



**26<sup>th</sup> November  
2024  
Term 4, Week 7**

# NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whānau,

It's hard to believe we're already in the final stretch of the school year! With just three weeks to go, and less than a month until Christmas, there's a wonderful mix of excitement and reflection as we wrap up another fantastic year at St John's.

Our classrooms are buzzing with activity as students continue their learning, celebrate their progress and achievements, and, with Advent beginning this weekend, begin to enjoy the festive spirit of the Christmas season. We're also looking ahead to some special events that will bring us together as a school community a few more times before the holidays. We have the Blessing of the class Advent wreaths, the Rangitoto Team Run, Jump and Throw Day, and their Christmas Show, and of course, our whole school End of Year Mass.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year – it truly makes a difference. Let's make these last few weeks memorable, meaningful, and full of joy.

## **SOCIAL OUTREACH – SNEAKER FRIDAY FOR DIABETES**

Thank you everyone for your generous support of Sneaker Friday, raising awareness and funds for Diabetes New Zealand.

We raised **\$543** for Diabetes NZ. The donations collected from Sneaker Friday will go directly towards supporting our young people living with type 1 diabetes and their families.



## **YEARS 4-6 ATHLETICS DAY: A Day of Spirit, Sport, and Sunshine!**



What a memorable day we had for this year's Athletics Day! Despite the change of venue and the unpredictable weather, which saw rain showers followed by bursts of sunshine, our students showed incredible resilience and enthusiasm as they participated in a wide range of events.

From high jump and long jump to the sprints, shot put, and discus, every child gave their best effort, competing with great sportsmanship and determination. It was truly inspiring to see them rise to the challenge, supporting one another along the way. The energy on the track and field was contagious, and the smiles of the children reflected their pride in giving it their all.

A special thank you goes to our School Sports Coordinator, Mrs Dorrington, who organised the day to ensure everything ran smoothly despite the weather challenges. Her preparation, alongside the support of our wonderful teachers and the many parents who volunteered their time, made the event a success. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success – your efforts are truly appreciated.

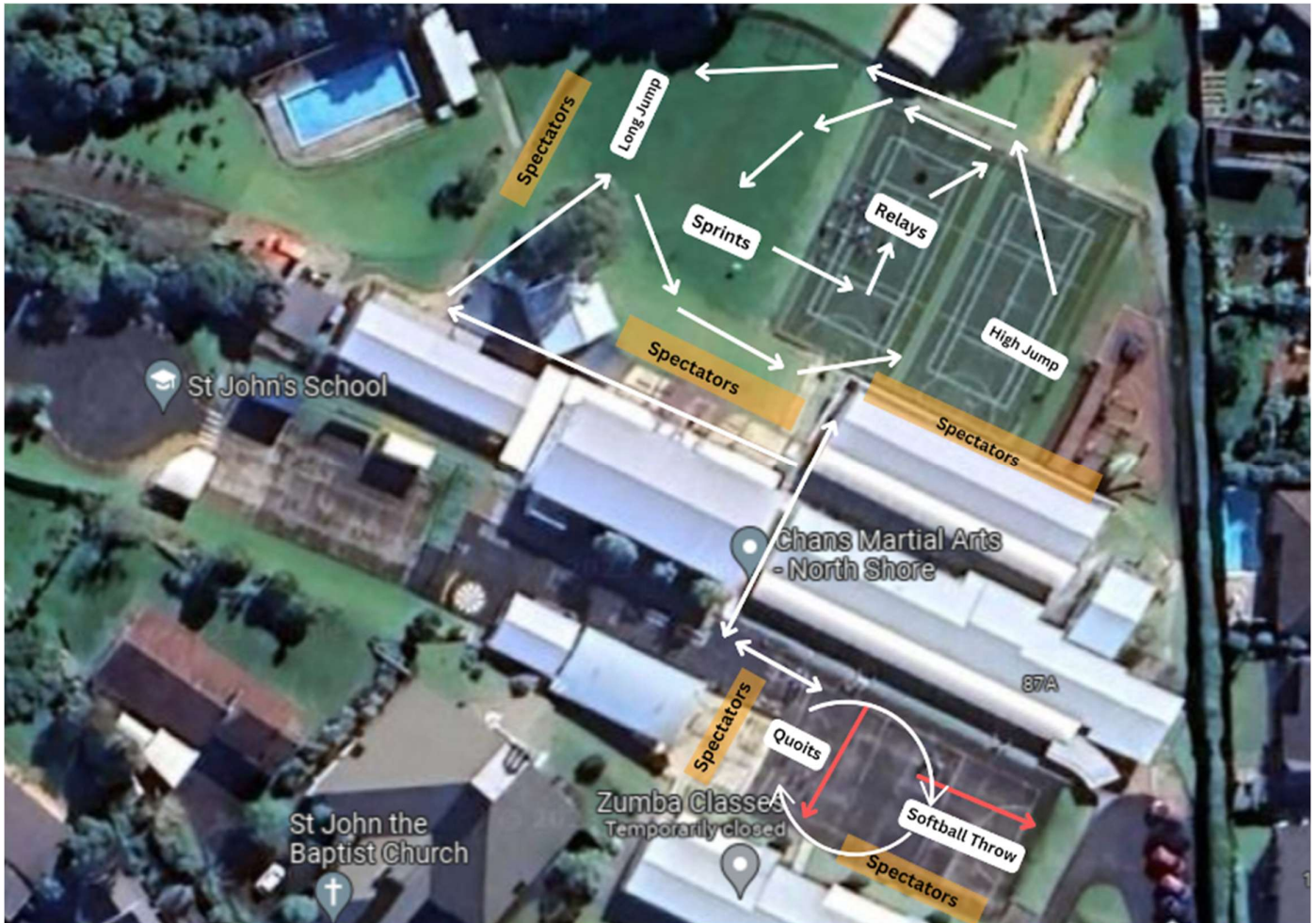
Congratulations to **Pierce** House who won both the House relays, as well as overall house points for the day. Here's to many more fun and spirited Athletics Days ahead!

