



1st April
2025

NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora whanau,

As we approach the final two weeks of Term 1, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of our students, staff, and whānau. It has been a busy and rewarding term, filled with learning, growth, and community spirit.

A huge thank you to our teachers and support staff, whose dedication and hard work create such a nurturing environment for our tamariki. To our families – your support and involvement make a real difference, whether it's helping in classrooms, helping at school events, coaching sports, or simply encouraging your children in their learning.

This term, we have celebrated many achievements, from classroom successes to school events that have brought us together as a community. As we look ahead to the last two weeks, let's finish strong while also taking time to reflect on the blessings of the term.

Wishing you all a restful and refreshing Easter break when it arrives. May this be a time of joy, reflection, and togetherness for your whānau.



STAFFING UPDATE

I am delighted to announce that we will be opening a new class in Room 10 in May for our growing number of New Entrant students. To support our youngest learners as they begin their school journey, we have appointed Mrs Claire Coulam.

Claire brings a deep passion for nurturing the faith, learning, and wellbeing of our tamariki. Mrs Coulam is well known to our current students as she has been one of our regular relievers in the school. She is excited to be joining our team in a full-time capacity and looks forward to working alongside our students and families to create a warm and engaging learning environment rooted in our Catholic values.



LANDSCAPING ADVICE NEEDED

We are looking at planting more natives around our school and were wondering if there was a knowledgeable parent or whānau member who could give us some landscaping advice around what to plant. If you can help, we would love to hear from you. Please feel free to pop in to see me or send an email marinab@sjmb.school.nz.

God bless,
Marina Binns
Principal – Tumuaki



**RESTORING HOPE:
YOUR COMPASSION IN ACTION.**

KIA PUAWAI TE TŪMANAKO



LENTEN OUTREACH FOR CARITAS

A reminder that **this Friday, 4th April, we will be holding a non-uniform day** to support the Caritas Lenten Appeal. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to live out their faith by contributing to a cause that helps those in need.

Children are invited to wear their normal clothes to school on Friday. We kindly ask each student to **bring a gold coin donation** to support the important work Caritas does in helping communities facing hardship. If you wish to make a bank transfer instead, please use CARITAS as the reference.

Thank you for your generosity and support as we encourage our tamariki to make a difference this Lent.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION



The Sacrament of Reconciliation, also known as Penance or Confession, is a sacrament in the Catholic Church where individuals confess their sins to a priest, express sorrow, and receive forgiveness from God, restoring their relationship with Him and the Church. While you can go at any time during the year, it is traditional to go during Lent, in preparation for Easter.

For our students who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, there will be the Rite of Reconciliation tomorrow at St John's Church.

SCHOOL EASTER LITURGY

As Easter falls in the school holidays this year, we will close for the term break **on Friday 11th April** at the normal time of 2:50pm.

The school will gather prior to the end of day bell to remember Christ's journey to the Cross with liturgy. We warmly invite parents and whānau to join us in this liturgy at 2:00pm in the hall. This liturgy is prepared and led by our Year 6 students and is always a moving experience. It is a special time of prayer and reflection, and we ask that no photos or videos be taken during the service. This helps us all remain fully present in the moment and respects the solemnity of the occasion. Thank you for your understanding and support.

There will not be a bell at the end of the day, and we ask that the children leave quietly in commemoration of this time.

Stations of the Cross Ngā Tūranga o te Rīpeka

These stunning stained-glass images were created by renowned New Zealand artist John Drawbridge (1930-2005) in 1990. The *Stations of the Cross* artwork, made from stained glass and steel, each measure 690mm x 525mm and are featured in *The Chapel of Our Lady of Compassion* in Wellington. These images beautifully reflect the themes of compassion, hope, and faith.



PRAYER SPACES – YEAR 2, ROOM 9

In Room 9 we made spaces that made us think about God. We made five groups and then we got some prayer things from the prayer boxes in Room 9 and Room 13. We started with a prayer cloth and then chose special things to put on top. Our favourites were the prayer stones and the hammock for Baby Jesus (Nathan) and the candles (Scarlett).
Written by Nathan W and Scarlett P.



