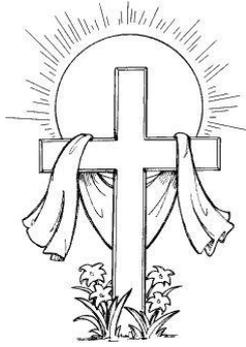


Newsletter – Week 6, Term 1

13 March 2018

Kia ora Whanau



Lenten Message from Pope Francis 2018

I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by alms giving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

Reflection: *How are you going? Never too late to begin. What have you fasted from? To whom have you given alms? What extra prayers have you prayed? Have you reached out to someone? It is never too late to start - start today!*

CHURCH CAR PARK

I am very concerned about morning drop offs in the Church car park. It would appear that some parents are double parking and allowing their child to run from the double parked car through the traffic and into the school grounds. I know we are all busy people and often in a rush, but our children are far too precious to risk just because we are running late. Our school rules for drop offs and pickups clearly state that:

“Children are not allowed in the carparks unless accompanied by an adult”

So please treat this memo as a reminder that when dropping off and picking up your child from the Church carpark you will park your car and accompany them onto and off the school grounds.

ST PATRICK'S DAY



On Friday we will celebrate St Patrick's Day. Children are expected to wear their school uniform but are invited to add a St Patricks Day adornment e.g. a green hat, a tie, hair ribbons etc.

CELEBRATING AMAZING SUCCESS!

DeAngelo Alsabie, one of dear little St John's boys, has been selected to represent New Zealand at the World Champions Performing Arts Competition in Los Angeles. His family are fundraising toward the cost of the trip, which is quite significant. To help fund his trip, Vivian (DeAngelo's mum) a stunning cake maker, is offering gorgeous Easter cakes for auction. If you are interested in supporting DeAngelo please contact Vivian, Tel: 021 225 3536. Although this is not a school fundraiser we are very proud of DeAngelo having reached this level of achievement and we celebrate his success.



Viki Trainor – Principal

PTFA AGM - Tuesday 27th March 7pm

Everyone is welcome to come along and have a look at our beautiful new Library, at our AGM on Tuesday, 27th March. Please join us for a drink and nibble to celebrate the hard work from our fundraising for our school Library. We will also be electing our new leaders of the PTFA so please come along and help us get the 2018 St John's PTFA off to a fabulous start.

We Need to elect a:

LEAD TALKER – commonly known as a Chair person, someone who can chair the meetings and take charge where needed.

LEAD NOTE TAKER – commonly known as a Secretary. Someone who can take minutes of the meeting and deal with any incoming correspondence.

LEAD MONEY COUNTER – commonly known as a Treasurer, someone who will look after the PTFA Bank Accounts, bank money & reconcile the accounts.

There are also a few pop-up jobs that would be perfect for anyone who is keen to help with one off events during the year. These include the ANNUAL KIDS DISCO and the ANNUAL PARENTS QUIZ NIGHT. One off fundraising events like THE FUN RUN. Katrina Little - Chair

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES - Bookings close at 12.30pm this afternoon.

A reminder that Parent Teacher conferences will take place TODAY.

To book a conference with your child(ren)'s teacher via www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Use the following case sensitive access code: **n3va6**

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

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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. 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 but to 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 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 teams!***

COFFEE VAN There will be a coffee van at the Swimming Sports – enjoy.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

A reminder that no prescription medication or other medicinal preparations or items should be given to children to leave in their school bags and take pre-measured doses. All medications (including asthma inhalers) must be handed into the school office and a permission form signed for their use. If children are going on to attend after school activities, then any medications can be collected at the end of the school day from the office. The permission form is available on our school website: <http://www.stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz/absences-and-illness>

UNIFORM

The review of St John's school uniform is continuing and we are currently awaiting samples from a number of suppliers. It is unlikely that a firm decision will be made before the scheduled change to winter uniform. Our second hand uniform is currently well stocked should your child need additional items in readiness for Terms 2 and 3. The next scheduled sale will be **Thursday, 5th April, 2.30 – 3.00pm** in the school Hall. In the meantime please contact Bidy Wild, Tel: 021 336 200 or Gill Watson, Tel: 021 809 373

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 are asked to please email Linda Williams at lindy@willplan.co.nz with your child(ren)'s name(s), age(s), school year and school attending.

VACANCY - Pompallier Diocesan Centre, Coordinator, Pastoral Office

The Pastoral Office seeks an enthusiastic committed person to work as coordinator to provide administrative support to specified Diocesan groups and working parties, and to provide formation, resources and advice to pastoral councils in parishes and chaplaincies and clergy throughout the Diocese. This is a full time position of 40 hours a week. For full details please visit the Diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz, go to Quicklinks and Staff vacancies. Applications close midday Friday, 6 April 2018

CONGRATULATIONS TO... Players of the Day **Oscar Reade** (Basketball), **Charlotte Moore** (Flippaball) Also to **Gianna Buhmann** (Drama), **Elena Rotaeché** (Gymnastics), **Charlotte Moore** (Ballet), **Emma Neill** (Dance)

COMMUNITY NOTICES... **Mairangi Bay Playcentre Fundraising Fair**, 112 Kowhai Road, Mairangi Bay, Saturday, 17th March, 10am – 1pm. **Torbay Plunket & Auckland Mama Market Nearly New Sale**, East Coast Bays Leisure Centre, Browns Bay, Saturday, 24th March, 10am – 12pm. Contact: sales@aucklandmamamarket.co.nz. **The Auckland Multicultural Society**, 21st Lakeside Multicultural Festival 2018, Sunday, 18th March 2018, 1 – 5 pm at the PumpHouse, in Takapuna, by Lake Pupuke. **Jayayoga Studio**, 'Creating a Conscious Family', 4 weeks starting 20th March, 8pm, \$125.00 www.jayayoga.co.nz



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"