

# Newsletter – Week 5, Term 3 21 August 2018

Kia Ora Whanau

*Hapaitia te ara tika pumau ai te  
rangatiratanga mo nga uri whakatipu.*

*Foster the pathway  
of knowledge to strength, independence  
and growth for future generations.*



Last Wednesday many teachers participated in Industrial Action in order to gain better working conditions and better pay. I understand that this was inconvenient for our families but wish to thank you for the emails, baking, chocolate and support posters received. Our teachers and staff were very appreciative.

On Tuesday evening Miss Binns and I attended the 'Kids Sing' choir competition at the Town Hall. This is the first time that St John's has entered this prestigious competition. Led by the talented and amazing Mrs Mountjoy, our children performed to an incredibly high standard. We attained a silver award and Mrs Mountjoy received the Conductors Professional Development Award. Once again I was so proud of our school.

Mrs Dorrington our Sports Co-ordinator is doing such a great job organising our school sport. Last Thursday our Year 3, 4, 5, & 6 Ripa teams played their final game of the Inter-Schools tournament. We had some very good wins and excellent sportsmanship. Many thanks to Mrs Dorrington and the parent coaches and managers.

Viki Trainor – Principal

## KIDS SING

On Tuesday 14th August 2018 a group of our Year 5 and 6 students, along with 15 other Auckland primary school choirs, participated in the Kids Sing competition at Auckland Town Hall, held by the New Zealand Choral Foundation.

During the afternoon our Choir, led by Mrs Mountjoy, sang three competition numbers: Ka Waiata Kia Maria, I'se The B'y and Three Fine Ships. In the evening, many parents and friends came along to the Gala Performance featuring many of the schools, including St John's.

Our wonderful Choir was awarded a Silver certificate for their performance and our very own Mrs Mountjoy won the Conductor's Professional Development Award, a high accolade recognising her talent and potential as a conductor. So richly deserved. We are so proud of you all!



## CAPITAL E-STORY



Story Studio LIVE came to our school last Friday, presenting an interactive show to Years 3-6. The aim of the show was to highlight ways that literacy can come alive. Sharing some technical tricks of how sound effects are produced for radio shows, we all joined in noise-making fun with our students and teachers providing some of the sound effects used when they presented two different stories. These stories were selected from a collection written by New Zealand children.

## YOU ARE INVITED TO A BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Please join us at 10.30am Mass at St Francis de Sales Church this coming Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> August to celebrate St Francis' Church 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Please stay after the Mass for a children's treasure hunt, tea, coffee, birthday cake, savouries and celebrations.



## RIPPA TOURNAMENT

Last week our St John's Rippa teams took part in the last of the Inter-School Rippa Rugby Tournaments in this competition. Fortunately the weather held out, the teams played well and showed good sportsmanship. Overall it was a good day and I wish to thank all the parent helpers who coached and managed the teams and for the great parent supporter on the sidelines for all our games. Our results were as follows.

Karen Dorrington – Sports Co-ordinator

### Year 3 & 4 Ravens – Girls

vs. Mairangi Bay Drew 5 – 5  
vs. Campbells Bay Pink Lost 9 – 3  
vs. Murrays Bay Lost 8 – 7

### Year 3 & 4 Titans – Boys (Blue)

vs. Browns Bay Blue Lost 6 – 4  
vs. Torbay Green Won 6 – 4  
vs. Albany Yellow Won 11 – 9

### Year 3 & 4 Jets – Boys (Red)

vs. Albany Black Lost 10 – 7  
vs. Torbay Grey Drew 7 – 7  
vs. Sherwood White Won 12 – 9

### Year 5 & 6 Panthers – Girls

vs. Oteha Valley Drew 3 – 3  
vs. Mairangi Bay White Lost 9 – 8  
vs. Long Bay Lost 9 – 3

### Year 5 & 6 Falcons – Boys (Blue)

vs. Campbells Bay Red Lost 10 – 6  
vs. Upper Harbour Blue Won 4 – 3  
vs. Torbay Navy ??

### Year 5 & 6 Vikings – Boys (Red)

vs. Upper Harbour Black Won 5 – 2  
vs. Torbay Orange Won 5 – 1  
vs. Torbay Maroon Lost 8 – 4



## FABULOUS DAD'S DAY OUT

Please keep an eye out for your personalised invitation coming home with your children today.



## STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Student Led Conferences will be held on **Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> September**. School will finish at 12 noon and conferences will begin at 1.00pm. There will be no school buses running on this Thursday. Bookings will be available every 15 minutes. There will be two families circulating the room at one time. When you arrive at the classroom with your child, the classroom teacher will be there to greet you and help you begin. Your child will then show you their work and will move to stations set up around the classroom. You will have 15 minutes in the room with your child as they share examples of their learning. You can ask your child questions and join in activities they may show you. The children will need to come to school in their uniform to conduct the Student Led Conference.

Bookings can be made online at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)  
with our case sensitive code being **txpca**



School Fee statements for Term 3 came home via children in the first week of term. Thank you for the prompt payments that have been received before the due date of 15<sup>th</sup> August. If you have any queries relating to your account please contact, in confidence, either Michele Nash, Principal's PA who looks after this area of office admin [michelen@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz](mailto:michelen@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz) or ring Michele make to make a time to see Viki Trainor.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Players of the Day... **Nikayla Smith, Libby Simpson, Elena Rotaeché** (Netball), **DeAngelo Alsabie, James Vaughan** (Soccer), **Ted Sagar, Libby Simpson** (Rippa). Also to... **James Vaughan** (Gymnastics), **Molly Brannigan** (Dance).

## COMMUNITY NOTICES...

**Beginning Experience Grief Resolution Weekend Retreat.** Widowed, Separated or Divorced? The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization with the motto a "Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change". The retreat will help you work through your painful loss. The participants find new hope, increased emotional health and renewed energy. Date Friday evening 5 – 7 October Sunday afternoon. Cost \$295 or early bird price of \$245 if paid by 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Includes accommodation, meals and materials. Contact Carol Tel: 022-089-0458 or leave message on (09)360-3054. Visit [www.beginningexperience.org.nz](http://www.beginningexperience.org.nz)

## GALA PROGRESS TO DATE

Once again we've had a fantastic response from parents signing up to help with the Gala. Most leader roles are filled, and we have a large number of helpers on board too. Further down the track we will need a few more sorters and on the day helpers, however we have made huge progress and planning and organising is well underway. The Gala Committee is leading the way with the help of the PTFA; a big thanks to these people for their work so far.

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## CALL FOR SPONSORSHIP AND DONATIONS

To ensure we have a successful Gala, we heavily rely on sponsorships, donations or even donated cash.

If you have an employer, a friend, a business contact, anyone that might be interested in investing in our community and our children, please fill out details on the below slip and return the slip to your teacher or the school office.

There will be widespread exposure for their company via our Gala Facebook page, Gala website, and Gala newsletters & flyers and in the Gala programme.

There are a number of ways in which sponsors can assist:

- Donation of PRIZES\* for Silent Auction, Live Auction, Quick Fire Raffle and Tombola. *(If you are unsure of what these activities are, please visit the Gala website for a description).*
- Donation of PRODUCTS eg. food items for food stalls
- Donation of SERVICES eg. equipment hire
- Sponsorship of STALLS, ACTIVITIES or ENTERTAINMENT
- Monetary donation to assist with the SET-UP COSTS

\*Donated prizes can include products, services, gift vouchers or experiences.

If you have any queries, please email the Gala Committee:  
[sjmb.gala@gmail.com](mailto:sjmb.gala@gmail.com)



## GALA TIMELINE TERM THREE

11 weeks to go:

- Newsletter - Progress, sponsorship/donation form

8 weeks to go (mid September):

- Flyer #1: lucky envelopes, chocolate blocks, wrapped lollies

7 weeks to go:

- Flyer #2: garden & preserves. Calendar packs sent home.

6 weeks to go:

- Flyer #3: fill the container (2nd hand books, toys, white elephant), final call for Auction item donations.

**\*\*SCHOOL HOLIDAYS\*\***

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL GALA | FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2018

Email: [sjmb.gala@gmail.com](mailto:sjmb.gala@gmail.com) | Website: <http://stjohnsgala.weebly.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsSchoolGALA>

## GALA SPONSORSHIP & DONATION RETURN SLIP

Your Name:

Phone:  Mobile:

Email:

Company Name(s):

Notes:

1000 House Points!

# ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL PTFA NEWS

Term 3 – 21 August 2018

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### 2018 PTFA CALENDAR

**TUESDAY, 28 AUGUST, 7PM**

*PTFA meeting*

**MONDAY, 10 SEPT**

*School fun run*

*Save-a-date, 11th Sept*

**TUESDAY, 25 SEPT, 7pm**

*PTFA meeting*

**And watch out for:**

**FRIDAY, 9 NOVEMBER, 4pm**

*St John's School Gala — see enclosed flyer for more details.*

Welcome to the latest edition of PTFA News and hasn't the term kicked off in style! Thanks to all of you that joined us for the parents night on the 10th of August. So many great costumes, table themes and of course... BINGO! Huge thanks must go to Gemma Wavish and Jo Sievwright for arranging the evening and of course to Graeme Sievwright. It is a real skill to make calling out a long list of numbers so amusing. Huge thanks also go to Rebekah Saxon for her organisation of the Term 2 Dad's Pies fundraiser — see photos overleaf.

The revised PTFA Constitution was approved by the Committee in June. This has established a set of funding criteria that are used to guide PTFA spending choices. In summary, the opportunity should meet three of the following criteria:

1. Provides for educational, social, cultural, religious or sporting needs.
2. Relates to expansion and evolution, rather than correction or maintenance.
3. Cost is contained and does not create a substantial ongoing cost.
4. Clear benefit for St John's students. Staff and family also a consideration.
5. Builds relationships between staff, students and parents/caregivers.
6. 25% of students benefit immediately, or through life of opportunity.

Decisions on the events we run and the things we choose to support are made at our monthly meeting so if you'd like to contribute please come along.

The school Fun Run will be held on Monday, 10th September and we are using this event to raise funds for the revitalised playground. The Gala Committee are also in full swing for another fantastic year end community event. See the Gala Newsheet including with this newsletter for how you can get involved.

Our 'meet the PTFA' series continues in this newsletter.....

*Hi, I'm Brianna (Brie) Hill, the new Secretary of the St John's PTFA. My eldest daughter Scarlett is a Year One in Room 12, although our family's involvement with the school goes back much further as my husband, Simon, was a student here and my mother-in-law a teacher for many years. Although new to the PTFA, I am really enjoying the opportunity to be part of the school community and contribute to the schools growth and improvement plans that will benefit our children now and the children to come in the future.*



Join our 'St. John's Mairangi Bay PTFA' Facebook group. It's a great way to stay informed.

**WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF HELPERS FOR VARIOUS SCHOOL EVENTS (SAUSAGE SIZZLES, DISCO NIGHTS, FUN RUN MARSHALLING ETC). IF YOU'RE KEEN TO HELP OUT—IN ANY WAY—PLEASE GET IN TOUCH**

**Contact: Rachael O'Brien (Chair) M: 027 8757095 E: rachobrien@gmail.com**

## FUNDS RAISED

## FUNDS SPENT ON...

Dad's Pies	\$2,162	Netball uniforms	\$1,376
Advertising income (newsletter shells)	\$612	Ice-blocks for St John the Baptist Feast Day	\$281
		Sausages (donated for Ronald McDonald House)	\$184



### Who ate all the pies...? You did!

Thank you to everyone that supported our Dad's Pies Wintertime Fundraiser. The hall filled up quickly on delivery day... and was emptied of pies almost as fast as children and parents collected their purchases. Through your great efforts we raised \$2,162 towards the revitalised school playground. Woo-hoo!!!

## FUN RUN — Monday, 10th September

The sound of fast little feet is echoing around St John's as the children start training for the annual School Fun Run/Cross Country. The interschool cross country team is selected from this event and they represent St John's at the Super-Cluster Cross Country (Tear 4 up) later in the term. This year the run introduces some inter-house competition and is a key fundraiser for the revitalisation of our school playground. Each child is asked to seek sponsorship for completing the run from friends and family. Last years' event contributed substantially to the Library upgrade so we need your support again to make this a successful event.



This year, fundraising will be operated 'in-house' to allow the school community to retain the majority of the money raised. You can choose to fundraise the old fashioned way (manually) or online via [www.everydayhero.com/nz](http://www.everydayhero.com/nz), or using a combination! Everydayhero service fees are approximately 7-8% from the donation made to the platform. The donor can choose to add the service fee to their donation.

To set up an Everydayhero page linked to St John's, please follow these steps:

1. Go online and search for [www.everydayhero.com/nz](http://www.everydayhero.com/nz)
2. Enter 'St John's Mairangi Bay' into the search function on the Everydayhero home page.
3. Click on the school once it is found on the site.
4. Click 'start fundraising' and enter your child's or families details. The created page will link to St John's, but allows you to send a personalised message to friends and family and keep track of the support you receive.

More information on the return of funds back to school will come through your CLP at a later date.

In the meantime let's get running and raising funds for the benefit of our children and the community!