WINTER WARM UP - SOCIAL OUTREACH



Next term we will be collecting donations of excellent quality pre-loved and new items; blankets, duvet inners and covers, sleeping bags, infant sleep sacks, NEW pillows, NEW hot water bottles, warm infant, child, teen and adult clothing, pyjamas, robes, socks, beanies, jumpers, track pants, hoodies to be distributed through the charitable organisation, Give a Kid a Blanket.

Please keep them in mind if you are having a clean out over the holidays.

Items for donation can be brought into the office anytime in the week 23rd – 27th June (last week of Term 2).

ALL A-BUZZ IN ROOM 13



I brought in bee stuff as my class has been drawing bees and Mrs Harper will put our pictures on the wall. I have bee stuff because I used to have bees but then the floods came, and they all flew away. I brought in bee suits, gloves and a hive with a frame. I also showed everyone how to use a bee smoker to calm the bees down.

I liked sharing with my friends so they could see what I have, and it made me happy.



I think everyone should have bee hives as bees are super, super cool and I love them. If we don't have bees everything will die as they pollinate everything and make everything grow.

Written by Ava A

GARDEN TO TABLE

It has been a dry hot Term 1 in the garden. We have been harvesting the last of our summer vegetables and fruit before we plant our crops for winter.

Our apple trees have been laden with fruit, so the children have enjoyed making apple crumble in the kitchen. We have also been using tomatoes and basil for pasta.



As always, digging for potatoes is a favourite activity for the children. We were surprised by how many we found after such a dry summer.

We have also been drying our bean seeds to sow next season.

On a sadder note, a lot of our vegetables have been stolen, from our giant pumpkin to our eggplants, chillies and corn. We have posted some signs that will hopefully discourage this.



Ange Moore
Garden Specialist

St. John's PTFA's School Disco
Friday 4th April

Superheroes & Villains

Years 1-3: 4pm-5:30pm
Years 4-6: 6pm-8pm

Sausages & Jucies on sale
\$3
5:30-6:30

\$10 on Kindo includes entry and LED foam wandstick.
Additional glow sticks
1 for \$1
3 for \$2

The light wands have arrived, the DJ has been booked, and the decorations are being prepared. **Don't forget to purchase your ticket to the disco via [Kindo](#) by the end of day Thursday 3rd April.**

Thank you to the PTFA for all their preparation and planning to make this a great event for the children.

Get Ready to Dance – The School Disco is Coming!

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

Junior School (Years 1 - 3): 4.00pm - 5:30pm

Senior School (Years 4 - 6): 6.00pm - 8pm

Tickets are available via [Kindo](#) for \$10

(includes entry to disco and an LED wand stick)

\$3.00 Sausage sizzle will be available from 5:30 - 6:30pm

SCHOOL DISCO PROCEDURES

We ask that parents drop off their children at the back door to the hall where they will enter and be supervised by the rostered parents and staff. Thank you to those parents and staff who have volunteered to supervise the children in the hall. We know that, from past experience, a number of parents use this time to get together and socialise at a friend's house or down in the Bay. If you wish to remain onsite during the disco, you are welcome to pop down and wait in the staffroom. If your child is a bit anxious, this may be a good option as we can be contacted in the hall if necessary.

Doors will open for parents to come in approx. 5 minutes before the end of each disco (you may want to join your child for the last dance). We ask that parents come in the back door (by the kitchen), collect their children and exit through the front door (by the stage). For health and safety, no child will be able to leave the hall until collected by an adult.

PARKING: The top court will be open for parking for both discos. There is a special Wedding Anniversary Mass at St John's Church at 6:00pm on Friday, please be mindful of ensuring there is sufficient parking for those attending Mass in the Hastings Rd carpark.

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

END OF TERM 7
sale

WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL
2.30 PM SCHOOL HALL

PTFA

MEETING

TUESDAY 8TH APRIL
7:00PM
SCHOOL STAFFROOM

If you can not make it in person, please feel free to join us virtually. A link will be attached to the meeting entry on the school calendar.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Well done to all those who took part in the Weetbix Tryathlon last weekend. It is great to see you challenging yourself and having fun at the same time.



KINDO



As we near the end of the term it would be greatly appreciated if all families could review their Kindo accounts (www.mykindo.co.nz) to check for any outstanding payments. We pride ourselves on offering our students a wide and varied curriculum and providing access to a number of valuable resources such as our Maths & Literacy online learning. Your ongoing support for these items is essential and we gratefully acknowledge your contribution and your attention to this matter. Thank you.

