

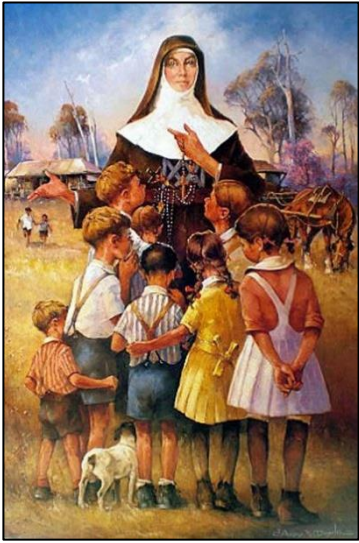


6th August
2024

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau,



MASS FOR THE FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS

As we gather tomorrow (*Wednesday 7th August*) to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop (*Feast Day 8th August*), we honour her profound legacy of faith, compassion, and education. St. Mary of the Cross, a pioneering spirit and the first Australasian saint, dedicated her life to the service of the poor and the advancement of education for all.

This is a special day for our school as we remember her role as the foundress of the Sisters of St Joseph; founders of our School. Her commitment to nurturing the hearts and minds of children reflects the very essence of our mission here at St John's School. We rejoice in her inspiring example and renew our dedication to fostering a nurturing and inclusive learning environment. May St. Mary of the Cross' spirit guide and bless our school community as we continue to grow in faith and knowledge.

**We invite you to share in the Parish Mass at St John's Church on
Wednesday 7th August at 9:15am.**

STUDENT LEADERS

Tomorrow, at Mass, we will also be commissioning our Term 3 and 4 Student Leaders.

There are many opportunities for all our Year 6 students to become actively involved in our school and I look forward to seeing the next group of Year 6 leaders take up this leadership. In such roles the students are invited to lead their peers and demonstrate and develop responsibility for both themselves and others. Leadership begins with identifying and understanding our values; Faith, Community, Respect, and Resilience. As leaders they are in a position to, through their own words and actions, influence, motivate and guide others to become the best they can be and grow closer to God.

I would like to congratulate our Term 3 and 4 House Leaders; elected by their peers to lead our four houses. This is a long-held tradition. They will hold office over the next two terms and provide a valuable student voice to the Senior Leadership.

For **Keegan** House; Zara K, Madeleine M and Yousif N
For **Liston** House; Isabella M and Erin W
For **Pierce** House; Eloisa D and Ashton M
For **Quinlan** House; Spencer D and Sophie H

I also congratulate our Young MacKillops for Terms 3 and 4. These children were selected by Mrs Mountjoy and their teachers. They provide a student voice around social justice and work with our Director of Religious Studies to support and promote the Special Character of our school, particularly through leadership in liturgy.

The Young MacKillops for Terms 3 and 4 are: Summer A, James B, Hailey K, Evelyn L, Annaliese M, Frano M, Grayson M, Brodie P, Jacob R, Jackson S, Alisha S, and Lucas Y.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

One of the more famous quotes attributed to Mary MacKillop is “Never see a need without doing something about it”. Upcoming social outreach opportunities at St John’s include Daffodil Day on Friday 30th August and our annual Cans 4 Christmas collection between now and 6th September.



God bless,
Marina Binns
Principal/Tumuaki

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION



Next week we will be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption, remembering the day that St Mary, Mother of Christ and the Mother of the Church, was taken into Heaven. This is a very special Mass for Aotearoa New Zealand.

Bishop Jean-Baptiste Pompallier was the first Catholic bishop of New Zealand. At the end of the first Mass he celebrated in Aotearoa New Zealand, on 13th January 1838, in Hokianga, he dedicated the country to Mary under the title of her Assumption. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops’ Conference, in a pastoral letter in 1988 said:

“In dedicating New Zealand to Mary in her Assumption, Bishop Pompallier placed our country under the protection of Mary as she is now – alive, body and soul, rejoicing in the happiness of God’s kingdom.”

A FLORAL TRIBUTE

It has always been a tradition in the Church to decorate Our Lady’s altar with flowers for her special Feast Day. The children can bring a flower from your garden to school next Wednesday. Please do not go to any expense buying flowers. What is important is the feeling and thoughtfulness.

