the children should be in summer uniform for the third week of Term 4, beginning after Labour Day on Tuesday, 27th October.

Please note that for this optional period, the children should wear either the complete summer uniform or the complete winter uniform which includes winter shoes.



FROM THE PARISH

CHANGES IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Operations & Finance Manager

I am delighted to announce that Beate Matthies will be joining our parish office on Tuesday 15th September in this new role. Beate brings considerable experience in leadership and management to

our parish having recently held the position of General Manager of Te Ngakau Waiora Mercy Spirituality Centre. She is an active member of the Beach Haven parish and is involved in many community organisations as a volunteer. I look forward to introducing Beate to our parish community; I am sure you will all make her very welcome.

Secretary

As advised on 9th August, the position of Parish Secretary was disestablished as part of the office restructure. This position was held by Belinda du Piesanie; Belinda has now left our office and we wish her all the best for the future.

Fr Raphael Lobo - **Parish Priest**

Support to visitors to NZ on temporary visas

NZ Red Cross is working with the DIA to provide support to visitors to NZ on temporary visas, (i.e. not citizens or Per-manent Resident visa-holders) who are experiencing financial hardship due to being stranded in NZ due to COVID 19. go to www.foreignnationals.services.govt.nz or call Tel: 0800 733 276

PĀNUI Ā HĀPORI - COMMUNITY NOTICES

Play Cricket with East Coast Bays Cricket Club

Registrations for the cricket season are now open. Please register online at eastcoastbayscricket.co.nz

East Coast Bays Cricket Club is one of the largest clubs on Auckland's North Shore, providing cricket for all ages and all levels. The Club is focused on fun, teamwork and performance providing children of all skill levels a chance to learn the game in an enjoyable competitive environment. We cater for all children's cricket from Year 1 through to Year 8, both girls and boys. The uniform comprises of a club polo shirt, club shorts or trousers, and club cap or wide-brimmed hat, which are available from Players Sports online or at their Newmarket shop.

The Club provides all playing equipment required, although you are welcome to use your own. Please contact the Club for more information at ecbayscricket@gmail.com

Kids Choice School Holiday programme bookings are now open. The programme will open on Monday 28th September - 9th October 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 7am until 6pm daily. Contact Barb 027 440 6363 or 09 478 3705, Email: kids.choice@infogen.net.nz

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, October 6th, 10.00am-3.00pm.

Cost: \$55 **Bookings:** eion@eionbryant.com, mob 0211327033 or 021 0606641



Kids Tennis Camps

@ MAIRANGI BAY



Our tennis camps are open to all children that want to play tennis (as long as they have turned 5yrs)

EMAIL ALL BOOKING REQUESTS TO : jrr.tennis@gmail.com. Places will go on a first come first served basis – Please bring packed drink and snacks – **NO NUTS**

- Equipment:** Balls will be provided. Please bring your own racket if you have one. If not we can provide one. We sell racquets in the shop.
- Safety:** Safety is a constant priority on all courses and therefore there will be qualified Paediatric First Aider available if necessary.
- Program:** The program caters for all levels with an emphasis on FUN, technique and tactical games.

Weather: Please ensure that you are prepared for all weather conditions. In hot weather sun cream, a hat and a water bottle is recommended. We will take indoor shelter only if the weather is deemed too dangerous to play in, ie the courts are too slippery. Always send your children with a rain jacket. Any course that is under-subscribed will not take place. **Staff:** All lead coaches hold a LTA qualification and are first aid trained

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME		
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH TO THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER		
ITINERY	TIME	COST
MORNING SESSION	9.00-11.45PM	\$40
AFTERNOON SESSION	12.30 - 3.15PM	\$40
FULL DAY	9.00 - 3.15PM	\$75