SCHOOL FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

SCHOOL DUES – IRD Tax Receipts

Please email Michele Nash, Principal's PA, michelen@sjmb.school.nz if you would like a one-page full year tax receipt to support your IRD tax deduction donation claim to 31st March 2025. Provided School Dues for Term 1 2025 have been paid and the receipt dated on or before 31st March, that amount will show on the receipt and can be processed in the tax year 1 April 2024 to 31st March 2025. Alternatively, if you are missing a receipt, please ask for a replacement, it is no trouble at all to duplicate. Attendance Dues are the only fee item that are **not** tax deductible.

Attendance Dues are paid monthly over to the Diocese Auckland Common Fund Ltd and should be paid in full at least two weeks before the end of any school term. In that regard, please feel free to contact Michele Nash michelen@sjmb.school.nz if payment of Attendance Dues will be delayed. Attendance Dues are receipted first from any payments parents make. He waka eke noa – we're all in this together and financial assistance from the Diocese is available for families who may be having trouble with paying the Attendance Dues if they have demonstrated an effort has been made to make payments at a level they can afford.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES – Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact the Auckland Common Fund Ltd at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland on 09-360-3069 for further information. Application forms for this assistance can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

SWIMMING POOL CLOSURE



OUR POOL CLOSES FOR THE SEASON ON FRIDAY, 11TH APRIL AT 3:00PM

Pool key bond refunds are now available from the office.

To receive the bond refund, keys must be returned before 3:00pm,
Friday 9th May 3:00pm.

I would like to thank Mr Ritson for his work over the whole swimming season keeping our pool in such a great condition for our students and the community to enjoy.

UNIFORM

As the weather turns colder, we move into our Winter uniform in Term 2. As the weather can still fluctuate, there is the usual cross over period for the first two weeks of school.

We ask that the children be in full Winter uniform for the beginning of Week 3 (Monday 12th May).

Winter Uniform	
Tunic:	Navy monogrammed drop waist tunic
Culottes:	Navy with school name
Shorts:	Navy with school name
Shirt:	Freight blue long sleeve monogrammed polo (short sleeve can be worn with shorts or culottes if preferred)
Fleece:	Navy zip front monogrammed polar fleece
Hair ties:	Red, blue, white, black or brown
Shoes:	Black leather lace up, velcro, buckle or T-bar school shoes with a heel height of no greater than 2.5cm. Black trainers are not considered school shoes. If you are unsure, please discuss with the school.
Socks:	Black knee length wool/elastine mix school

Please see the [website](#) for more information.



SCHOOL BEANIES FOR WINTER

School beanies are an optional uniform item which children can wear to and from school, during break times, and at school sporting events in Terms 2 and 3.

The beanies are for sale from the school office for \$12.50 (EFTPOS & cash accepted).

Mum and Dad may want one too!

They come in three colours as pictured.

HONOURING ANZAC DAY – A TIME TO REMEMBER



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

TERM 2 DATES

END OF TERM ONE – School will close for the end of Term One on Friday 11th April at the normal time of 2:50pm. As we will be finishing the year with our school Stations of the Cross, there will not be a 2:50pm bell and we ask that the children leave the school in a quiet manner, acknowledging the reverence of this liturgy.

START OF TERM TWO – School will open for Term 2 on Monday 28th April.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TERM 2 – Monday 2nd June is King's Birthday and a public holiday in New Zealand. Friday 20th June Friday is Matariki and a public holiday in New Zealand.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – Wednesday 18th June. School will close at 12.00 noon. Booking information will be circulated in Week 5, Term 2. Written progress reports will be sent home Friday 13th June and we ask that these are brought to the conferences.


MATARIKI CELEBRATION – We will be holding a whole school Matariki Celebration on the morning of 27th June (the last day of Term 2) before school. This will also be a non-uniform day where children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school for the day. More details will follow next term.

END OF TERM 2 – School will close for the end of Term Two on Friday 27th June at the normal time of 2:50pm.

DATES TO DIARY – STAFF ONLY DAYS



Our school will be **closed** on two Fridays (one in Term 3 and one in Term 4) to enable all our teachers to take part in important Mathematics Professional Development, supported by the Ministry of Education.

