



4<sup>th</sup> March  
2025

# NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whanau,

It is always special when we can gather as a community.



Last week we celebrated our school dedication Mass to mark the beginning of a new year. Father Danko led this beautiful Mass which was made extra special with the commissioning of our 2025 student leaders. Thank you to all those who were able to come and celebrate Mass with us.

The weather definitely came to play on Friday for our annual PTFA School Picnic. Thank you to the PTFA for their work in organising this, particularly the games for the children and the wonderful sausages, drinks and juices. It was lovely to see so many families and extended families chatting together.

Coming up in the school calendar we have the PTFA AGM, Ash Wednesday Liturgy, the School Swimming Sports, a school assembly and the Feast of St Joseph.



St John's School will participate in this year's ANZAC Memorial Parade and Service in Browns Bay on Friday 25 April.

**Want to walk with us?**

Meet at 8:15 am on the corner of Anzac Road and Beachfront Lane (Service starts at 8:45 am)

All whānau welcome!

Students should wear their school uniform.

If your child would like to take part in the parade and/or help make our wreath in Week 9, please email Mrs Fuaaletoelau

[vivienne@sjmb.school.nz](mailto:vivienne@sjmb.school.nz)

God bless,  
Marina Binns – Principal

## ASH WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

As we enter the season of Lent, we turn to God and to one another, journeying together towards Easter. We are reminded that following the Cross unites us as one, makes us family, and draws us into life with God.

We live this out each day through our school vision – learning, growing and loving in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis invites us to use this Lenten season to deepen our prayer life, extend our generosity through almsgiving, and embrace fasting as a way to grow in faith. May we open our hearts and minds to being the Body of Christ for others during this sacred time.

Here is a beautiful Lenten prayer to share as a family:

*Open our hearts to Your word, O Lord, that we may be renewed.  
Open our hands to receive and to give, that we may be replenished.  
Open our minds to the silence of Your presence, that we may be refreshed.  
Amen.*

You are warmly invited to share in Ash Wednesday at St John's Church:

- Parish Mass 9:15am
- School Liturgy 11:00am
- Parish Mass 6:00pm

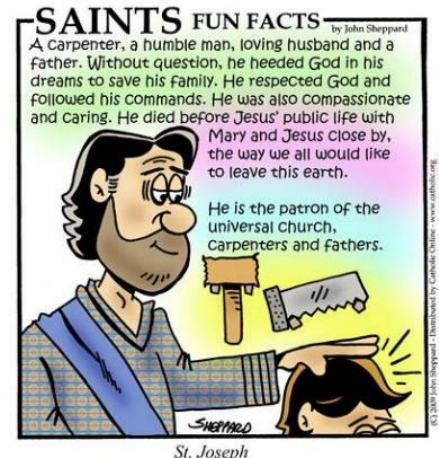
## MASS FOR THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH – 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

St Joseph was a special man who cared greatly for Jesus and Mary. He is considered the patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travellers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people, among others.

His feast day is March 19<sup>th</sup>.

We celebrate this as a special day at our school because St John's School was founded in 1961 by the Sisters of St Joseph.

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating Mass together as a school. You are welcome to join us in this celebration at 9:15am in the church.



## SWIMMING SPORTS



### **Our Swimming Sports will be held on Tuesday 11th March.**

Our Swimming Sports is always a special event, and the children are keen to get in the pool and compete for their house teams. The Waitemata Team (Years 4 to 6) children will be participating in the morning, starting at 9.15am, and competing for the Nicola Jack Memorial Cup. A copy of the programme will be published on the Sports page of the school website <http://www.sjmb.school.nz/> in due course once entries are in.

The Nicola Jack Memorial Cup was presented by her family to the school for our swimming sports in memory of Nicola Jack who was in Year 3 but tragically died as a result of an accident in 1991. The cup is presented to the winning house team.

Rangitoto Team (Years 1 to 3) children will be participating in the afternoon, starting at 12:45pm, where they will have the opportunity to showcase what they have been learning and enjoy time together in the pool area.

We ask you to refrain from going inside the pool area, rather, enjoy sitting on the surrounding banks. For safety reasons the children will not be allowed to leave the pool enclosure. They will have their hats on while not swimming and may also bring a T-shirt in their house colour to wear at the pool. Please feel free to give your child 'named' sunscreen to put on or apply it to your child before they come to school.

Please ensure that your children arrive at school (in their normal school uniform) with swimming togs, goggles, 2 towels and a water bottle. ALL items should be clearly named.

**Best of luck to all the House teams!**

## PTFA

**AGM**  
Annual General Meeting

**Everyone is welcome.**

### AGM AND FIRST PTFA MEETING FOR THIS YEAR

This will be held tonight, Tuesday, 4th March at 7:00pm in the staffroom. As it is the first meeting of the year, and the AGM, this is an in-person meeting. Future meetings will also be available via a virtual link for those who wish to attend but cannot meet onsite.

Thank you to all those who supported our drive for the Parish Food Bank.

Your generosity is very much appreciated.

*"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'*

*He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'"*

Matthew 25:44-45:



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

# SECOND HAND UNIFORM

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**TUESDAY 4TH mARCH**

**2:30 PM SCHOOL HALL**

## FROM THE PARISH

### **PARISH PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS**

Are you new to St John's? Would you like to get to know other families in our community? Are you missing extended family? For fun, laughter, low key/low-cost monthly gatherings and to make great friends, you are invited to become part of the Passionist Family Group Movement which welcomes everyone. We are a "FAMILY FOR ALL".

Please contact Shelley & Graham Ward on Tel: 0273 886 114 or enquire at the Parish office for more information.

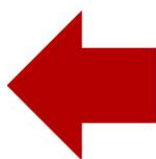
## COMMUNITY SPORT



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**REGISTRATIONS DATES: 11:03:25 5pm-6.30pm: 13:03:25 5pm-6.30pm: 18:03:25 5pm-6.30pm: 20:03:25 5pm-6.30pm: 23:03:25 10am-11.30am**

# Kids Choice

Kids Choice will be operating a school holiday programme in April. Full details of the programme should be confirmed next week. If interested, please feel free to contact Barb 027 440 6363.

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