We invite you to join our Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption on
Wednesday 14th August at 9:15am in St John’s Church.

Following Mass we invite our parents and parishioners to come and share a cup of tea in the hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



SCHOOL PARISH MASS

Sunday 18th August, 9:00am at St John’s Church

This Mass is organised and led by the School and Parish. All students and their families are warmly invited to attend. This is a time for the school and parish communities to come together in a celebration of our faith. Please consider setting this time aside to participate in this Mass with other families from the school.

Are you able to commit to attending this mass? We are looking for students and their families to serve in the Ministry of the Word, Eucharist, Altar serving and music. Please complete [the linked form](#) to let us know how you and/or your children would like to be involved.

Recent Gospels highlight Jesus as the Bread of Life, a reminder of His role as the spiritual food that nourishes and sustains us. By reflecting on this theme, we are invited to deepen our understanding of Christ's promise to offer true fulfilment and eternal life through His presence. This emphasis encourages us to embrace His teachings and seek spiritual nourishment in our daily lives, fostering a richer connection with our faith community.

Ngā mihi,
Cara Mountjoy
Director of Religious Studies

NEAREST AND DEAREST DAY



Nearest and Dearest Day

Friday 30th August, 2024

8:50am – 11:00am (ish)

On Friday 30th August we will be holding our Nearest and Dearest Day at St. John's. We invite each child to bring someone they hold dear to come and share time with them at school. This could be any adult.

Next week, the children will be bringing home an invitation with more detail on it about the day. We understand that life is busy, and your time is precious. We hope that you are able to join us.



RSVP

To ensure that every child is catered for and to help us with catering and seating in the hall, please RSVP with the name of the adult attending using the QR or [LINK](#) provided.

SOCIAL OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



Cans 4 Christmas was established in 2015 as a community-building project across the Catholic Schools in Auckland. It has now grown nationwide with schools in Wanaka, Alexandra, and Wellington joining in.

Over the past 3 years they have collected approximately 31,000 cans of Food for the St Vincent de Paul Society and The Mercy Hospice Centre. This has helped over 2000 families over the Christmas period.

Our collection period is starting now and goods can be donated up until our collection day, 6th September.

You may send cans to school anytime and there will be a collection box in your child's classroom.

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Matthew 25:35-37

The 1 in 3 could be me

For more than 20 years, St. John's School have proudly fundraised each year for The Cancer Society of New Zealand.

The Cancer Society is currently the leading non-government organisation dedicated to reducing the incidence and impact of cancer and ensuring cancer care for everyone in New Zealand. It is an independent charity. Cancer Society offers support to all people with all cancers.

The focus is on local support services, preventing cancer campaigns and information and supporting world-leading cancer research. The Cancer Society is a pro-active advocate for cancer patients in New Zealand, providing a voice on all kinds of issues including, screening, detection and treatment.

The Cancer Society is the largest funder of cancer related research in New Zealand.

In the past we have organised a coin trail. Nowadays, acquiring coins can be a hassle so you can donate online by following this [link](#). This link is active now and we are raising funds until Friday 30th August. If you would prefer to make a cash donation, these can be dropped off at the school office.

Any contribution is appreciated!

On Daffodil Day, the children are welcome to wear yellow in addition to pieces of their school uniform as a sign of hope. (eg, they could swap out their school shirt or shorts for a yellow one, wear yellow socks or a yellow ribbon).

