



15th October
2024

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome back to the fourth term of the school year, and to those who have just started at St John's... welcome to the family. I hope you all enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating holiday break, filled with special moments with family and friends. As we step into this final term, we look forward to the exciting opportunities and events ahead.

In the next two weeks we look forward to our annual Mission Fair, a visit from Louise Malins, our ERO Evaluation Partner, our intensive Dance Curriculum sessions with Omar and continuing our preparation for our school Gala.

SCHOOL PHOTOS



You should have received an email directly from Photolife with an individual code for ordering your child's school photos. These were sent out at the end of last term. If you did not receive this, please check your spam folder. If you still cannot locate the code please email office@sjmb.school.nz.

Just a reminder that the deadline for ordering for free delivery via the school is this Sunday, 20th October. Orders placed after this time will incur a delivery fee and will be sent directly to your home.

MISSION FAIR THIS FRIDAY

This Friday the children will gather and participate in social outreach through our annual Mission Fair. Following feedback last year about the difficulty for parents to access coins, this year we are trialling a new format where funds can be contributed through Kindo. Please refer to the email from Mrs Mountjoy that you received at the end of last term for more details.

The joint beneficiaries this year are Loud Shirt Day (The Hearing House) and the I Am Hope Foundation.



I AM HOPE has one goal - positive societal attitudinal change. A number of NZ youth struggle with distressing self-talk and overthinking, leaving them feeling isolated and alone. They need to hear the message that these thoughts are universal. Over the past 10 years, I AM HOPE have spoken and listened to over 300,000 kids in schools from the top to the bottom of New Zealand. They are passionately committed to delivering immediate, free counselling to young Kiwis in need, and as a result of community support, they have enabled free counselling for over 10,000 young people.



The Hearing House is dedicated to helping children and adults with cochlear implants learn to listen and communicate. Through funds raised through Loud Shirt Day, their passionate and dedicated teams of audiologists, specialised therapists, and support staff deliver a range of services and programmes to assist babies, children and adults.

MORNING CARPARKING



The Hastings Road carpark is intended for when parents and caregivers are parking and coming into the school. However, we kindly ask you are mindful that on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings the church holds Masses beginning at 9:15am, and the carpark space is also needed for parishioners. Your support in ensuring the smooth flow of traffic will be greatly appreciated by both the school and the church community. If you are intending to be at the school after 9:00am on these days, please consider parking in the East Coast Rd carpark or on the streets adjacent to the Penzance Rd entrance.

DANCE CURRICULUM

Next week the children will all participate in an intensive Dance Curriculum programme. Previous years have been immensely enjoyed by the students. Payment for this programme is made through Kindo (www.mykindo.co.nz)



If you have a few minutes feel free to check out this video from last year to see what it's all about.

On Friday afternoon, 25th October, each year level will be sharing the dance they have been learning with the rest of the school. You are welcome to come along and share in this time. It will start at approximately 1:45pm, and we ask you to be seated in the hall at 1:30pm.

SHAKEOUT DAY



Next Thursday, 24th October, we will be participating in the nationwide Shakeout Day. This day is designed to help prepare people to act and react in the event of an earthquake.

For more information, please feel free to have a look at the [Get Ready website](#).

AHOY MATEY!

I would like to congratulate the Year 5 and 6 students and their teachers for the wonderful show they put on in the last week of Term Three. It was an immense effort from all those involved, and their work paid off.

Thank you to all those who came to see the show. I hope you enjoyed it.

God bless,

Marina Binns
Principal/Tumuaki

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Last issue
Orders open now!

Orders close
Sunday 27th
October 4 pm



SCHOOL UNIFORM- CHANGEOVER AND SALE

CHANGEOVER TO THE SUMMER UNIFORM

Term 4 marks the changeover to our Summer uniform. For more information on the uniform, please see the uniform page on the [school website](#).

Due to the fluctuating weather, there will be a two-week period at the beginning of the Term where students can wear either uniform. We ask that the full Summer OR Winter uniform is worn and they are not mixed.

All students are required to be in full Summer uniform following Labour Weekend, from Tuesday 29th October.

Summer	
Dress:	Blue check dress with white collar and red tie
Culottes:	Navy with school name
Shorts:	Navy with school name
Shirt:	Freight blue monogrammed short sleeve polo
Fleece:	Navy zip front monogrammed polar fleece
Ribbons:	Red, navy, blue or white
Shoes:	Leather sandals plain, flat black Roman sandal style
Hat:	Navy monogrammed bucket hat – Term 1 & 4

SUN SMART

As we move into the warmer months, it is important for all students to wear hats during outdoor activities to protect against the strong UV rays in New Zealand. Sun safety is a priority, and wearing hats helps ensure we stay safe and healthy while enjoying time outdoors.

