

REMINDER... Our school will be closed tomorrow, Wednesday, 15th August due to industrial strike action.

Kia ora Whanau

“Have the courage to be truly happy” Pope Francis

A huge thank you to our **PTFA, their awesome helpers** and to **Graeme Sievwright**, our hilarious caller for a fantastic Bingo evening. The staff had a great evening. Our table was ‘Once Upon a Time Story Book Characters’ see picture later in this newsletter.

PEACE WEEK was such a lovely time for our school. Many thanks to Mrs Miller and the staff who supported our students with various activities.



Paper Crane making



Three-legged races



Minefield games

Viki Trainor – Principal

A HEARTFELT THANKS

A special thanks to all families who donated items to go in the container to support children having heart surgeries in Fiji and their families. I was able to personally write and thank for every donation but if I missed someone out, a special thanks to you now. To make a difference you just have to care and it is very evident that our families care a lot.

Michele Nash

SURVEY

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

Laura Baddeley – DRS

PTFA FUN RUN

Running, running, running, running... the school Fun Run will hit the grounds of St John’s on **Monday, 10th September**. The children have already begun to train and prepare for this great event, which will this year focus on generating fabulously friendly competition between our houses.

As a school community, we’ll be using the event to raise funds for the development of the children’s playground. The PTFA will run the sponsorship programme this year but will retain an online sponsorship option, recognising the convenience and importance of this, particularly for those with friends and family outside the North Shore area. More details in next week’s PTFA newsletter.



SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHS – NEXT 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 Rippa 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 (sports, individual & class) will be available to order with your individual shoot key early in November. Details will follow closer to the time.

SOCCKER HAVE A GO DAY

Last Tuesday all the children had a fun time with the coaches from FFC Academy NZ giving them an opportunity to have a go at Soccer skills and games. The coaches will be running a six week after school programme on Tuesdays starting on Tuesday, 21st August, 3.15 – 4.15pm. Register online at www.ffcacademy.co.nz or pick up a registration form from the school office. Payments should be made directly to FFC Academy.



2019 SCHOOL START AND FINISH DATES

Earlier this term the Board of Trustees ratified the Senior Leadership Team's recommendation of school start and finish dates for 2019. Specific term dates for 2019 will be published later this year. You may like to make a note now of the start and finish dates of the school year which are:

School closes for 2018	Thursday, 20 th December at midday
School opens in 2019 for pupils	Thursday, 7 th February
School closes for 2019	Friday, 20 th December at midday

PTFA BINGO NIGHT

From 'Bogans' to 'Book Characters' and 'Grease Lightning', thanks to everyone that dressed up fabulously and joined in our PTFA Parents Night last Friday evening! Competition for a bingo win was intense and some pretty impressive coin tossing and paper plane throwing were on display. A huge thanks to Jo Sievwright and Gemma Wavish for their supreme organisation, Blaize de Souza for her great help on the night and to our brilliant host, MC and Bingo Caller extraordinaire, Graeme Sievwright. Rachael O'Brien – PTFA chair



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Players of the Day... **Zoe Mena, Michelle Warner** (Hockey), **Ashley Smith, Kate Lim, Molly Brannigan, Mia Beresford-Huey-Kher** (Netball), **Scarlett Hill, Thomas Duff, Jan Andrea, Jonathan Ichwansyah, James Straka** (Soccer), **George Pidgeon, James Straka, Aaron Jayasekera** (Basketball), **Kate Bolland, Mia Beresford-Huey-Kher, Molly Brannigan** (Flippaball), **Jackson Smith, Rebecca Robertson** (Rippa). Also to... **Yasmeena Falla** (Dance), **George Pidgeon** (Swimming), **Kate Bolland** (Brownies Art Badge).

COMMUNITY NOTICES...

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

Mention this offer to your ASB banker when you apply for your new home loan. Your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019.

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Once you loan is fully drawn down, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school.