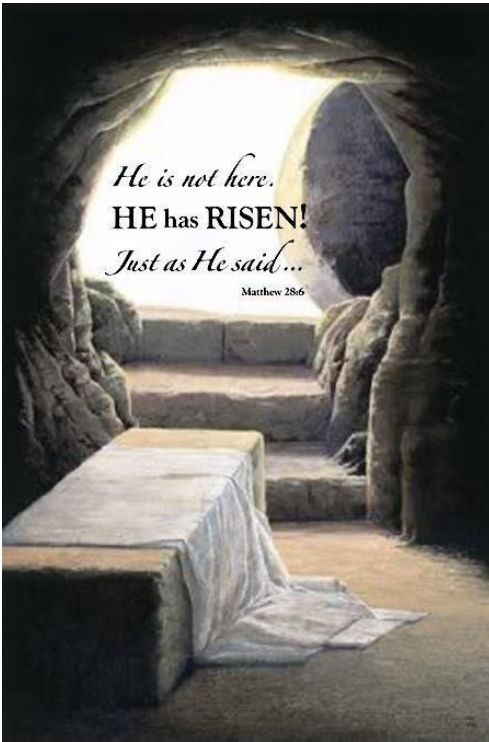


Newsletter – Week 9, Term 1 4 April 2018

Kia Ora Whanau



I trust you have all had a wonderful Easter time. Waiheke was simply stunning with the bays on all sides full of 'boaties' enjoying the gift of the gorgeous Easter weather. I felt truly blessed to have my children and grandchildren with me at Easter Mass, as it is not always possible to get us all together during this holiday season. I was also really thrilled to see two St John's families celebrating Easter at St Peter's on Waiheke.

Last Thursday Room 6 prepared an extremely moving Easter reflection for our school community to attend. I found myself pondering on this performance quite often over Easter and it reminded me of how powerful music and dance can be in bringing us closer to God. Sincere thanks to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Marsh for giving our children the opportunity to partake in this drama tableau.

Poroporopaki for Mrs Harris

As per the school newsletter dated 20th March, we are sorry to say farewell to Mrs Maureen Harris next week as she has been appointed Principal of St Leo's Catholic School in Devonport from Term 2.

There will be a poroporopaki (farewell) on **Tuesday, 10th April at 11:30am** in our school Hall and you are all warmly invited to attend.

Viki Trainor - Principal

PTFA MUFTI DAY

Next Friday, the **13th of April**, we'll be holding a PTFA mufti-day and sausage sizzle to raise funds for a shed for all our new play-based learning equipment. Please bring a gold coin donation for mufti. Sausages will be available for \$1.00 each. Normal subway lunches will be available if you wish.

PTFA FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – SHERLOCK GNOMES

The PTFA have organised a Family Movie Night at Hoyts Wairau Park for the first Sunday of the school holidays on **Sunday, 15th April, time tbc**. Ticket purchase forms/flyer will be coming home with the children this week, payment details will be on the flyer. Once payment has been made, the tickets will be allocated and be sent home with your child. Tickets are sold on a first in, first served basis. Additional forms will be available at the Office. Any queries please contact Nicola Ritson, Tel: 021 212 0911 or ritsons@ihug.co.nz



SCHOOL FEES

Unless you have an automatic payment set up, overdue accounts for Term 1, 2018 are being sent out this week. Please keep an eye out for them in your children's school bags. Prompt payment via cash/cheque/EFTPOS at the school office or online to a/c: 12-3042-0320348 with your child's surname as reference is appreciated. The office needs a week before the end of term to conclude administration.

DATES TO NOTE

- Carmel College enrolments for 2019 close on Friday, 8th June with Open evening on Thursday, 10th May.
- Rosmini College enrolments for 2019 close on Friday, 15th June with Open Day on Friday, 1st June.

Both Colleges are completely autonomous to St John's and families should contact them directly with any queries.

SWIMMING POOL CLOSURE

This Friday, 6th April. Keys should be returned before the end of term, Thursday, 13th of April.

PTFA DIRECTORY

These will be sent home next week to families who paid earlier in the term so please look out for them in your children's school bags. Our apologies for the delay in the production of these this year. Sincere thanks must go to Jo Ramsay who has co-ordinated publication, typesetting and proofing this year.

Please note the **Privacy Statement** on the inside cover "PRIVACY ACT 1993 - Family information contained herein is for school administrative purposes only and is not to be used as a mailing list nor for non-school telephone contact."

UPCOMING SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALES

- Thursday, 5th April, 2.30pm - 3pm in the School Hall.
- Thursday, 12th April, 8.00 – 9.00am in the School Hall. This is the last sale for Term 1.
- The first sale for Term 2 will be held on Thursday, 3rd May, 2.30pm – 3pm in the School Hall.

Due to fluctuating weather we give you the choice for the children to wear either full summer or full winter uniform for the first two weeks of Term 2. Hats are not worn in Term 2 and 3. If you have winter items that children have grown out of and you would like to on-sell them, now is the time to bring them to the office and complete the sale detail form. Alternatively, do it all at home by downloading the form from the school website Our School – Uniform tab. From Monday, 15th May all children will be wearing their full winter uniform.

LOST PROPERTY

We are nearing the end of term and the blue box of lost property items in the Sick Bay is FULL of school uniform items, towel, togs, goggles, sports balls, water bottles etc. Please encourage your children to check for items they may be missing. At the end of term, remaining items are given to those in need or recycled through the second hand uniform sales. This is also a timely reminder to clearly name all items that your child brings to school.

ABSENCES

As per school procedures all absences should be notified to the school office. *"When children are absent parents are expected to contact the School using either the answer phone system (09 478 7734) or email office@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz, including their child's name, room number and the reason for the absence. Please notify the school in writing of absences other than sickness. These should come to the Principal directly via MicheleN@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz."*

CONGRATULATIONS TO... Players of the Day **Zoe Hutchinson** (Flippaball), **Karney Prendergast, Orla Watson** (Basketball) **Ashlyn Stevens** (Gymnastics). Also to **Annalina Schutz** (6km Partnerslife Dual), **Isaac Hames** (Weetbix Tryathlon), **Vivienne Wright, Thomas Neill** (Swimming).

PARISH PLAYGROUP

Each Wednesday morning during term time the Parish Playgroup session for pre-schoolers is held in our School Hall between 9.00 – 11.30am. The current organiser will soon no longer be available to run the Playgroup due to other commitments. If anyone feels they may be interested in taking up this role please contact Sarah, Tel: 027 260 2201 Email: sarahgraciecompain@hotmail.com or the Parish office Tel: 478 4565

COMMUNITY NOTICES.... Settlement North Shore Citizens Advice New Migrant session in the Mary Thomas Centre, 3 Gibbons Road, Takapuna on Thursday, 19th April at 10:30am, no charge, Topic: What to do in an Emergency. **Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women** April Meeting and 30th Birthday of North Shore Dove Wednesday 18th April, 7.30pm -9.30pm, Parish hall, St.Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Contact: Sylvia 09 443 7477 www.dove.org.nz **Learn to Draw and Paint** (for ages 7 – 12yrs) One-day Workshop April 17th, 10.00am – 3.00pm, Browns Bay, cost \$50. Afterschool Artistis Wednesdays, 3.30 – 5.00pm for 4 weeks starting May 2, cost \$70 Bookings: eion@eionbryant.com, ph. 09 483 6703 **Kelly Sports Holiday Programme** 16th – 27th April www.kellysports.co.nz