



21st May
2024

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau,



Catholic Diocese of Auckland
Te Taumata o te Hahi Katorika

CATHOLIC CHARACTER REVIEW 21ST and 22ND MAY

Today we welcomed Mr Philip Mahoney, Mrs Christine Smith and Mr Ben Fahey with a pōwhiri. We have had a lovely time showing them our school. We spent time in a number of the classrooms, as well as meeting with different parent and staff groups. Tomorrow they will spend more time in the classrooms and meet with Father Carlo, our support staff and some children.

Thank you to all those who shared their thoughts and ideas with the evaluation team through face-to-face meetings or the online survey.



SAFETY IN THE SCHOOL CARPARKS

A reminder to take care when walking with your children through the car parks, particularly the Church carpark as there are no footpaths. **Children can not easily be seen in rear vision mirrors.** Please use paths wherever possible and walk with your children when crossing the car parks, keeping an eye out for reversing cars.

CONFIRMATION

A group of our students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday evening. I ask that you keep them in your prayers as they take this significant step in their faith journey.

God bless,
Marina Binns
Principal - Tumuaki

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Thank you to all the families who contributed to the Pentecost Parish School Mass. It was a lovely way to celebrate the birthday of the church. It is also wonderful to see so many school families contributing to the Parish Children's Mass, 9:00am on the third Sunday of the month at St John's Church. If you would like your children to have an active role in the Mass, please meet the liturgical team before the service at 8:30am.

Ngā mihi,
Cara Mountjoy
Director of Religious Studies

SOCIAL OUTREACH



Hello, I am Meesol Tak, a Year 6 student in Room 5, and I have a question for you.

Do you think everyone should have access to prescription eyewear?

Unfortunately, many people don't. Therefore, I am asking you to donate your old, unused glasses.

If you have eyewear you no longer need, please drop them off in Room 5.

These will then be donated to the Lions Club. They accept prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses, and plastic and metal frames. The Lions Club processes and redistributes eyewear to where it is needed.

Thank you for your support.

STAFF NEWS

It is with mixed emotions that I inform you that Mrs Jill Marsh has resigned from her position as a teacher at St John's. While I am sad to see her leave us, I hope you can join with me in wishing her well as she embarks on her new adventures, moving down South, to Alexandra. I have had the pleasure of working closely with Mrs Marsh over many years and in a variety of roles; classroom teacher, team leader, assistant principal, both within and across school leader with our Kahui Ako, Reading Recovery teacher, science specialist and lead teacher in digital learning and computer systems administrator (and I am sure I have missed a few). She has shared her many talents with us, and it would be selfish to want to keep her to ourselves forever. We will be farewelling her closer to the end of the term.

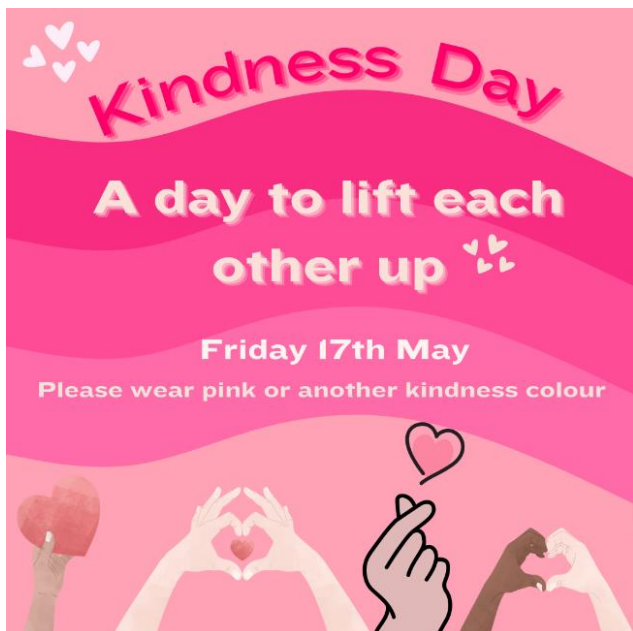
SCHOOL CALENDAR

Keep up to date with school events through downloading and linking the SJMB Community Calendar. [Link to download calendar](#)

Reminder - **Teachers Only Day on Friday 31st May.** This is the Friday before King's Birthday.

PINK FOR KINDNESS DAY

On Friday 17th May our school turned into a sea of all shades of pink. Thank you for the support as we reminded each other of the importance of being kind and raised awareness of the need to include everyone, just like Jesus did.





GARDEN TO TABLE BAKE SALE

On Thursday the senior students had a fantastic Bake Sale in the school hall. We raised \$198.00. The students from Years 4-6 baked all the food to sell at the Bake Sale. All the baked goods were \$1 each.

The Kaitiaki Guardians' jobs were to set up the hall for selling, this included setting up tables, making labels for the kai, displaying the food, packing up, and selling everything.

Everything was sold quickly. With all the money we raised we are going to upgrade our school garden and buy some strawberry plants.

Thank you to Mrs Moore and Mrs Mercer for making this happen!

Written by: Rosie Ko and Hugo Smith



PTFA BINGO



For a few short hours on Friday 17th May, the School Hall became the stomping ground of Beryl the Bingo caller.

It was a wonderful friendly atmosphere with parents and teachers listening intently to the numbers being called.

As is customary, the paper plane challenge was hotly contested, as was the wine bottle coin roll.

There were prizes for every round as well as some special spot prizes on the evening. Not only was it a fun night though, but we also raised ~\$800 towards the PTFA funds. Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors – Milford Hotel, Browns Bay Brewing Company, Beaufort+Co, Events Cinemas, Takapuna Beachside Cinemas, Montrose Café and the Black Antler.

These evenings are loads of fun and a great way to get to know other parents within the school community.





YOUNG PARENTS GROUP



If you a parent of babies or preschoolers, you are warmly invited to attend this weekly social group. They meet in the Fr Quinn Room, St John's Church from 10:30am – 12:30pm every Friday. Coffee & Biscuits provided.

Contact: Judith (0278252319) or Sandra (0274336404) or the office at office@ecbcatholic.org.nz

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREFERENCE FORMS

Fr Carlo and Fr Emile will be available to sign the forms on Wednesdays, 10am - 12 noon & 1 – 3pm for a 15-minute slot. Please make an appointment through: office@ecbcatholic.org.nz

MONTHLY CHILDREN'S MASS

3rd Sunday: 9.00 am Mass St. John's Church. Contact Lindy lindy@willplan.co.nz

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For more information from the Parish, please see [their regular newsletter](#).