All children are required to wear the school hat when playing outside in Term 4. This starts at the beginning of the term, irrespective of what uniform the children are wearing. If they do not have their hat, they will need to play in the shade. Hats can be purchased from [NZ Uniform](#).

Please ensure that ALL items that your child/ren bring to school are clearly named.

We also ask that they bring their full P.E. uniform to school on Monday morning and that it is left at school then returned home on Friday if it needs washing.



2024 ST JOHN'S SCHOOL GALA

We're dusting off the raffle wheel, hiring the bouncy castle and counting out the cake boxes. Gala preparation has begun!

A highlight of the St John's School social calendar and a fantastic fundraiser for our school is the Twilight Gala. The Gala is a really fun event that brings our whole school community together. It takes planning, donations and hard work to make it a success but when the load is shared not only is it much more enjoyable, but it means that we can all play a role in its success.

This is where we need you!

If you've never been to a Gala before, check out this video to see what it's all about.



HOW YOU CAN HELP AT THE GALA

Every donation and every minute of help that you provide makes a huge difference to the success of our biggest fundraiser of the year! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Each week will have a donation focus. Children should bring these items to their classroom (unless we specify a different place) and these will be collated by the PTFA and stored in preparation for the main event.



Books, Toys, Children's Preloved Clothing and Ceramic Pot week

Please drop off in the designated area located on the right-hand side of the stage in the school hall.



We are looking for items for the Quick fire raffle...

Wine and chocolates and voucher donations... please drop these off directly to the school office.

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND DATES TO NOTE

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

ASSEMBLIES AND LITURGIES

Just a reminder that you are always welcome to join us for our assemblies and liturgies. We endeavour to gather together each week; this is sometimes for liturgy, sometimes an assembly and sometimes a different community event. Please keep an eye on the School Calendar for dates and changes.

This term we have assemblies planned for Week 3 (1st Nov) at 9:00am, Week 6 (22nd Nov) at 2:00pm and on the last day of term at 9:45am.

We have school liturgies on Week 7 (29th Nov) at 11:00am to bless our school Advent Wreaths and Week 8 (6th Dec) at 9:15am for our End of Year Thanksgiving and Leavers Mass.

In addition to these we also have our sharing from our Dance Curriculum in Week 2 (25th Oct) at 1:45pm and our Rangitoto Team Christmas Show and Nativity in Week 9 (the afternoon of 13th Dec) at time to be confirmed.

SCHOOL CLOSED

This is a friendly reminder that the **school will be closed on Monday 28th October** for Labour Day, and **also on Friday, 15th November** for a Teacher Only Day, where our staff will be engaged in professional development. Please mark these dates on your calendars. We appreciate your understanding and support as we work to continually improve our teaching and learning practices.

School closes for the year on Tuesday 17th December at 12:00pm.

SPORT UPDATE

SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY

We wanted to inform you about some changes to our upcoming Athletics Day. Due to track resurfacing scheduled at the Millennium Stadium, we have been informed that the grounds are unavailable this year for our Athletics Day. To ensure that all students can participate in a safe and suitable environment, we will be splitting the event into two separate days.

Students in Years 4 - 6 will be bussed to the Takapuna Athletics Club grounds for their Athletics Day, while students in Years 1-3 will have their activities held on school grounds on a different day. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we work to provide the best experience for our students. Further details regarding dates and logistics will be shared soon. Thank you for your support.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Year 3 Stingrays Flippa Ball Team had an amazing run in Term Three culminating in winning their grade at the end of the term. They came together at the beginning of the year under Coach Annie Chrystall. A great bunch of kids who really love being in the pool together playing, with a side of flippaball. Annie passed the coaching reigns over to myself (Karl Lellman) from Term 2 and I've had the pleasure of watching the kids really gel as a team and develop their skills, all the while still maintaining the fun and enjoyment they started out with. The parents and I are all extremely proud of the kids and look forward to more fun in the pool.



PARISH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 2024



Are you aged 7 or older, love to sing (this is very important) and would like to have a special role in our Parish Children's Christmas Eve Mass at St Francis Church on December 24th.

Come along and learn the songs to lead this special celebration and be part of the dramatization of the Nativity story during the mass.

Practices will take place on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:30pm at St Francis Church, Torbay beginning on Sunday, November 10th.

You will need to commit to approximately 6 - 7 Sunday afternoon practices during the months of November and December. All children are welcome.

For Enquiries and to register your child please email – lindy@willplan.co.nz

Thank you.

Lindy Williams - Mob 027 271 5577

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREFERENCE FORMS

Fr Carlo 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

NEWSLETTER

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