# RUN JUMP THROW

## YEARS 1-3 RUN, JUMP, THROW

Just a reminder that our Rangitoto team will be showcasing their athletics skills with a Run, Jump, Thow Day at school **this** Friday 29th November, from 12:30 - 2:30pm.

Please take note of the spectator areas in orange below. We kindly ask that you remain in these areas and do not come into the areas where the children are participating or walking.



## COME CELEBRATE 2024 WITH US AT THE END OF YEAR MASS



As we approach the end of another wonderful school year, we warmly invite you to join us for our End-of-Year Mass. This special celebration is an opportunity to come together as a school community to give thanks for the blessings of the year and to pray for the future.

Our End-of-Year Mass is always a beautiful occasion to reflect on the achievements and memories of the past year. It is also a time to celebrate our faith and the unique spirit that makes our school community so special.

During this Mass we take time to honour, celebrate and bless our Year 6 students. These students have been an integral part of our school community, and we look forward to acknowledging their contributions, achievements, and the bright futures ahead of them as they move on in their learning journey.

Together, let us give thanks and celebrate all that we have accomplished in 2024.

# *School End-of-Year Thanksgiving Mass*

*and*

## *Year 6 Leavers Ceremony*

*Friday, 6th December  
at 9:15am*

*St. John's Church*

### **STAFF UPDATE**

We would like to inform our school community about some staffing changes for the year ahead. As we prepare for 2025, we are excited to share a staffing update, including teacher placements for each class.

Mrs Allison Miller will be taking leave for the entirety of 2025. We thank Mrs Miller for her dedication and hard work, and we wish her all the best during her time away and look forward to her return in 2026.

Additionally, we are excited to announce that Mrs Anne Howard will be undertaking a new role as a classroom release teacher for 2025. This change will provide valuable support across the school, ensuring that our students continue to receive the best possible learning experiences.