 Cancer Society
Daffodil Day
Te Rā Daffodil

SCHOOLWIDE PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

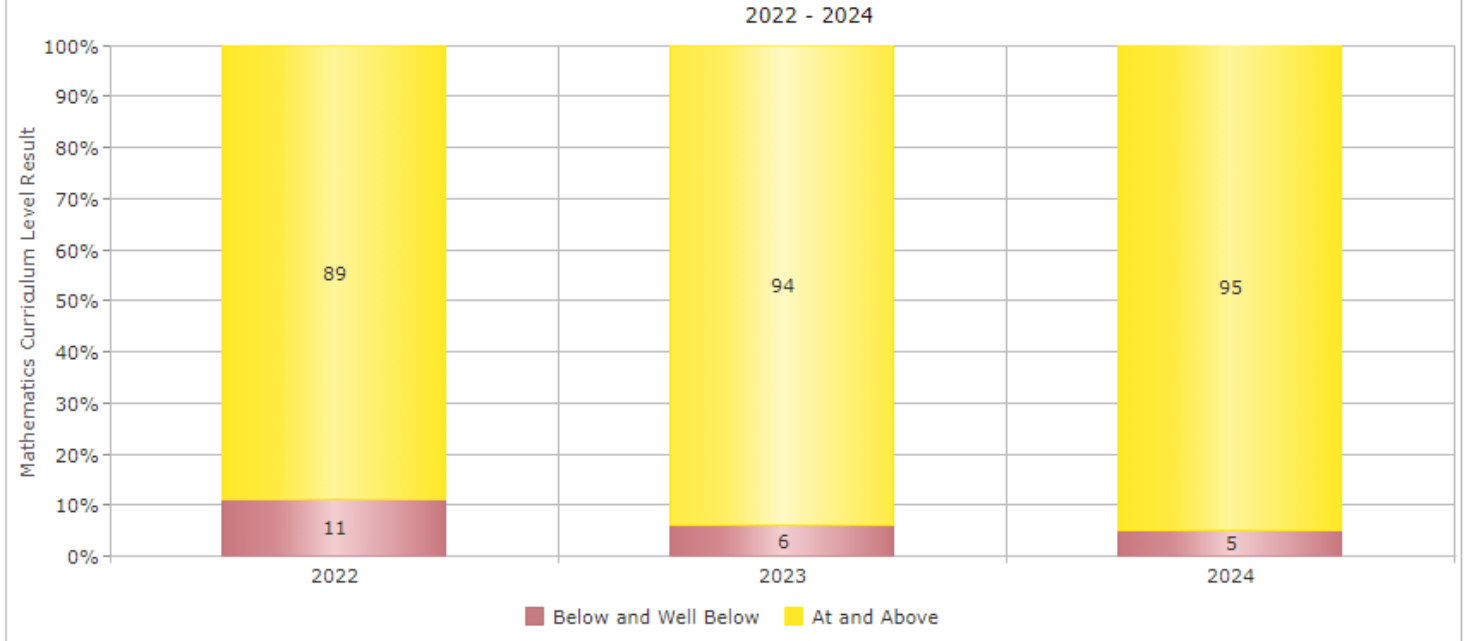
Each child is on their own learning journey and learn at their own stage and pace. Twice a year you receive a written report of the progress and achievement of your own children. The data collected for these is collated into schoolwide data which gives us a picture of how the school is achieving as a whole, and across years. Following this, the School Board and the teaching staff delve deeper into year level cohorts and gender and ethnic comparisons.

I would like to congratulate the students on their excellent results and acknowledge their hard work and effort. I would also like to thank our wonderful teaching team; our teachers, learning support staff and team leaders for their effort in facilitating and supporting this achievement.

WHOLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT IN MATHEMATICS

	2022	2023	2024
% At and Above	89	94	95
% Below and Well Below	11	6	5

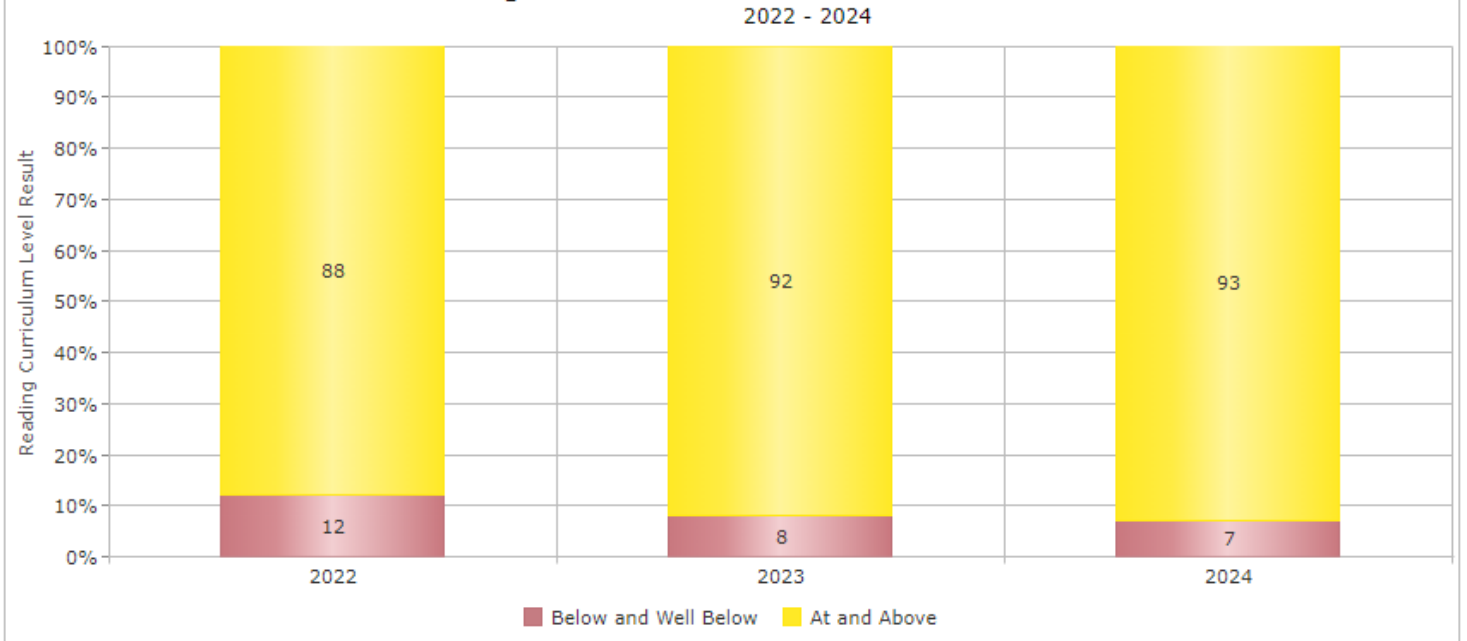
Mathematics Curriculum Level Result Achievement 2022 - 2024



WHOLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT IN READING

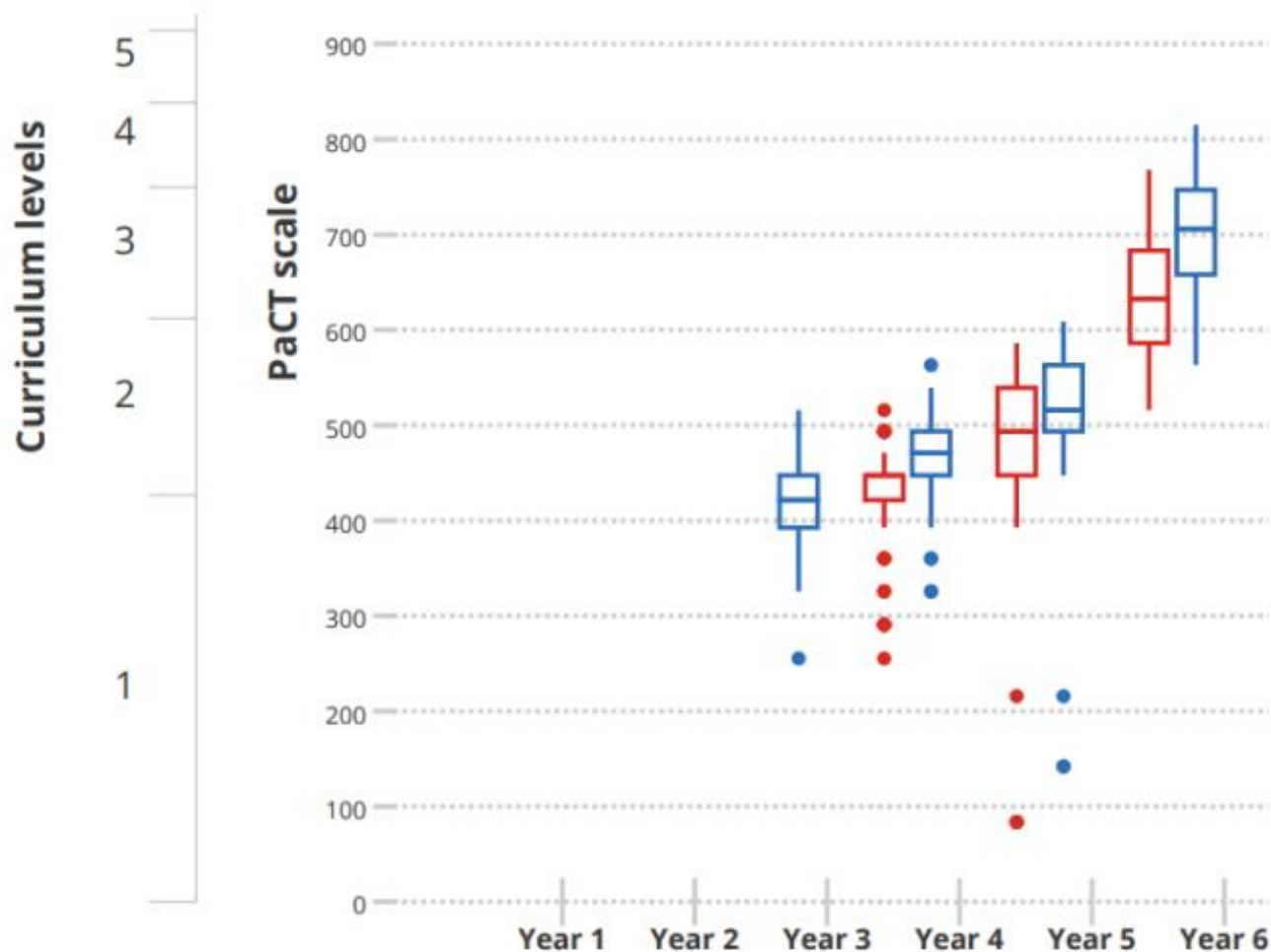
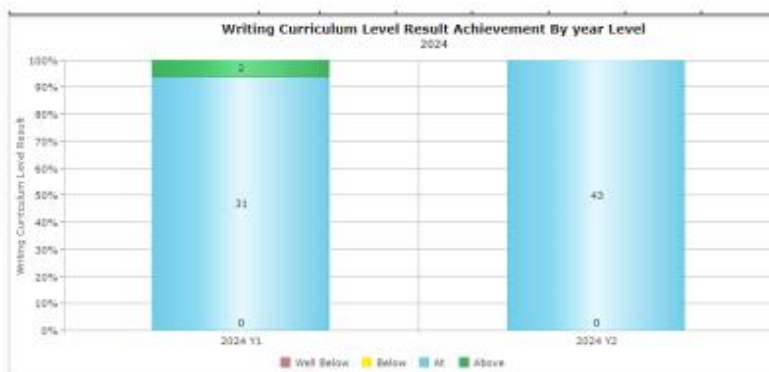
	2022	2023	2024
% At and Above	88	92	93
% Below and Well Below	12	8	7

Reading Curriculum Level Result Achievement 2022 - 2024



WHOLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT IN WRITING

by Year		Year 1	Year 2
% At and Above	2022	100	100
	2023	100	100
	2024	100	100
% Below and Well Below	2022	0	0
	2023	0	0
	2024	0	0



- Base data series: Gender: All genders Ethnicity: Ethnicity - All Year: 2024 Time Period: Latest
- Comparison data series: Gender: All genders Ethnicity: Ethnicity - All Year: 2023 Time Period: Latest

SPORTS UPDATE

SUPERCLUSTER NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Today our Year 6/1 and our Year 5/1 Senior Netball teams represented the school at the Supercluster Netball Tournament. The tournament saw them competing against the other schools in our cluster. We were extremely proud of their spirit and the effort they put into each game. A special thank you to the coaches, managers and parents who supported these teams on the sidelines.

RIPPA TOURNAMENT

On Thursday this week our Rippa teams will be off to Windsor Park once again to compete in the Interschool Tournament. We wish them well in their games.



BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our St John's Year 4 Bulls team who, after a very close game in the final ending in a narrow loss, were awarded Runners-Up in the "A" Grade Friday night competition for Semester 1.

Congratulations to the team; Carter G, Cody Tn, Daniel S, Dominic K, Jude B, Lachlan O, Salvador D, Xavier H, and a special thanks to their coach Sean and their manager Maria.

AUT Millennium - 17 Antares Place, Rosedale, Auckland
Athletics Track and Field Season 2024-25 Starting Soon!

Join us for our OPEN DAYs

Sunday 18th August 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Sunday 25th August 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Want to try your hand at athletics? Interested in learning how to run, jump, or throw? Build new friendships and develop your abilities in athletics to help you become **stronger, faster, and more agile**, preparing you for nearly any sport!

www.facebook.com/BaysAthletics
www.baysathletics.co.nz/

ATHLETICS HAVE-A-GO DAY

For those interested they are to register via this [link](#)

KIWI KICK STARS

This is an opt in programme run by an external company. It does, however, run during the school lunch break. It started last week on Thursday 1st August and runs for 8 weeks, finishing on Thursday 19th September.

Children must be pre-enrolled directly with Kiwi Kick Stars to take part.

For more information and to enrol please visit the website www.kiwikickstars.com.

FOOTBALL LUNCH TIME PROGRAMME

KIWI KICK STARS

St John's school

FUN FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS!!

TERM 3

Our awesome programme gets kids exercising through super fun activities based around football and storytelling. Kids build confidence while improving their motor skills and coordination, learning how to play with others, focus on problem solving.

Our friendly, experienced coaches have a hands-on, relatable approach and a passion for fun!
Everyone's a winner at Kiwi Kick Stars!

Where: St John's Astroturf/fields
When: Thursdays (starts on Thursday 1st August)
Time: Lunchtime
Cost: \$ 108 per term (8 weeks)
Second child discount of 10% applies!

TO REGISTER GO TO WWW.KIWIKICKSTARS.COM

THE NED SHOW

Last week, our school had the pleasure of hosting the inspiring NED Show, a dynamic program that left a lasting impression on our students. Through engaging storytelling, captivating magic tricks, and interactive activities, the NED Show emphasised the importance of **N**ever Giving Up, **E**ncouraging Others, and **D**oing Your Best. Our students were not only entertained but also motivated to apply these values in their everyday lives. It was a memorable experience that reinforced our commitment to fostering a positive and resilient school community.



Thank you to all those who have purchased yoyos, your generosity will enable another school to experience this show as well. Yoyos will be on sale until the end of this week from the school office.

CLASSIC YOS NZ\$16
Learn the basics of yo-yoing with assorted fixed axel yo-yos.



SUPER SPINNERS NZ\$20
Great for basic and intermediate tricks. With a strong throw, these auto-return yo-yos 'sleep' at the end of the string & then come back to you automatically.



SPECIALTY SELECTION NZ\$25
Assorted professional long spin yo-yos for next level tricks!



REPLACEMENT STRING PACK
Ten assorted strings to change color or replace a worn out yo-yo string.



YO-YO HOLSTER NZ\$12
Keep track of your yo and have it ready to go. Attach it to your belt loop or backpack (yo-yo not included).



WINTER ILLNESSES AND ABSENCES



We know that every day of attendance at school makes a positive difference to your child's learning, however, no child can focus on learning if they are feeling sick or miserable. At this time of the year, it is not uncommon that children get sick with coughs and colds and other Winter illnesses.

As part of our commitment to the well-being of **all** students and staff, we kindly request that you keep your child at home if they are feeling unwell to prevent the spread of illness within our school community. We ask that they return to school when they are fully recovered and are able to focus on learning. This differs for each child, and you know your children the best.

Please inform the school office of your child's absence as soon as possible, identifying the reason for the absence as due to illness. Either via Tel: 09 478 7734 #1, email: office@sjmb.school.nz, or the school [website](#). For safety reasons, we do not assume that a student is "still sick" if they are away a second day. Please inform the office each and every day your child is absent.

NEW ENTRANT ENROLMENTS FOR 2025



You are reminded that applications for New Entrant enrolment for next year (2025) will close on 31st August 2024. Children applying for enrolment after applications have closed for the forthcoming year will not be considered until the following year unless vacancies still exist on the roll after all previous applications have been accepted. If you have not yet made application for a New Entrant enrolment for 2025 then please email Michele Nash michelen@sjmb.school.nz for the application forms. Confirmation, or otherwise, of New Entrant enrolment will be sent to all applicants by mid-September 2024.

Please encourage your friends, family members and other families you know at pre-schools and daycare centres with new entrants who may qualify for Preference Enrolment to lodge their applications before 31st August or to ring Michele at the school office (Tel: 09 478 7734 Ext 203) if they have any questions regarding enrolment. Online applications can be made on the [tab](#) on the home page of the school website. Enquiries can also be made by email michelen@sjmb.school.nz

FROM THE PTFA



See you tonight for the next PTFA Meeting
7:00pm
in the School Staffroom (or over Zoom)

A promotional poster for the St John's Calendar Raffle. It features a large gold '\$5 per ticket' graphic, a 'Enter to Win' logo, and a gold ribbon that says 'Tickets to be sold or returned to school by Friday 16 AUGUST'. The main text reads 'St John's Calendar Raffle' and 'Fantastic Prizes to Be Won Every Day in September'. A yellow diamond shape says 'More ticket packs can be collected from the office'. There are illustrations of gift boxes and a St John's logo with the motto 'PREPARE THE WAY'.

THERMOMETER UPDATE

It was a very exciting moment as we updated the fundraising thermometer.

As a result of your fantastic effort and support, we are now sitting at \$80,000 raised towards the COLA project. This is in addition to the many ongoing projects and initiatives the PTFA supports each year. We look forward to seeing this continue to grow.



REMINDER!



ST JOHN'S SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE



Date: THIS WEDNESDAY (7th of August)

Time: 2:30pm

Location: School Hall

Any uniform donations by
Tuesday are welcome.
Please leave at the office.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Looking ahead, please take note of the following dates.

Friday 27 th September	Last Day of school for Term 3 at the usual time of 2.50pm
Sat 28 th Sept - Sun 13 th Oct	School Holidays
Monday 14 th October	Term 4 begins
Monday 28 th October	Labour Day (School closed due to public holiday)
Tuesday 17 th December	School closes for the year at 12:00pm

2025 TERM DATES AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Monday 3 rd February	Term starts with Individual School Interviews (Parent, student and teacher)
Tuesday 4 th February	School open for Classes
Thursday 6 th February	Waitangi Day (School closed due to public holiday)
Friday 11 th April	Last Day of school for Term 1
Sat 12 th - Sun 27 th April	School Holidays (includes Good Friday 18th April, Easter Monday 21 st April and ANZAC Day 25 th April)
Monday 28 th April	Term 2 begins
Monday 2 nd June	King's Birthday (School closed due to public holiday)

Friday 20 th June	Matariki (School closed due to public holiday)
Friday 27 th June	Last Day of school for Term 2
Sat 28 th June - Sun 13 th July	School Holidays
Monday 14 th July	Term 3 begins
Friday 19 th September	Last Day of school for Term 3
Sat 20 th Sept - Sun 5 th Oct	School Holidays
Monday 6 ^h October	Term 4 begins
Monday 27 th October	Labour Day (School closed due to public holiday)
Tuesday 16 th December TBC	School closes for the year at 12:00pm To be confirmed following confirmation of Teacher Only Days for next year.

FROM THE DIOCESE

Accountant – Fixed Term 1 year Parental Leave Cover



We are looking for a CA qualified Accountant to provide full-time parental leave cover for a fixed term period of one year. The role will assist the Diocesan Accounting Manager with operational leadership for the financial management of various entities under the Catholic Diocese of Auckland. In this role, you will be responsible for ensuring all financial reporting requirements, imperatives are delivered accurately and add value to the organisation. You will provide accurate, timely and relevant statutory and management reporting information for entities which ensures the Diocese both fully meets its statutory requirements and to support the Diocese in the achievement of its strategic goals.

To view the full advert and the position description please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.
Applications close 12 August 24.