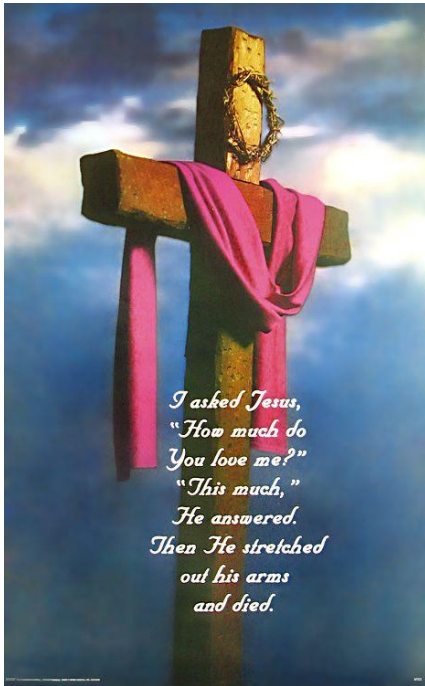


Newsletter – Week 8, Term 1 20 March 2018

Kia Ora Whanau



Easter Reflection – Holy Thursday

Thursday, 2:20pm Room 6 will host an Easter Reflection in the Hall. As this was such a beautiful moving experience for our children and our audience last year, we have decided that it should become our Easter tradition. Therefore, you are very welcome to join with us as we are called to remember the true meaning of Easter. We remind our children that this is a quiet, reflective occasion and that reverence is required. We ask that you refrain from taking photos and videos during this assembly time. *“May we learn to SEE the Jesus in ourselves and in everyone else around us”*
Lenten thought Father Sherwin Lapaan

I wish you all a very joyful Easter time.

St John’s Cyber Safety

Whilst we love having your presence at our school events and assemblies it is necessary to remind you that taking photos and videoing of children and performances is not allowed. This is in keeping with our Cyber Safety Policy and the Privacy Act that we expect our children to also follow. Should you wish to have a photo of your child in costume on stage you are most welcome to do so after the performance and with permission from the teacher in charge. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Website upgrade

We are really grateful to have received a grant for the upgrade of our school website. We are looking forward to providing a more modern and user friendly site. It will not happen overnight but it will happen! We will keep you all informed of our progress along the way.

Our beautiful new Library Learning Hub

Our new Library Learning Hub will officially open on Tuesday evening, 27th March, when we hold our PTFA AGM. It seems appropriate that this meeting be held in this venue as the PTFA fundraised over the past two years for this project and for the shade canopy directly outside. I wish to thank Doug George our brilliant builder and his wonderful wife Liz who went above and beyond expectations. I also thank our librarian Mrs Chantelle Dunn who has worked so many extra hours using her creativity to ensure we have a really beautiful, welcoming space for our children and community to learn in together.

Viki Trainor – Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Holy Week: A Time Apart for Renewal



In the course of our busy week, we most likely have times set apart for certain things that are important to us; a workout, a few social phone calls, or maybe even a short catnap, so that we can renew ourselves, our energy, and our perspective. Holy Week is a time that is set apart in our Church’s liturgical year for our spiritual renewal. In fact, the word ‘Holy’ refers to anything that is set apart for God’s purposes. Holy Week is *Holy* precisely because it is time that is set apart for us to focus on how we are spiritually renewed through the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. This Holy Week allow yourself time apart, holy time, to spend with Jesus. May it be a time set apart to unclutter your mind, lay down your burdens, and renew your faith in Jesus.

EAST COAST BAYS PARISH EASTER INVITATION

Last week all children received a copy of the schedule of masses for Easter Holy Week to bring home. They will also spend time this week during their RE lessons focussing on the significance of Holy Week.

WELCOME

We warmly welcome Mrs Karen Dorrington to the staff of St John’s as our new Sports Co-ordinator. Karen has a long relationship with St John’s as her children attended our school; she is also an athlete having recently taken part in the New Zealand Masters Track and Field National Champs where she won Gold Long Jump, Gold High Jump, Silver Pentathlon, Bronze 400 metres. To make contact with Karen for all Sports related matters please email: Sports@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz



ST PATRICK'S DAY



On Friday, 16th March a group of children from Room 8 visited Hugh Green Rest Home to sing and share the celebration of St Patrick's Day with the residents.

(From Mrs Ferguson) "Just thought I would let you know what an amazing job the children from St John's did at the Hugh Green Rest Home for St Patrick's Day. Cara's music and the children from Room 8's singing was beautiful! Ciara, Eva and Tashi did such a good job learning a dance in two weeks, practicing every lunch time and after school.

The dance was kindly taught by Becky Buckley in answer to a request from the Rest Home. The children all represented the Catholic character of the school so well, a couple of the residents had tears and one dear old man was sobbing. The visit really would have meant a lot to them and you could see that it brought them so much joy. It was a really well organised outing by Cara and Becky!"



DATES TO NOTE

- School closes at the usual time this Thursday, 29th March for the Easter break and resumes on Wednesday, 4th April
- Rooms 11, 12, 7, 8 Class Mass will now be Wednesday, 11th April.
- Carmel College enrolments for 2019 close on Thursday, 10th May.
- Rosmini College enrolments for 2019 close on Friday, 15th June with Open Day on Friday, 1st June. Both Colleges are completely autonomous and administer their own enrolment process. Families should contact them directly with any queries.

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 Thursday, 13th of April.

IMPETIGO

There are currently a number of cases of Impetigo (also known as School Sores) at school. Impetigo is a bacterial infection that involves the superficial skin. The most common presentation is yellowish crusts on the face, arms, or legs. Less commonly there may be large blisters which affect the groin or armpits. The lesions may be painful or itchy. Impetigo is contagious and easily spread, please ensure that you take your child for medical assessment if you have any concerns. Health Department Guidelines are that **infected persons should not attend school for 48 hours following the start of a course of antibiotics**. No infected person may use the swimming pool. Thank you for your help in containing the spread, good hand hygiene is the best preventative.

WEETBIX TRIATHLON

A large number of St John's students took part in the Weetbix Triathlon this weekend. Many congratulations to them all. We invite them to wear their special t-shirts and bring their medals to our next school Assembly which will be on Friday, 6th April when we can celebrate their success.

CONGRATULATIONS TO... Players of the Day **Sophia Zhao, Molly Brannigan** (Flippaball), **Molly Brannigan** (Dancing) **Thomas Neill, Aaron Jayasekera** (Basketball). Season Awards **Cameron Pigeon** (Sportsmanship), **Zachary Taylor, Neale Young, Karney Prendergast** (Best Bowler), **Shaun Perera** (Player of the Year). Also to **Molly Brannigan** (Swimming), **Sophia Zhao, Evangeline Chilek, Reese Chilek, Ashlyn Stevens** (Gymnastics), **Olive Thomas, Charlotte Moore, Nikayla Smith, Jeremy Howard, Mark Andre, Oscar Reade, Hannah Whiteman, Sophie Smith, Kate Bolland, Riley and Kirra Redfern-Hardisty**, (Weetbix Tryathlon), **Kelvin Goldstein, Molly Brannigan, Finn Brannigan** (Albany Lakes Legends).

COMMUNITY NOTICES...Kids Choice Holiday Programme Monday, 16th April to Friday, 27th April 2018. CYF's approved allowing you to apply for a subsidy. We are based at the Presbyterian Church, 10 Penzance Road, Mairangi Bay. 7am to 6pm daily. Contact Barb 027 440 6363 or 09 478 3705. Email: kids.choice@infolnet.net.nz