

Newsletter – Week 6, Term 2

5 June 2018

Kia ora Whanau

“God cares about everything in your life, because he cares so much about you”

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend and are now ready for the onset of the winter months to follow.

Last week we held our Senior School Speech finals. The winner for 2018 is Jane Nolloth whose speech was about number 13 (lucky or not). Jane delivered a very well prepared and beautifully articulated speech. I wish to congratulate all the children who were finalists in this competition. The standard was very high. Many thanks to Mrs MacKrell, our external adjudicator, who had the difficult task of selecting the winner.



Strategic Goal update

As you will be aware our school has 5 Strategic Goals that our Board and community have set and that our teachers strive to meet. At our last Board meeting I had the pleasure of reporting on our progress against **Strategic Goal 2** to date. I wish to share an abbreviated version of this report as it really illustrates the wonderful learning opportunities our children are blessed to partake in.

Goal 2 – To provide a quality child centred education that maximises each child’s learning potential

Our children have access to a very diverse and rich curriculum. Over the past 18 months our curriculum has been further enriched by a variety of extra learning opportunities.

- Our Special Catholic Character underpins all learning areas
- Masses – Children processing the word, liturgical dance, readers and leaders
- Te Reo and Tikanga across all year levels including Kapa Haka for both Senior and Junior Students
- Mandarin Learning provided by our Chinese Language Learning Assistant
- St John’s bi-annual Multi-Cultural Festival
- Bi-annual Senior School Production
- Further strengthening our connection with our Catholic Community of Learning
- Extensive digital technology curriculum including coding
- Science Term
- Visual Art extension programme – the efforts of these children are displayed on the wall outside Rooms 5 and 6 and above the sandpit.
- Extensive music programme and Senior Choir
- Large variety of sporting codes supported and organised by our Sports Co-ordinator
- Speech Competition for our senior students
- Leadership opportunities for our Senior students; House Captains, Ambassadors, Librarians, Cool Schools Monitors, Wet day monitors.
- House Captains and Ambassadors attend Young Leaders Day
- Initiated a Play-based learning curriculum in our Junior Team

Viki Trainor - Principal



Watch out for all the celebrity singers, movie stars, sports stars and super hero's converging on our school **this Friday, 8th of June** for the PTFA Disco!

Year 1 & 2 disco runs from 5.30pm - 6.45pm
Years 3 to 6 come along from 7.00pm - 8.30pm.

If you need a quick tea a sausage sizzle will be available from 5pm and glow sticks/bracelets/rings etc. will also be on sale for you to buy with your children. The disco is supervised by PTFA parents and teachers, so we ask you to drop your child at the hall entrance and only enter the hall at the conclusion of the disco for prompt pick-up. Online payment for tickets should be made to the PTFA account (12-3042-0268412-00).

AUCKLAND CITY MISSION CANS COLLECTION

What an incredible response from our St John's Community in reply to the 'Mum's Mince' collection drive for Auckland City Mission! In total we have donated 704 cans plus a large box of other assorted groceries. A big 'Thank You' also from Mrs Tanya Beckett to the children who helped count, sort & pack the cans for transportation.



If you would like to help further, 'Mum's Mince' is a network of mums who all contribute to Auckland City Mission by way of a simple cooked meal - often mince based, that is delivered to the Mission by them. This provides a hot meal in the evening for the homeless and less fortunate people. Mums are not committed they just add their name to the calendar as and when they have time to prepare a meal. Check out their Facebook page for more details 'Mum's Mince' and a special message to St John's.

PTFA MEETING

Tonight, Tuesday, 5th June in the staffroom at 7pm. All welcome! Join us for final Disco preparations, confirmation of the 2018 PTFA calendar, discussion on our first major fundraiser and a sneak peek at the refreshed PTFA newsletter. Be informed about what's happening around the school through our Board of Trustees and Principal updates as well! There might even be chocolate...

PTFA FUNDRAISER - Dad's Pies



For the first major fundraiser of the year the PTFA will be selling Dad's Pies. Dad's Pies make a great easy meal, they are locally made with quality ingredients and will be delivered frozen on Thursday, 5th July - just in time for the holidays. Next week's newsletter will include more details and an order form so you can stock up your freezer and those of your friends and family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Players of the Day... **George Pidgeon** (Rippa), **Harrison Bage** (Soccer), **Olive Thomas** (Flippaball), **Ryan Percy**, **Aaron Jayasekera**, **Sophie Smith** (Basketball), **Isabella Murphy** (Swimming). Also to... **Ashlyn Stevens** (Gymnastics), **Emma Neill** (Dance), **Nina Harris** (Choi Kwon Do), **Mirna Greis** (Piano).