

Newsletter – Week 3, Term 2

15 May 2018

Kia ora Whanau

“Scatter seeds of kindness as you pass along the way” – Ella Wheeler Wilcox

With Friday being our St John’s Spreading Kindness Day, I thought the quote above given to me by Mrs Bridges was so appropriate. Each day we have a million opportunities to scatter a little kindness, be it a kind word, or a kind deed, or simply a smile. The effect on others is immense, but the effect upon the giver even greater.

Whilst it was feast of Ascension of the Lord on Sunday it also marked the beginning of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It is a time to reflect upon how we each might do some small thing for Christian Unity – spreading kindness might be a great starting point. Today’s daily prayer and intention is at the bottom of this page if you should wish to pray at home with your families.

Last week we hosted six visitors from the Ministry of Korean Education. Their original purpose at our school was to visit with and support the Korean student teachers who are on placement with us this term, however, they were also very keen to look around our school. These officials were so very impressed with what they saw at St John’s. They commented on our respectful children, our innovative teaching practice and in particular on our Play based learning initiative in the Junior school.

Tomorrow will be New Zealand **SUPPORT STAFF IN SCHOOLS DAY**. Our Support Staff work in the office, in classrooms alongside the teachers and as our Caretaker and Resource Assistants. They make a huge contribution to the school and the children’s learning and work in increasingly complex roles with a high level of skills. You might like to join us through a special word of appreciation if you see them. Our Support Staff are:

Mrs Michele Nash	Principal’s Secretary	Mrs Christine McFadzean	Teacher Aide/ESOL
Mrs Anneliese Bridges	Office Secretary	Mrs Jo Ramsay	Teacher Aide
Mr Paul Dixon	Caretaker	Mrs Adrienne Woodbury	Teacher Aide/ESOL
Mrs Gail Hardy	Teacher Aide	Mrs Rachael Chandler	Teacher Aide
Mrs Chantelle Dunn	Teacher Aide/Resources/Library	Mrs Gill Russell	Teacher Aide
Mr Douglas Sinclair is currently relieving for Mr Dixon		Mrs Karen Dorrington	Sports Co-ordinator

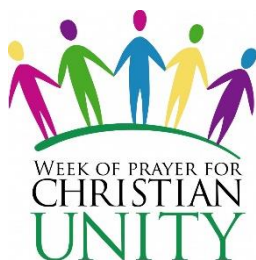
Viki Trainor – Principal

SPREADING KINDNESS DAY

St John’s is participating in a Ministry of Education initiative this year called Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L). In keeping with this frameworks philosophy of teaching positive behaviours and in support of Pink Shirt Day we will be hosting:

Spreading Kindness Day THIS Friday, 18th May.

There will be explicit teaching around the concept of kindness linked to our Special Catholic Character and our school Values. Therefore, children are encouraged to wear one item of pink clothing or a pink adornment with their school uniform, for example pink socks, a pink shirt, pink shoes, pink hat etc.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Tuesday: Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit

By your heavenly grace, O God, restore us in mind and body, create in us a clean heart and a pure mind, that we may give glory to your Name. May the churches attain unity of purpose for the sanctification of your people, through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever, Amen.

RUGBY

Last Thursday was the first of the Primary School Rugby Tournament days and saw six teams from St John's represent the school with enthusiasm and spirit.

Mrs Andrea Landon reported "The Year 3/4 Girls had a great day, awesome bunch of girls - beating Torbay Black 6-2, Glamorgan 9-2 and just losing to Torbay Yellow 6-7."

With thanks to all the parent managers, coaches and supporters on the day.

<p><u>Year 3/4 Girls (Ravens)</u> Won 5-4 vs Glamorgan Won 9-2 vs Torbay Black Lost 7-6 vs Torbay Yellow</p>	<p><u>Year 3/4 Boys Red (Jets – Black on the draw)</u> Lost 6-4 vs Campbell's Bay Lost 10-3 vs Campbell's Bay Green Lost 8-2 vs Torbay White</p>	<p><u>Year 3/4 Boys Blue (Titans – Green on the draw)</u> Lost 8-5 vs Glamorgan Won 3-2 vs Campbell's Bay Yellow Won 5-1 vs Torbay Green</p>
<p><u>Year 5/6 Girls (Panthers)</u> Won 7-3 vs Glamorgan Won 6-1 vs Browns Bay Black Lost 8-6 vs Torbay Pink</p>	<p><u>Year 5/6 Boys Blue (Falcons)</u> Won 7-5 vs Murrays Bay Won 8-3 vs Browns Bay Yellow Lost 6-4 vs Albany</p>	<p><u>Year 5/6 Boys Red (Vikings)</u> Draw 5-5 vs Mairangi Bay Grey Lost 9-6 vs Browns Bay Green Won 6-4 vs Sherwood</p>



CHORAL VIGIL MASS FOR PENTECOST

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. And you shall renew the face of the earth. With the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble. Saturday 19 May at 7.30 pm at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph, 43 Wyndham Street, Auckland City. Validated parking available at the Wilson Car Parks on Hobson Street (\$4) and Durham Lane (\$2). Please bring your ticket to validate in the Cathedral.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Players of the Day **Jacob Kim, Aaron Jayasekera, Matias Cornelio-Garcia, Oscar Reade, Ava Murphy, Oscar Reade** (Basketball) **Mario Najar, Isaac Hames, Jude Hames** (Soccer) **Thomas Neill** (Rippa) **Ashley Smith, Roxelle Feng, Nikayla Smith, Alora Francis, Ava Murphy, Olivia Ward** (Netball), **Kate Bolland, Matthew Sayegh** (Flippaball). Also to **Caitlin McKemmish, Amelie Phelps** (Swimming).

COMMUNITY NOTICES...

De Paul House are looking for enthusiastic people to assist with a small number of fund raising events each year. Committee meetings would be after 6pm, participation in one or more events at your discretion. **For more information please attend morning tea, Saturday, 19th May, 9am.** De Paul House Learning Centre, 92-96 Onewa Rd. RSVP to admin@depaulhouse.org.nz

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