#### **Rangitoto Team Year 1 – 3**

Team Leader Vivienne Fuaaletoelau  
Year 1 Room 11 Ashley Shearer  
Year 1 Room 12 Grace Atmadji  
Year 2 Room 9 Tayler McGregor  
Year 2 Room 13 Beverley Harper  
Year 3 Room 7 Katrina Little  
Year 3 Room 8 Laura Baddeley

#### **Waitematā Team Year 4 – 6**

Team Leader Helen Perry  
Year 4 Room 1 Janet Blind  
Year 4 Room 2 Danika Chambers  
Year 5 Room 3 Carrie Mercer  
Year 5 Room 4 Imelda Moss  
Year 6 Room 5 Wendy Whiteman  
Year 6 Room 6 Claire Taylor

#### **Across School Release Teachers**

Cara Mountjoy – Performance Arts Specialist

Anne Howard – Classroom Release Teacher

Our dedicated team of teachers are committed to providing a supportive and engaging learning environment for every child. We've carefully considered each student's needs and strengths, and we're confident that the new placements will foster growth and success. We look forward to another great year of learning, collaboration, and achievement!

God bless,  
Marina Binns - Principal/Tumuaki

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - ADVENT**

Sunday, 1st December marks the beginning of Advent, a time for preparing for the coming of Christ. Each class has an Advent wreath, and they will be blessed on Friday 29th at 11.00am at St John's Church. It is a special part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas, and you are most welcome to join us.

This year we are blessed to have new Advent Wreaths for each class, crafted out of native NZ timber. These were designed and created by Mr Ian Langley. We are truly blessed to have him as part of our school community.





The Advent wreath is a circular evergreen wreath with four candles, three purple and one rose. The candles symbolise the light of Christ coming into the world. Each candle is first lit on the appropriate Sunday of Advent, and then the candles may be lit each day as a part of the individual's or family's daily prayers.

The candles have been given various names:

Candle 1. Hope [purple], Candle 2. Peace [purple], Candle 3. Joy [rose]  
Candle 4. Love [purple] *Taken from <http://www.churchyear.net/adventwreth.html>*

## GARDEN TO TABLE PRODUCE AND SEEDLING SALE



To celebrate the end of another fantastic year in the garden we will be holding a Garden to Table Produce and Seedling Sale.

**Wednesday the 27th of November from 2.30 outside the hall.**



**All items are priced at just \$2.00 each, and is cash only, so please bring small change along.**

There will be vegetables for sale straight from the garden, herbs, seedlings and seed packets. Please come along and help support our programme.

Ange Moore, Carrie Mercer and the Kaitiaki Guardians

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

2<sup>nd</sup> Hand  
Uniform



The next scheduled second hand uniform sale will be on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm in the school hall. Please bring cash.

In the meantime if you have specific requirements please contact our parent coordinator: Shelley Kingston Tel: 021886194 or Email: [shelleybrassel@hotmail.com](mailto:shelleybrassel@hotmail.com)

Year Six parents wishing to donate/onsell uniform their children no longer need can be dropped off over the summer holidays (January only) at Shelley's house. Please get in touch prior to drop off to arrange a mutually convenient time.

## RANGITOTO TEAM (YEAR 1-3) NATIVITY



The Rangitoto Team warmly invites you to our  
Christmas Showcase

Winter  
Wonderland

When: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1:00pm  
Where: St John's School Hall

## GYMNASTICS INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

On Wednesday 6th and 7th of November, a handful of Year 3 to 6 girls participated in the North Harbour Gymnastics Interschool Competition. All the girls did so well, and it was wonderful to see them bravely perform their routines for vault, beam, floor, bar and trampoline in front of a judge and audience. Isla McQueen did particularly well, placing third for her beam routine in the competitive round. Irene Renoh placed third in Trampoline receiving a bronze medal for her performance and Grace Abbot received an award for great display of perseverance. All the girls who competed should feel so proud of their efforts whilst representing St John's!



## KINDO – Outstanding items

Many thanks to those families who have recently signed into their Kindo accounts [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) and finalised payments for 2024.

There are still various items outstanding across the school and we would greatly appreciate your attention to these as soon as possible so that end of year accounts can be reconciled.



