

Newsletter – Week 7, Term 1

20 March 2018

Kia ora Whanau

Parent Conferences

An excellent turnout and very pleasing to see so many smiling faces as proud parents left conferences last Tuesday evening. I know our teachers really enjoy this opportunity to meet early in the year to form a relationship and to hear all about your child so as to best meet their learning needs.

Swimming Sports

God blessed us with perfect weather last Thursday for our annual St John's Swimming Sports. I wish to thank my team, in particular Miss Spencer and Mrs Harris who did a superb job of planning the day. Great to see the banks filled with parent supporters. We also had a neighbouring house sporting a huge banner in support of Red House! All teams competed with vigour and enthusiasm with **GREEN** House winning the Nicola Jack Memorial Trophy for 2018.



PTFA AGM



You will have received an invite for the PTFA AGM via our school email system last week. I really urge you to come along and get involved with your school. The current PTFA are an awesome bunch of very welcoming people. They work very hard to raise funds for our school and as the saying goes 'many hands make light work'. Commitment comes in all sizes. By just offering a small amount of your time and/or skills you will be making a difference and I can assure you it is a great way to get to know others in the community.

7.00pm, Tuesday, 27th March in the School Library

Before and After School Care onsite

The Board is still exploring the potential of hosting before and after school care onsite. This project is very time consuming as we are waiting on external agencies to provide all necessary information. I will continue to keep you informed of the progress of this project after the next Board meeting on the 5th April.

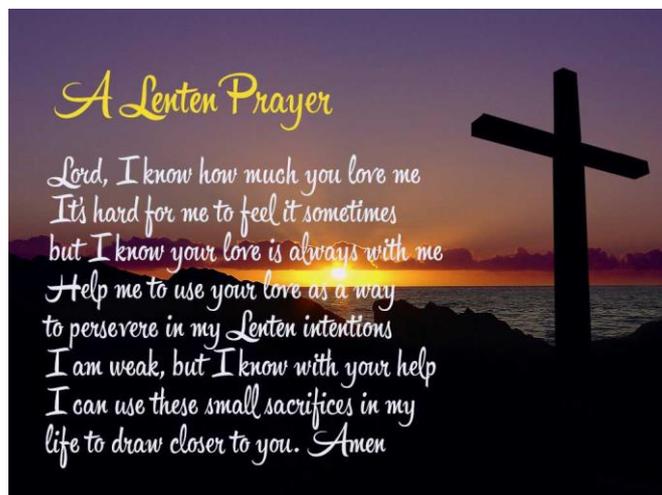
Help wanted please!

Mrs Taylor's art group has completed another spectacular mural that will be positioned on the outside of Room 1 facing the driveway. It is a large installation and very heavy. We would love the help of some strong 'builder' people who could assist Mr Dixon in securing this to the wall. Please email the office (office@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz) with your availability in the last week of term (w/c Monday, 9th April) if you are able to help either before or after school.

Congratulations Mrs Maureen Harris

We are very proud of Mrs Maureen Harris who has been appointed Principal of St Leo's Catholic School in Devonport from Term 2.

Maureen has been dedicated to St John's for the past fourteen years and her knowledge, passion and enthusiasm as both a teacher and a leader will be sorely missed. However, Maureen is absolutely ready for this role and will be a valued taonga for St Leo's. As St Leo's is in our Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) we will continue to have a close relationship with Maureen, which will be beneficial to both our schools.



A poroporoake (farewell) for Maureen will be held on Tuesday, 10th April at 11:30am in our school Hall and you are all warmly invited to attend.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who assisted in making yesterday such a wonderful day for Mrs Nash.

Viki Trainor – Principal

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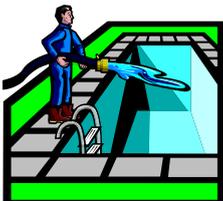
... a message of thanks from Michele Nash.

“Yesterday the whole school joined together to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Joseph and my 20th year of having the privilege of being the Principal’s PA, supporting your children and your families. The Mass, the prayers, the music and singing, the karanga, powhiri haka and the reverence of the children left me delighted and humbled. Children, to have you perform ‘Drop in the Ocean’ for the first time was such an honour. The whole staff had devoted many hours to preparing them. Thank you Viki for leading the team, the school is blessed to have you.

