



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

— Te Kura o Hato Hoani —

MAIRANGI BAY, AUCKLAND

St John's Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

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Kia ora e te whanau! 안녕하세요 ¡Hola! مرحبا Dia dhuit 你好 Mabuhay

Wow, wow, wow!!! We are absolutely blown away by the amazing response that we had to our **Calendar raffle** and to how the school community pulled together to try and sell as many tickets as we could. Thanks to all our hard work we have raised just short of **\$15,000** for the PTFA goals!!! Watch out for an update on the COLA thermometer very soon!

Special mention to one of our fantastic PTFA members, Sheryn Haughey, who spent many hours visiting businesses and sending emails to obtain the many wonderful prizes that are offered in the raffle. Thanks also to Laura, Claire, Marina and Helen who helped with the distribution of the raffle tickets, to Peter, Sophie and Xavier who helped with sorting the tickets into bundles of 12, to Anneliese for handling the returns and to Rachel, Laura and Ziad who assisted with the reconciliation of 3000 tickets! And of course to the parents, siblings and children who spent time on their weekend at New World Browns Bay and Long Bay selling tickets for us – you all were amazing!

Keep checking the school website: <https://www.sjmb.school.nz/calendar-raffle-winners/> to see who the lucky winners are each day and possibly even see your own name there!

The **Children's Disco**, held on **Friday 23rd August**, was once again a great success. DJ Ray entertained the children with his sounds and this year we had the awesome glow wands! The children had a ball and with the staffroom open for parents wishing to stay there was no one standing outside in the cold! Thanks to all the parents and teachers who assisted – decorating the hall, cooking/serving the sausages and supervising the little groovers! Job well done!





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On **Friday 6th September** we held our **PTFA Quiz night**. We had 9 tables of parents, under the watchful eye firstly of Mother Aloysius and then Sister Agnes, battling it out for a \$200 voucher kindly donated by **Pocha, Albany**.

We had prizes for each round and despite a few hiccups with the scoring and the realisation that although the Kalahari does indeed occupy most of Botswana, it is also covers areas in Namibia and South Africa, everyone appeared to have a good time.

The Amigos were the eventual winners of the Pocha Voucher which went to a tie-breaker between themselves and the Famous Grouse. After the quiz, the hall lights were turned down, party lights came on, the music played and there were feet on the dance floor! Thanks to everyone that came along – it was a fun night!





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Next week the children will be bringing home information about <https://www.kidsartworks.com/>. This is where you have the opportunity to purchase their artwork in the form of calendars, cards, sketch pads, mouse pads or diaries. It makes a lovely gift for family overseas and will be delivered in time for the Christmas post.

Thanks to the teachers who guided the children with their art and to Mrs Claire Taylor for her organisation and assistance with getting each child's piece of art uploaded!



Coming alongside this PTFA newsletter is an **introduction to our Gala**. Yes...it is that time of the year again when we start to ramp up our preparation. We have some fantastic new ideas for this year's Gala including a “dunking machine” and Double Dutch Fries (<https://www.doubledutchfries.com/>) on site! Keep an eye out for

things that you can do to help ensure its success.

Finally, a big ngā mihi (thank you) to the businesses who supported us and our quiz night. We encourage you to visit them, utilise them and thank them for their kindness and generosity.

Quiz Night

Pocha, Albany <https://pocha.co.nz/>

Farro, Mairangi Bay <https://www.farro.co.nz/>

ASColour, Albany <https://www.ascolour.co.nz/>

Whittakers Chocolate <https://www.whittakers.co.nz/>

F45 Albany <https://f45training.com/nz/studio/albanynz/>

Parakai Springs <https://www.parakaisprings.co.nz/>

Ngā mihi nui,

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