

Newsletter – Week 5, Term 1

6 March 2018

Kia ora Whanau

“Growing in faith requires patience and is the work of a lifetime because nothing that is worthwhile is ever simple or straightforward.”

Last week was a busy sporting week with netball trials, and cricket tournaments. I wish to thank our children who participated in our usual St John’s manner of respectful sportsmanship and to sincerely thank the parents who have given time to coordinate and support these events.



Many congratulations to our Year 3 & 4 team who won their three pool games and progressed through to the grand final playing against Campbell’s Bay Primary School. They won 45 – 43!

(From Mrs Halpin) I received this picture (right) of our Year 6 Boys Cricket Team who also had a very successful day last Wednesday. *“The boys represented their school proudly, showing great skill*

and sportsmanship. They lost the first game but then went on to win the next two games and tied for third overall. Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time, particularly Iain Taylor for being Umpire & Scorer for the day and to Sara Prendergast for organising our school’s participation. A great day was had by all.”



Congratulations

I wish to congratulate Mrs Jill Marsh who has won the position of Across the School Leader for our Catholic Community of Learning (Kahui Ako). This is a major leadership role in education and required a very rigorous interview. Mrs Marsh will now work across the other six schools in our Community of Learning, utilising her excellent leadership skills to support teachers to further enhance learning outcomes for their students. Having Mrs Marsh in this important role will benefit St John’s greatly as she will bring new knowledge and best practice back to St John’s. Although Mrs Marsh will be working off site two days per week, her classroom teaching time in Room 6 will remain the same.

Uniform

Thank you to the many parents who attended our uniform review meeting last week. This was a very productive meeting. Based on the feedback given from the meeting we are currently working toward putting together some options that we will share for your consideration.

Viki Trainor – Principal

From the Board of Trustees

Mrs Michelle Halpin is standing down from the Board after service to the school as a Parent Representative.

Michelle writes “It has been a pleasure being part of the Board and I have learnt a great deal. I have no doubt the Board will continue to lead the St. John’s School community successfully into the future”

It has been our blessing to have Michelle on the Board and we thank her for her service to the school as a Board member and wish her well.

St. John’s School, Mairangi Bay Board of Trustees Casual Vacancy – Elected Trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative. The Board has resolved under Section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should write to The Chair, Board of Trustees, 87a Penzance Rd, Mairangi Bay by 2 April 2018, 3pm.
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PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be held on Tuesday, 13th March. The conference times will be from 1.00 – 2.50pm, 3.30 – 5.20pm; and 6.20 – 7.50pm. **Classes will finish at 12.00 on this day and you are asked to make arrangements to pick your child(ren) up at this time. School buses will not be available.**

Conference Focus These conferences are for parents and caregivers only and will give you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, hear how your child is settling into the 2018 school year and how they are progressing. Teachers will take the opportunity to explain any particular procedures and/or expectations relating to their classrooms and you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you have. The conference will be 10 minutes in length and a bell will indicate the end of each. Please be on time. If, after 10 minutes, you feel further time is required with the teacher than please arrange another appointment.

To Book a Conference

- **Bookings will open TODAY at 3.30pm** and close at 3.30pm, Monday, 12th March
- Please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code **n3va6** (it is case sensitive)
- An email confirming the time of your conference(s) will be sent directly to the email address entered at the time of booking.
- If you do not have internet access please contact the school office Tel: 09 478 7734 or via email on office@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz and they can make a booking on your behalf.



SPORTS NOTICES

A reminder that...

- **Winter Hockey** registration forms need to be returned to the school office no later than this Friday, 9th March
- **Junior Netball** (Yrs 1-4) registration forms were due last Friday and must be returned to the office no later than tomorrow, Wednesday, 7th March. Late return will not guarantee team placement.

Both forms are available from the school website

FREE TO A GOOD HOME...

Four bales of hay in good, dry condition. Contact the school office to arrange pick up.

Our ANNUAL SWIMMING SPORTS
Thursday, 15th March - 9.30am start.

Savaday Tuesday, 20th 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 for the Nicola Jack Memorial Cup. The **Nicola Jack Memorial Cup** was presented by her family to the school for our swimming sports in memory of Nicola Jack who died as a result of an accident in 1991. She was in Year 3 at the time and we remember her fondly as one of our children full of life and promise and very keen on her swimming. The cup is presented to the winning house team.



This year we will be implementing a slight change to the programme you may be used to. The swimming sports will begin at 9.30am as usual with the Year 3 to 6 children at the pool. The Year 1 and 2 children and Year 3 non-swimmers will join the rest of the school at the pool at approximately 10.30am for their events. The anticipated finish time will be 12.30pm. A copy of the programme is published on the Sports page of the school website www.stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz.

We ask you to refrain from going into 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 should also bring a T-shirt in their house colours 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. **Best of swimming to all the House teams!**

PARENT'S PRAYER GROUP

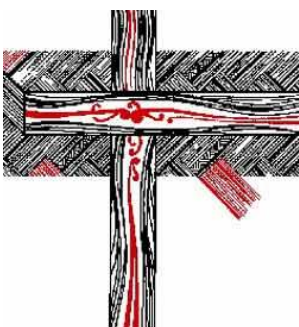
Our first parent's prayer group met yesterday led by Elizabeth Hames was a lovely gathering and we therefore will definitely be continuing this initiative and wish to extend a warm welcome to all whanau. Parents who may have pre-school children with them are more than welcome to join us. Going forward we will be meeting in the children's room at the rear of St John's Church, 8.50am Monday mornings during term time.

PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

This is an invitation to school aged children in our parish who love to sing to express your interest in joining a **Parish Children's Choir** to sing at some of our masses throughout the year at both St John's and St Francis' church. This is a new initiative which we are very excited to explore at Father Raphael's request. Interested parties please email Linda Williams at lindy@willplan.co.nz with your child(ren)'s name(s), age(s), school year and school attending.

CONGRATULATIONS TO... Players of the Day **Althea Arnesto, Ruby Lockwood, Matthew Sayegh** (Flippaball), **Ashley Smith, Ava Murphy** (Basketball). **Shaun Perera, Karney Prendergast, Cameron Simpson, Sean Billings, Oscar Reade, Xavier Smith, Callum Smytheman, Connor Sievwright, Harrison Bage** (Cricket Super 8's winners). Also to **Emily Ward** (Easyread Gold Award), **Maria George** (Maths Prototec), **Gabriel Rendle** (Cubs Founders day winning team)

COMMUNITY NOTICES... **Good as New Pre-Loved Kids Market**, Orewa Community Centre, Saturday, 10th March 9.00am – 12.00 noon. Contact: natashagoodasnew@yahoo.com **Girls Brigade**, Mairangi Bay Presbyterian Church, Tuesday evenings 6.30pm. Contact: Amy, Tel: 0210 238 2367 **Dove Catholic Fellowship**, Topic: Patience Wednesday, 14th March 7.30 – 9.30pm, St Thomas More Church, Glenfield Contact: Sylvia, Tel: 09 443 7477



LENTEN PRAYER

"E te Atua, high on the mountains you led the disciples and gave them a glimpse of the glory of your Son Jesus. Help us to walk with Jesus. Give us courage to tackle the challenge of the unknown – knowing that you will never leave us or forsake us"