## PROPERTY UPDATE



### SWIMMING POOL

Over the last few weeks, you may have noticed the pool has been emptied and repainted. We will be filling the pool and testing the water quality next week and anticipate that the pool will be ready for swimming by Week 9.

To make the most of the pool, it is a good idea that the children have their swimming gear at school every day (just in case there is the opportunity for a quick dip).

### POOL KEYS



Should you wish to use the pool over the Summer break, you are offered a key to take advantage of the pool for family swimming after school and over the holidays. The cost is \$80 for the entire season plus a \$20 key bond [refundable]. The season end is flexible, around 31st March 2025, and will be notified through the school newsletter.

Keys are numbered and must be returned within four weeks of the end of the season when a bond refund will be given. If the key is not returned within this time the refund is forfeited as these keys need to be refigured and replaced each year. Keys can be purchased at the school office up until noon, Tuesday 17th December when the office closes for the year.





## REFURBISHMENT OF ROOMS 7, 8, 9 AND 14

The Catholic Diocese have informed us that they will be undertaking refurbishment of the interiors of Rooms 7, 8, and 9 over the Summer break. The scope of work includes new carpet and linoleum, interior painting, new lighting and heating and adding Autex wall lining (the fluffy acoustic linking that we have in Rooms 1-6). We are very excited about this. To ensure they have time for these projects, we will be emptying the classrooms in preparation for this work in the last few days of the term.

In addition to this work, the carpet in Room 14 will also be replaced and our normal painting contractor will be continuing our cyclical maintenance over the Summer holidays.

### FROM THE PTFA

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL PTFA

## Real Christmas Trees

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER  
SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER  
SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER

PRE-ORDER PRICES:  
REGULAR \$45  
LARGE \$75  
DELIVERY \$15

EMAIL TO PLACE AN ORDER  
[TREES@SJMB.SCHOOL.NZ](mailto:TREES@SJMB.SCHOOL.NZ)



The PTFA are pleased to announce that Real Christmas Trees will be available again this year!

Last year's feedback was that they were "Amazing Trees!"

Mark your calendar for collection or delivery on Sunday 1st, Saturday 7th or Sunday 8th December 10am – 3pm.

A small number of trees will be available for purchase on the day.

Regular trees (5ft - 6ft'6)	\$45
Large trees (7ft - 7ft'6)	\$75
Delivery (within 10kms)	\$15
Christmas tree stand	\$45

To order please visit this [link](#) and complete the order form or email [trees@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:trees@sjmb.school.nz) for further information.

## St John's PTFA



Order Kids' Artwork Online:  
Open 24th November – 2nd  
December!

**MISSED YOUR LAST ORDER OR WANT TO ORDER MORE OF YOUR KIDS' ARTWORK?**

\*Last Chance for Kids' Artwork! Order Online for Perfect Christmas Gifts\*

Order from this Sunday (24th of November)!

### How to order

1. Go to [www.kidsartworks.com](http://www.kidsartworks.com)
2. Use the Entrance Code: KZ1038
3. Enter your child's room & name when prompted

## LOST / FOUND PROPERTY



It is nearing the end of the year and the blue box of lost property items in the office is FULL yet again!

School uniform items, non-uniform clothing, shoes, sports balls, water bottles, lunch boxes etc. We endeavour to return items that are clearly labelled, however, at the end of the year 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. You and your children are welcome to come and look for missing items at any time of day whilst the office is open.

**This is also a timely reminder to clearly name all items that your child brings to school.**

## SPORTS UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

A friendly reminder that all sport uniform and equipment belonging to the school needs to be accounted for before the end of the school year. All uniforms will be checked back in against the 'issued list' we have, so **please ensure that you return them when requested, otherwise charges may be incurred.**

**NETBALL:** This weekend our Junior and Senior netball teams have their last games for the Spring League season. All Senior netball players should **return their netball uniform dress to their team manager** at the end of the games **on Thursday (Mini Mystics team) and Saturday (Ferns team).** Players are reminded to bring a change of clothes as you will not be wearing your dresses home at the conclusion of your final games.