 **Friday, 15th August** (Week 5, Term 3) – Carmel College will also be closed.

 **Friday, 7th November** (Week 5, Term 4) – Carmel and Rosmini will be closed.

We've worked to align our dates with the high schools where possible to make things a little easier for families with children at multiple schools. We really appreciate your understanding and support as we use this time to strengthen our teaching and learning in maths.

ABSENTEES

As we head towards the colder months of the year, it is not uncommon for children to get sick and need to stay home. This is a friendly reminder to inform the school if your child is away from school. We ask that you phone or email the school office (Ph 09 478 7734, email office@sjmb.school.nz) or submit an absentee form via the website **for each day they are away**. For safety reasons, we do not assume that because they were away yesterday, they are still away today.

If you know in advance that your child needs to be away from school (that is, for any reason other than illness or medical appointments), please email me marinab@sjmb.school.nz with the dates and reason and copy in the school office office@sjmb.school.nz. This is needed so that we can code the absentee accurately for reporting to the Ministry of Education.

LOST PROPERTY

We always endeavour to return items that are clearly labelled.

If you are looking for a specific item, please contact the school office via email (office@sjmb.school.nz) with a description of the item, name and room of the child concerned and we will do all we can to trace the item.

There are currently both uniform and non-uniform items in the Lost Property box, all of which we are unable to return to their owners as they are unnamed. If you believe they may belong to your child, please take a moment to check out the lost property box located in the Sick Bay in the office.

All unclaimed items of uniform at the end of term will be donated to the PTFA second hand uniform sale and non-uniform items will be donated to charity.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rocio Deles; 3rd Place in the U9 Girls Beach Flags Final at the Mairangi Bay Surf Life Saving Club Champs last Sunday.

Rite 2 Reconciliation: Wednesday 9th April at St John's Church, 7:00pm



MASS AND LITURGY TIMETABLE FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Monday, 14 April: Liturgy of the Word, St John's, 9:15am

Holy Tuesday, 15 April: Mass at St Francis, 10:00am
CHRISM MASS at St Patrick's Cathedral, 7:30pm

Holy Wednesday, 16 April: Mass at St John's, 9:15am

Holy Thursday, 17 April: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER at St Francis, 7:00pm
(Adoration after Mass until 10:00pm)

Good Friday, 18 April, Stations of the Cross, St John's, 10:00am
(Procession and Stations around St John's School and St John's Church)
THE PASSION OF THE LORD at St Francis, 3:00pm

Holy Saturday, 19 April: No morning Mass
EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF THE RESURRECTION at St John's, 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, 20 April
Mass at St Francis, 7:30am
Mass at St John's, 9:00am
Mass at St Francis, 10:30am

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREFERENCE FORMS

Fr Carlo and Fr Danko will be available to sign the forms on Wednesdays.
10:00am – 12:00 noon & 1:00 – 3:00pm for a 15-minute slot.
Please make an appointment through: office@ecbcatholic.org.nz



HEALTH AND SAFETY PARKING REMINDER

Please DO NOT double park in the car park and block other cars or block the access for drop-offs and emergency vehicles.

Please also note that the covered area under the portico (the porch at the rear of the church) is not a parking space and must always be accessible for emergency access.

PARISH PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS

'Are you thinking of joining a Passionist Family Group?
If so, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH. The rest of your group is waiting to meet YOU!
Please contact Shelley & Graham at gandsward@xtra.co.nz, 0273 886 114, put your enrolment form in the collection basket in church or contact the Parish office.'

NEWSLETTER

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

Easter Family Night

Bunnings SILVERDALE

BUNNINGS
warehouse

HAPPY

Easter

Thursday 10th of April
05:00pm – 07:00pm

Activities and fun for the whole family

COME AND JOIN IN THE EASTER FUN.
We will have DIY, Games, Easter Bunny,
emergency services and more.
SAVING HOPE WILL BE HOLDING THE
SAUSAGE SIZZLE WITH PUPPIES TO CUDDLE.

Don't miss out,
register now!