As a past pupil and past parent I treasure our School and it was a delight to share the day with my family. Thank you to those who were able to join us at Mass and at lunch afterwards. Many thanks for the beautiful messages you sent me, for the flowers and gifts that were left on my desk. Sincere thanks to all the families and staff who have come before us, since 1961, and made St. John’s a sacred haven to be valued forever. God Bless.”

**PLEASE
NOTE:**

CHANGE OF DATE - Rooms 11, 12, 7, 8 class Mass will now be Wednesday, 11th April.



SWIMMING POOL CLOSURE - OUR POOL CLOSSES ON FRIDAY, 6TH APRIL

There is still plenty of enjoyable swimming weather, especially with the Easter Break coming up. Pool key bond refunds are available from the office.

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

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

St John’s Inter-School Swimming Team, for the North Shore Primary School Swimming Championships being run by North Shore Swimming Club, have now been trialled and selected. The meet will be held on **Thursday, 12th April 2018**, 9.30am-2.30pm, at the Owen Glenn National Aquatic Centre (NAC), 14 Antares Pl, Mairangi Bay. The selected children are excited and are now focused on representing our school with pride.

TECHNOLOGY UPSKILLING

On Wednesday last week, Rosie Sue from Adobe came to show the Waitemata (Senior) and Pupuke (Middle) classes how to make creative webpages using Adobe. The students were able to create pages using amazing graphics and photos. This will be a great tool for students to share their learning in the future.



2018 CLASSROOM LIAISON PARENTS [CLP'S]

Room 1 Gemma Wavish

Room 2 Michele Halpin

Room 3 Kate Straka

Room 4 Sara Prendergast

Room 5 Lissa Harvey

Room 6 Jo Ramsay

Room 7 Sarah Augenstein

Room 8 Nicola Ritson

Room 9 Emma Simpson

Room 11 Vivian Alsabie

Room 12 Elizabeth Hames

Room 13 Sasha Grayson

We truly value your contribution towards the success of the school and our work for the children. Adding these contributions to the service of others through the Board of Trustees, Sports Co-ordinators, Coaches and Managers and Parent, School and Classroom Support gives real meaning to our special St. John's mantra 'Together we excel, we celebrate, we live our faith in Christ'.

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.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND FIRE EVACUATION SCHEME

Good practice recommends that our school community are conversant with our Emergency Response Document covering Fire Earthquake and Lockdown and our Fire Evacuation Scheme. Copies of these two documents are on our school website www.stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz. You will find them under the School Information tab – School Policies.

CONGRATULATIONS TO... Players of the Day **Kate Bolland, DeAngelo Alsabie, Julia Landon, Cooper Stevenson** (Basketball), **Thomas Duff** (Soccer), **Shaun Perea** (Cricket). Also to **Nina Harris** (Color Run), **Elliott Straka** (Fishing), **Ella Aguas** (Talent Quest).

COMMUNITY NOTICES... **Kids Care Holiday Programme** Mon, 16th – Fri, 27th April Tel: 021 108 9904 more details in the school office. **Parenting Anxious Teens and Tweens** 16th April and 23rd April 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Hearts and Minds Hub, Northcote \$50 single, \$75 double. See our website for more details or ph 09 441 8989.

KAPA HAKA Years 1 – 4



While all students at St. John's learn kapahaka as part of the school curriculum, we have received expressions of interest in starting a kapahaka performance group for the Year 1 - 4 students. If your child/children would be interested in being a part of a performance group, please indicate on the form below and return to the office. There may be a small cost involved.

Arohanui, Cara Mountjoy

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My child: _____ Room: _____ is interested in being a part of a kapahaka performance group.

Child signature: _____ Room: _____

We can commit to attending a before school practice 8am-8:30am.

My preference would be (please circle one): Monday Wednesday Friday

I am able to support the group with (please circle one):

Administration Costuming Student transport Tutor support at practices

Caregiver name: _____ Email: _____