**All Netball Team Coaches:** please return your netball kit bags with bibs, balls, first aid box, Player of the Day Trophies, and any unused umpiring money for your team, to the school office or directly to Karen Dorrington. A separate email has been sent to netball coaches and managers with the dates for returning the items.

**BASKETBALL:** All basketball teams have two more games before the end of their season. The last games will be played on the various year level days, during the week beginning Monday 02/12/24.

**All basketball team managers** will be collecting the uniform basketball singlets from the players, at the end of their last game. Parents, please send your child with extra clothing to wear home after the last game of the season.

**All Basketball Team Coaches:** please return your team issued kit bag of balls, cones and any other items your team was issued with for your team, to the school office or to Karen Dorrington. A separate email has been sent to basketball coaches and managers with the dates for returning the items.

**HOCKEY, FLIPPA BALL, AND TOUCH** are due to finish over the coming weeks. All outstanding kit bags and other school issued equipment for those sports should be returned to the school office or Karen Dorrington via the coaches and managers as soon as the relevant season has finished.

Thank you for your support in this.

## BACK TO SCHOOL 2025

**Back to school stationery – order now!**

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make your back to school shop super easy. And if you order in December, you'll go in the draw to WIN 1 of 5 \$1000 cash prizes\*.



Your child's stationery list is already loaded. Just go to [myschool.co.nz](https://myschool.co.nz) and select your child's year level for next year. Simply add your details, check that you want everything on the list, then click and confirm - and OfficeMax will get your delivery underway with free delivery on orders over \$70\*.

You can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card. Zip# is also available, so you can pay in 4 interest free payments over 6 weeks and still get your order right away. Plus, you'll be helping our school earn school rewards\* that we use to purchase much needed extra resources for our school.

Quotes for WINZ are available by contacting 0800 724 440 or via email [enquiry@myschool.co.nz](mailto:enquiry@myschool.co.nz).

We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go in plenty of time for the start of Term 1 on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

So go ahead and beat the back to school rush, order today and give them the best start possible.

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Check that you want everything on the list

Enter your details and choose how to pay

Pick when you want your order delivered, before Christmas or in the new year

Your delivery is under way plus you're in to win \$1,000 cash\*

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**Help your school**

Earn School Rewards with every order. It's our way of giving back to the community, and it helps your school get the extra things they really need.

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## ABOUT EZ COVERS

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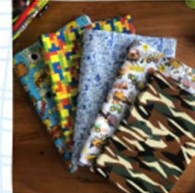
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## SCHOOL DONATION

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## 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](#)

## SOCIAL OUTREACH – ANGEL TREE



Thank you to all those in our community who have contributed to our Parish Christmas Angel Tree. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

The Parish's Angel Tree provides gifts for those less fortunate than us through the support of donations of gifts. This year, these gifts will be supporting the parishes in Northland.

Angel Trees are decorated with paper angels, each representing a child in need of presents. If you would like to participate, please choose an Angel from the tree. Buy a gift for the age range and gender of the child as requested on the back of the Angel wrap it up, stick the angel tag onto it and then place under the tree in the office.

Please note that the final collection day will be **Friday, 13th of December.**

## FROM THE PARISH

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREFERENCE FORMS:** Fr Carlo and Fr Danko 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](mailto:office@ecbcatholic.org.nz)

**MONTHLY CHILDREN'S MASS:** 3rd Sunday: 9.00 am Mass St. John's Church. Contact Lindy [lindy@willplan.co.nz](mailto:lindy@willplan.co.nz)

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

## HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

These programmes are independent of the school. For further information, please contact the organisers directly.



# Holiday Surf Programme

## Orewa Beach

We are running our popular holiday surf programme over the January School Holidays at Orewa Beach. This is open to 6-16 year olds

**Fun, Active & Healthy**

6-16yr olds | 4-days | Early Morning, Mid-Morning or Afternoon Sessions

Orewa Beach | 3-6 Jan | 7-10 Jan | 11-14 Jan 2025

Suitable for beginner & intermediates – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment. Each student receives a Wave Warrior book



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# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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WEEK 2: TUESDAY 27TH - THURS 30TH JAN  
HOBSONVILLE SCHOOL

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