

Newsletter – Week 2, Term 3

31 July 2018

Kia Ora Whanau

“At St John’s we will provide a faith enriched Catholic education that promotes and celebrates excellence and lifelong learning” (St John’s School Mission Statement)

I chose to place our school Mission Statement at the head of our newsletter this week as it seemed timely to remind ourselves that this is what we strive for each day for our students.

Last Thursday I had the pleasure of presenting our Board with two very important reports. One being an update on our **Strategic Goal #1 –To teach, nurture and celebrate our Catholic life and Faith**, and the other, report that of our very high academic progress for the year to date.

During the discussion with our Board it was very clear that our point of difference as a school and as a Community of Learning (Kahui Ako) is our shared Faith base. We are truly blessed that our children are enveloped in our Special Catholic Character which not only promotes our shared beliefs and values but follows on from home by further developing the life skills of **caring and empathy** for others (Do what Jesus Would Do), **resilience** to step out of our areas of comfort to be part of a wider community (Be a Contributor and Being the Best I can Be).



An example of our Faith in action could be seen last Wednesday when three of our Year 6 students represented St John’s as recipients of The Caring Foundations Annual School Awards. These awards are presented to children whom their teachers and peers consider to be exemplary role models of empathy and care toward others. Congratulations to Nikayla Smith, Brian Cervantes and Ruby Gabriel, who attended the Bishops Mass and received these awards.

Tomorrow is **World SCOUT Scarf Day** I would therefore like to invite and encourage any St John’s past or present Scouts to wear their scarves to school for the day.

Safety Reminder

I note several children arriving at school very early in the morning. A reminder that there is no supervision until 8:30am. Before school care provided by Kids Choice is available in the hall should you choose to use it.

Viki Trainor - Principal

KIDS CHOICE Before and After School Care

I am very pleased to hear from Barbara at Kids Choice that there has already been a positive enrolment response to the provision of onsite care launched this term. If anyone would like further information or an enrolment pack these are available at the school office and also on the school website under ‘Information’.

SCHOOL HOUSE TEAMS

The presentation of badges to our Captains and Vice-Captains for the second half of 2018 was made at last week’s Friday Assembly. They delivered their first speeches and we congratulate these children and wish them well in this leadership role at the school. The photographs are of the students wearing their prestigious korowai. The korowai feature feathers created by every Year 5 and Year 6 student at St John’s School in 2018.



Blue	C	Ella Aguas
	VC	Zachary Taylor
Green	C	Libby Woodbury
	VC	Riley Redfern-Hardisty



Gold	C	Alexandra Bull
	VC	Kelvin Goldstein
Red	C	Zoe Hutchinson
	VC	Cameron Pidgeon

INTERSCHOOL BASKETBALL

Friday of last week was the Mid-Bays Inter-school Basketball Tournament. The schools competing were Sunnynook Primary, Campbells Bay Primary, Mairangi Bay Primary and St John's. Our Year 6 team, the St John's Spurs played three pool games - losing one and winning the other two, making it into the final against Sunnynook Primary. The boys showed great skill, determination and team work which paid off as they came away with the win and received the tournament cup! Well done to Riley Little, Liam Kalogeropoulos, Kelvin Goldstein, Victor Peters-Davidson, Munro Sievwright, Cameron Pidgeon, Jacob Russell and Neale Young (pictured with Coach, Chris Little).

Katrina Little, Basketball Co-ordinator



PTFA BINGO NIGHT



On Friday the 10th of August at 7.30pm the school hall will become a BINGO HALL for the annual PTFA Parents Night. Form a team (10-12 per table), plan your theme, dress yourselves and your table and get ready for a fantastic night of prizes, games and fun. The hall will be open from 2.30pm on the 10th if you would like to get in early to decorate your table. Doors open at 7pm and the numbers roll from 7.30pm. BYO drinks and nibbles.

TICKET FORMS ARE ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER.

FROM THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Lending National Library books through our school library was so successful last term that we are continuing to lend these books in Term 3. We have a new selection of National Library books for the children to choose from this term. If your child chooses to borrow these books please keep an eye out for the National Library barcode on the back cover, top right corner and ensure that these books are returned to school. Thank you for your help in making this a success for our students.

Mrs Dunn, Librarian

POSITIVE PUBERTY PARENT MEETING

A reminder that this meeting for Parents/Caregivers of children in Year 6, is on Monday, 6th August in the staffroom at 7.00pm.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

The first sale for Term 3 will be held this Thursday, 2nd August in the Hall between 2.30pm and 3.00pm.

FOUND

Scooter found outside the school hall on the first day of Term 3 and currently held in lost property.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Players of the Day... **Kelvin Goldstein, Rebecca Robertson, Zoe Scott, Oscar Reade** (Soccer), **George Pidgeon** (Rippa), **Kelvin Goldstein** (Basketball), **Oscar Reade** (Flippaball), **Emma Neill, Alora Francis, Mia Beresford-Huey-Kher, Amina Deles, Caitlin McKemmish** (Netball). Also to... **Tia Juma, Amina Delese** (Swimming), **Ethan D'Souza** (Taekwondo) **Zoe Hutchinson** (1-day Zoo Keeper, Auckland Zoo).

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Two **Information sessions for New Migrants**: Thursday, 30th August on Tenancy rights and renting in NZ. Wednesday, 5th September on Consumer rights and buying a car in NZ. Both will be held in the Takapuna Hub, Mary Thomas Centre, 3 Gibbons Road, Takapuna, 0622 at 10:30am to 12:30pm, with morning tea included. **Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women**, North Shore. Wednesday, 22nd August, 7.30 – 9.30pm. Parish Hall, St Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Rd, Glenfield. Contact: Sylvia, Tel: 09 443 7477 or www.dove.org.nz. **Rangitoto Kindergarten Annual Fair**, Saturday 1st September 10am-1pm, 2a Hythe Tce, Mairangi Bay. We have a fantastic range of products and vouchers up for tender, from weekends away at popular hotels to entries to family events, photography packages, restaurant vouchers, signed memorabilia and lots more exciting things up for grabs!

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL PTEA

BINGO NIGHT!

GAMES & PRIZES



\$5.00 PER CARD
CASH ONLY

FRIDAY 10TH AUGUST 2018

St John's Hall | Doors Open 7:00pm | Game Starts 7:30pm

BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES

All parents and friends of the school welcome.

Group bookings (10-12 per table).

DRESS UP & THEME YOUR TABLE!

Ticket order forms will be sent home in the 31st July school newsletter.
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