

Newsletter – Week 7, Term 2

12 June 2018

Kia ora Whanau



I thought these words from Pope Francis were very relevant at present as sustainability and care for our planet is foremost in the news. God calls us to be Kaitiaki (guardians) of our world so it is our responsibility to think about ways in which we can make a difference.

One of our Year 6 students approached me a couple of weeks ago wanting to form a group to help Mr Dixon keep our school beautiful. The group, led by Nikayla Smith is called the Green Team and these children will be working towards initiatives for ensuring a more sustainable St John's. I look forward to the positive changes that will come from these children.

Next week on **Friday, 22nd June** we will be celebrating our school St John the Baptist Feast Day. All parents, family and friends are warmly invited to join us at our whole school Mass in St John's Church at 9.15am.

Disco Fever

The excitement had been mounting all week and reached climax on Friday as our very excited children rolled up for our St John's PTFA Disco. The theme was 'Celebrities' and everyone turned out in style from Queen Elizabeth to sporting heroes, royalty, pop stars, cartoon characters and more. Our PTFA did an outstanding job of decorating and preparing our hall for our 'Celebrities', and I wish to extend my thanks to Rachel O'Brien and the very enthusiastic and dedicated group of volunteers who ensured the Disco was a great success.

Viki Trainor - Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Over the coming weeks, the children in the Pupuke and Waitemata teams will be focusing on the God (Te Atua) Strand during Religious Education. The children will learn some of the following concepts:

- Develop an understanding of the Commandments as a gift - taonga of God's love – aroha.
- Describe how God is present everywhere in the world through creation.
- Recognise that Christians come to know God through Jesus and respond in faith through worship and action in the Church.
- Develop an understanding of God's constant faithfulness despite, at times, people's unfaithfulness, so that continually God is calling people to be reconciled in relationships with self, others, creation and God - Te Atua.

The Rangitoto team will be learning about the Holy Spirit (Te Wairua Tapu). The children will learn some of the following concepts:

- Recognise that people who believe in God can respond to the Holy Spirit in their lives in many ways.
- Recognise the effect of the Holy Spirit in people's lives.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be held in Week 9 on Thursday, 28th June. **Classes will finish at 12.00 on this day and you are asked to make arrangements to pick your child(ren) up at this time. School buses will not be available.** The conference times will be from 1.00 – 2.50pm, 3.30 – 5.20pm; and 6.20 – 7.50pm. Further information regarding booking a conference time online will be in next week's newsletter.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday, 26th June – PTFA Meeting, 7pm in the staffroom

Friday, 6th July – Pyjama dress up day in aid of Ronald McDonald House, gold coin donation

Thursday, 26th July – BOT Meeting

Tuesday, 31st July – PTFA Meeting, 7pm in the staffroom

Monday, 6th August – Positive Puberty (Yr 6 only) Parents Information Evening, 7pm (~75 mins)

END OF DAY PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

We appreciate that sometimes plans can change unexpectedly and occasionally messages need to be passed on to students during the school day which the office is happy to help with. However, we would like to keep this to a minimum as it can be disruptive to teaching if classrooms have a number of interruptions during the course of a school day. Wherever possible when dropping off in the mornings please ensure that your children know where they will be collected at the end of each school day. Thank you for your help with this.

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. Information and order forms for this fundraiser are included with this newsletter. Stock up your freezer with these quality pies!

PTFA DISCO

The red carpet was rolled out to an amazing group of famous movie stars, singers, sports stars and super heroes on Friday night to celebrate the annual PTFA school disco. The children (and some parents and teachers!) danced and flossed their way around the school hall to the sounds of our fantastic DJ. Congratulations to our best dressed and dance competition winners.

Fantastic events like the disco wouldn't happen for the children without the talents and contributions of our St John's families and staff - the real celebrities! Lots of work went into designing tickets and flyers, planning and creating the decorations, cooking sausages, organising prizes and looking out for the children in the evening, so thank to all those amazing people that played their part. A special thanks to Mrs Bridges and Mr Dixon who go above and beyond to support our PTFA events.

Rachel O'Brien – PTFA Chair



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Players of the Day...**Bonnie Davey, Kate Lim, Bella Murphy, Kirra Redfern-Hardisty, Megan Billings, Chloe Barrett** (Netball), **Summer Cox, Kate Lim** (Basketball) **Benjamin Moss, Liam Sayegh** (Soccer), **Conrad Grayson** (Rippa), **Angus Grayson** (Hockey) **Karney Prendergast** (Rugby) **Ruby Lockwood, Oscar Reade** (Flippaball). Also to... **Amelie Phelps, Ted Sagar, Mia Beresford-Huey-Kerr** (Swimming), **Chloe Barrett** (Brownie Badge, Camping), **Kate Lim** (Dance), **Nina Harris** (Gymnastics),

COMMUNITY NOTICES

July Marriage Encounter Weekend 13th – 15th July, Mt Richmond Hotel, Mt Wellington, Auckland, Tel: 0800 362 686 for more information. **First Class Football** July holiday program, 9th – 11th July, Grades 5-11, 9-11.30am, Grades 12-17 12.30 – 3pm, \$250 (shirt, shorts, socks included) www.firstclassfootballtraining.com/clinic. **North Shore Youth Music 2018 Annual Showcase Concert**, Sun 24th June, 1.30pm, Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna.