

Kia Ora Whanau

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart”. Helen Keller (thank you to Nikayla Smith, Room 6 for sharing this beautiful quote). It is incredibly hard to believe that it is already the end of Term 1. It has been a great term filled with lots of educational and fulfilling activities. I wish you all safe and happy holidays and look forward to welcoming our children back for Term 2.

Congratulations Miss Binns – Acting Assistant Principal

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Miss Marina Binns who has accepted the role of Acting Assistant Principal. The position is one of acting while Mrs Marsh fulfils her role with the Community of Learning for the next two years. Miss Binns has a wealth of knowledge and a deep love of St John’s. She emulates her strong faith through kindness and caring both in her words and actions and I know that she will be a true asset to myself and to our beautiful school in her new role as Assistant Principal.

To accommodate Mrs Marsh’s COL Leadership role and the departure of Mrs Harris at the end of this term, our leadership structure has changed slightly. In future, as before, should you have a concern or question regarding your child please see the classroom teacher in the first instance. If you require further assistance the team leader is the next port of call:

- Mrs Vivienne Ball will be the Team Leader of the Junior School (Years 1 & 2)
- Mrs Suzanne Zaisluik will be the Team Leader of the Middle School (Years 3 & 4)
- Mrs Jill Marsh will be the Team Leader of the Senior School (Years 5 & 6)

Miss Binns will be available to deal with more serious concerns should they arise.

St John’s Standards

At John’s we strive to ensure that our children are well mannered and follow school expectations at all times. Our older children are very familiar with our expectations but occasionally require a reminder. Teachers aim to always be vigilant about this as we firmly believe that pride in our school, pride in our uniform and pride in our schoolwork results in pride in oneself. High expectations when set are usually met. We expect that these standards are followed through at home and when our children are representing our school at all events. We ask that you support us to maintain our high standard of respect and behaviour particularly when your child is representing our school at after school events.

Te Reo Classes – Expressions of Interest

There have been a number of families who have expressed interest in learning Te Reo. I would love to be able to offer this opportunity to our community and I am currently researching our options. There is a possibility of hosting either an after school class or an evening class once per week over approx. 10 weeks. The cost would be around \$10 per lesson per adult. If I receive enough interest I will pursue this further, please email: MicheleN@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz.

Parent, Teachers, Friends Association [PTFA]

The PTFA AGM which was held in our new library learning hub on Tuesday, 28th March was well attended and new office holders were appointed as follows:

- **Chairperson** – Racheal O’Brien (please note, correction to Parent Directory, Tel: 027 875 7095)
- **Secretary** – Breanna Hill
- **Treasurer** – Brendan Murphy

Thank you most sincerely to these wonderful people for taking up this responsibility

Viki Trainor - Principal

MUFTI DAY

This Friday, 13th of April, we will 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.

REMINDERS

- Term 1 finishes this Friday, 13th April at the normal time and will re-open on Monday, 30th April.
- The Swimming Pool has closed for the season and key bond refunds are now available at the school office.
- Lost Property is located in a bin in the Sick Bay. It is full, please encourage children to check this before the end of term. Items will be on display in the School Hall at the 2nd Hand uniform sale on Thursday morning between 8.00 – 9.00am.

TERM 2 INQUIRY FOCUS – Dare to Dream

Week 1, Friday, 4th May 'Dress as a Scientist Day'. Keep it simple and home made please, this is not intended to be an onerous or time consuming task.

PTFA FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – 'Sherlock Gnomes'

Family Movie Night at Hoyts Wairau Park during the school holidays on, **Sunday, 15th April**, arrive from 3.40pm **starting promptly at 4.00pm**. Ticket purchase forms/flyer were sent home with the children last week, payment details are 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 are available at the Office. Any queries please contact Nicola Ritson, Tel: 021 212 0911 or ritsons@ihug.co.nz

PTFA DIRECTORY

These will be sent home this week to families who have paid for one, so please look out for them in your children's school bags. Our very sincere thanks must go to Jo Ramsay who 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."

CHANGE TO WINTER UNIFORM

You are reminded that the changeover to winter uniform takes place from the beginning of Term 2. Due to the fluctuating warm weather there will be a period of two weeks when either full summer or winter uniform can be worn, the exception is that hats are not worn in Term 2 or 3. All the children should be in winter uniform for the third week of Term 2, beginning Monday, 14th May.

WINTER:

Tunic:	Drop waist and pleated skirt
Shirt:	Freight blue polo shirt
Jumper:	Kingfisher blue v-necked jumper [sweatshirt PE only for Term 2 and 3]
Shoes:	Black lace up or T-bar and black knee-length socks.
Ribbons:	Blue or brown
Shorts	Charcoal grey shorts and freight blue polo shirt
Jumper:	Kingfisher blue V-neck jumper [sweatshirt PE only for Term 2 and 3]
Shoes:	Black knee-length socks and black shoes

School Winter Shoes When purchasing these, please buy conventional leather school shoes, lace up, buckle or velcro fastening. Ankle boots and black trainers are not part of our school uniform.

UPCOMING SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALES

- 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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO... Players of the Day **Zoe Scott, Kate Lim** (Basketball), **Thomas Duff** (Soccer). Also to **Jake Stucki, Charlotte McKewen** (Surf-Life Saving), **Mario Najjar** (Soccer), **Sienna Gunn, Kirsten Young** (Shore to Shore), **Szi Halpin** (Swimming).

COMMUNITY NOTICES... **Babysitter** Juliana Tel: 0275 090 531 Available Mon, Wed & Friday, North Shore Areas. **Spanish Holiday Club**, 8.30am to 12.30pm 16th to 20th April and 23rd to 27th April, \$355 per week, www.kiwimary.com or email mary@lcfclub.co.nz **Rudd School of Rock**, one-to-one music tuition for all ages, Tel: 09 479 1081 www.ruddschoolofrock.co.nz. **North Harbour Hockey holiday programme**, 17th and 18th April, \$80 for one day, \$150 for both email: michaela@bayfield.school.nz. **Japanese Children's Library Fundraiser**, 9am – 12.00 noon, 21st April, Milford School.

Parish Happy Hour Fortnightly on Wednesdays, 2.00 – 3.00pm a group of parishioners volunteer their time to give the more elderly members of our community a bit of entertainment and light refreshments in our School Hall. Aria Gardens and Hugh Green rest homes bring some of their residents and a few other seniors attend but there is capacity for more attendees. For more details please contact: Christine, Tel: 021 178 1814.

De Paul House Movie Fundraiser 'The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society' Monday, 30th April, 2018. Screening 6.30 pm. Bridgeway Theatre, Northcote Point, \$30, includes glass of wine or ice cream, raffle tickets for sale plus lucky door prize. To book tickets Tel: 09 480 5959 or email: reception@depaulhouse.org.nz or collect from the De Paul House office, Gate 2, 92 Onewa Road, Northcote.