Scan
Me



BUNNINGS
warehouse





Holiday Surf Programme

Orewa Beach

We are running our popular holiday surf programme over the April 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 | Afternoon Sessions
Orewa Beach | 19-22 April | 23-26 April 2025

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



Limited spaces | Please email to book

surf@nzsurfacademy.co.nz
www.nzsurfacademy.co.nz



Learn to Sew

School Holidays & Term Classes
Albany



School Holiday Workshops & Term Classes - Ages 8+

See website for all sewing classes:
www.threadroom.co.nz

mon tue wed thu fri

8:00am-12:00pm Morning Session	8:00am-12:00pm Morning Session	8:00am-12:00pm Morning Session	8:00am-12:00pm Morning Session	8:00am-12:00pm Morning Session
Talent Quest	Flow Olympics	Speed Course	American Ninja Warrior	Parkour Challenge
Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea
Freetime / Games	Freetime / Games	Freetime / Games	Freetime / Games	Freetime / Games
12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch	12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch	12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch	12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch	12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch
Quizzes	Quizzes	Quizzes	Quizzes	Quizzes
1:00pm-4:30pm Afternoon Session	1:00pm-4:30pm Afternoon Session	1:00pm-4:30pm Afternoon Session	1:00pm-4:30pm Afternoon Session	1:00pm-4:30pm Afternoon Session
Calisthenics + Tramp Workshop	Parkour Workshop	Break / Dance Workshop	Circus Workshop	Trick / Tumble Workshop
Afternoon Tea / Mindgames	Afternoon Tea / Mindgames	Afternoon Tea / Mindgames	Afternoon Tea / Mindgames	Afternoon Tea / Mindgames
Freetime / Games	Freetime / Games	Freetime / Games	Freetime / Games	Freetime / Games
	4:30-7pm Advanced session 10 years+		4:30-7pm Advanced session 10 years+	7:00pm-9:00pm Drop-in Session Adults

Holiday Schedule APRIL 2025
 (09) 5339006 flowacademy.co.nz

\$60 full days - \$45 half days *Discount available for siblings* -not refundable.
 Full day 8-4:30pm // Morning session 8-12pm // Afternoon session 1-4:30pm



**\$10 CHILDRENS TICKETS DURING
 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.
 MON- FRI BEFORE 5PM
 BOOK NOW**
www.takapunamovies.co.nz



**Takapuna
 Beachside
 CINEMAS**

KIDS CHOICE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – held at St John’s School

We need you! Without your bookings we cannot run Kids Choice Holiday Programme, so come along and join Jess, Rachel and Barb for 2 weeks of fun.

Final day for booking on the holiday programme is Monday 7th April. See you there!
Exclusively for St John’s children.



Kids Choice Autumn Holiday Programme

14th April to 25th April 2025
Open 7am til 6pm Monday to Friday



\$ 60 Full day

\$ 60 Full day

\$ 60 Full day

\$ 60 Full day

\$ 60 Full day

Mon 14th
Takapuna Playground

Tue 15th
Snow Planet
Jacket & gloves

Wed 16th
Flippin Fun
Grip socks

Thurs 17th
Easter egg hunt

Friday 18th
GOOD FRIDAY

NO
PROGRAMME

Mon 21st
Easter Monday

NO
PROGRAMME

Tue 22nd
My Wonderland
Grip socks

Wed 23rd
Mr Magic

Thurs 24th
Anzac CRAFT & GAMES

Fri 25th
Anzac Day

NO
PROGRAMME

[CLICK HERE FOR KIDS CHOICE REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Children's Art WORKSHOP

One-day program for ages 7-12yrs.

If your child loves drawing and painting they'll love this one-day workshop with artist Eion Bryant.

With step-by-step instruction they will draw then create a vibrant acrylic painting learning tips and techniques along the way.

Fun and focused.

VENUE

St Anne's Hall

Browns Bay

Date: April 24th

Hours: 10.00am -
3.00pm.

Cost: \$65

BOOKINGS:

eion@eionbryant.com

Ph. 0211327033

or 0210606641



ART CLASSES

BOOK ONLINE TODAY!

AT MAIRANGIARTS.CO.NZ



APRIL HOLIDAY & TERM 2 CLASSES

FOR YOUTH AGES 5+ & ADULTS

Get \$10 off*
using our code!
ART4MAC
Youth Holiday
classes only!

BOOK HERE:

bookwhen.com/mairangiarts
20 Hastings Road, Mairangi Bay

