

Newsletter – Week 3, Term 3

7 August 2018

Kia ora Whanau

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Our school will be closed next Wednesday, 15th August due to industrial strike action. I am very sorry for the inconvenience this may cause, however, the situation in New Zealand for teachers is now at crisis point.

Teachers have not taken strike action since 1994, which shows the significance of this action. Teachers have not made the decision to strike lightly. Teaching is not a job, rather a vocation and we are all very passionate about our classes and our children.

So what do we hope to achieve?

- More resourcing in the form of teacher time allocation
- More funding for children with additional needs both behavioural and academic
- Better pay rates to attract teachers to the profession so that we can recruit and retain quality teachers

Between 2010 and 2016, teacher training has dropped by 40%, while the number of children enrolling in schools continues to grow. The current rate of pay for a beginning teacher after attaining a 3 Year degree in Education would not be enough to repay a mortgage. In some cases not enough to pay Auckland rental prices, hence we lose our great teachers to other New Zealand regions or Overseas.

The teachers of St John's are all very appreciative of your support during this time.

PEACE WEEK NAIL PAINTING

A small group of our Year 6 girls will be offering to paint fingernails this Friday as part of our Peace Week celebrations. The girls are asking for a gold coin donation which will be gifted to St Vincent de Paul Society. All nail polish must be removed before children come back to school on Monday. Please email the office if you do **NOT** want your child to have their fingernails painted. office@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz

SAVE THE DATE

Fabulous Father's Day, Friday, 31st August 8.50am – 11.00am. Invitations made by the children and further information on the format of the day to follow.

MARY McKILLOP

Tomorrow, Wednesday 8th August, the church celebrates the feast day of Mary MacKillop, St Mary of the Cross. As a Josephite school, Mary of the Cross holds a special place in the heart of our school as the founder of the Sisters of St Joseph. She was very conscious of the plight of the poor and the needy. Mary had a particular passion to ensure that every child had access to education and her Sisters of St Joseph travelled wherever they were needed, establishing schools across Australia and New Zealand. She was a role model for a life of faith and trust; believing in God and his providence through all situations.



God of love, we remember with joy the Feast day of Mary MacKillop, St Mary of the Cross. We thank you for all who have followed in her footsteps and for the love and concern shown to others through them. We ask you to bless them and those they serve in the name of Jesus who is our Way, our Truth, and our Life. Amen.

PEACE WEEK



Youth Peace Week is an Aotearoa-based, international week of activities and events that seeks to educate and inspire a New Zealand wide and global movement for peace.

We are all encouraged to use this week to engage children in peacebuilding within their school, their families and the local community.

During the week, alongside normal class activities, classes will be participating in Peace themed and peace related activities. Our Year 6 Cool School Peer Mediators have also organised activities which they will be running over lunchtimes. This week is a great opportunity to talk with your children about how we can be peacemakers and to offer up prayers of peace in your family prayer time.

“Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and help to strengthen one another.”
Romans 14:19

Viki Trainor – Principal

SURVEY

As part of our Special Character review this year, we are looking at our Religious Education Programme and Pastoral Care in our community. You will receive a link to an online survey through your email and we would appreciate your input and feedback.

Laura Baddeley - DRS

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHS – Tuesday, 21st August.



The following school teams will be having their photo taken - Netball, Hockey, Basketball, Flippaball and the School Representative teams for Swimming, Basketball, Soccer and Rugby including Ripa teams. All children will need to have their sports uniform at school for the photos. They will be photographed in the uniform they play in. If you are a Coach or Manager you are welcome to come and be included in the photograph. Photos will begin at 9am promptly and we envisage that they will be over by 10.30am. Unfortunately we are unable to give coaches and managers more precise times for the individual photographs. Touch Rugby team photos will be taken on 23rd October, the same day as our School and Individual photos. All photos will be available to order with your individual shoot key early in November. Details will follow closer to that time.

PTFA BINGO NIGHT



The annual PTFA Parents Night is nearly here! This Friday, 10th of August from 7.30pm come and try your luck at Bingo, win some cool prizes and enjoy a fun night out. A few tables are still available and ticket sales will wind up tomorrow (Wednesday). Form a team of 10-12 people, come up with a team name and theme and you're set to go! The hall will be open from 2.30pm on Friday if you'd like to get in early to decorate your table. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. BYO drinks and nibbles.

Remember cash only for purchases of bingo cards and game entry.

INTERSCHOOL SOCCER

On Monday, 30th July our Interschool football team were transported to Sunnynook School for their long-awaited tournament day. The weather could not have been more perfect for our eager team, who were fired up and ready to go. There were 8 schools participating in the tournament.

The team had an awesome day winning two out of their three pool games. Despite losing the playoffs they finished in 4th place, losing their cross-over game by 2 goals and their 3rd/4th play-off game by 1 goal. The team had incredible drive, displayed some wonderful skills, and gave it their all without falter, until the final whistle blew in each of their 5 games. The players exhibited great sportsmanship on and off the field and wore their St John's colours with pride.

Our Interschool Soccer team members were: Jaime Ramsay, Daniel Al Sammak, Luca Dabrowski, Quinn O'Brien, Joe Pilley, Kelvin Goldstein, Ollie Hasler, Mario Najjar, Riley Little, Liam Kalogeropoulos, Leo Spencer Coach: Ashleigh Emery, Manager: Karen Dorrington

Our Tournament Results:

Game 1 vs. Milford Lost 0-1

Game 2 vs. Sunnynook Won 3-0 Goals scored by Joe (2), Luca (1)

Game 3 vs. Takapuna Won 1-0 Goal scored by Liam

Game 4 (crossover game) vs Campbells Bay Lost 0-2

Game 5 (Playoff for 3rd / 4th) vs Mairangi Bay Lost 0-1



A big thank you to Ashleigh Emery for her dedication to the team and the time and energy she put into the players on the day and at the two practices that were held leading up to the tournament. The team really enjoyed having her as our Football Coach for the Tournament, and hope she will be able to assist again in the future. Thanks also, to the parents who assisted with transporting our players, and for those who came along and supported us on the sidelines at various times of the day.

DID YOU KNOW?



Students who use computers to revise and practise low-level content or skills like basic maths equations or spelling routinely outperform students who engage in this kind of practice without technology. Greater progress is possible because these tools often ensure the level of challenge and pace is just right for the student, and feedback (whether they are right or wrong) is provided immediately and constantly. **Link:** Luik, P. (2007). *Characteristics of drills related to development of skills.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Players of the Day... **Gianna Buhmann, Lila Gilchrist, Zara Raffo, Ruby Lockwood, Maria George, Lauren Graham, Annabel Ko, Roxelle Feng, Charlotte Mckewen (Netball), Roxelle Feng, Karney Prendergast, Matthew Sayegh, Szi Halpin (Flippaball), Karney Prendergast (Rugby), George Pidgeon (Basketball).** Also to... **Elise Taylor, Aaron Jayasekera, Karney Prendergast (Swimming), Abigail Augenstein (Piano).**