

Newsletter – Week 8, Term 3 11 September 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.*

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My husband, Glenn and I were so blessed to be able to attend Mass at St John's on Sunday to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion with so many of our school families. The children looked magnificent and were so reverent. I wish the children and their families God's blessings as they further commit to their faith journey.

Fun Run

Yesterday all of our children took part in our PTFA Fun Run. We were very lucky that the weather was kind to us. The children dressed in their house colours, ran in their age groups and were fantastic competitors. They cheered each other on with real St John's passion and

sportsmanship. Blue house were the winners on the day and received the inaugural Fun Run House Competition Trophy, but I think even more importantly to the children was the ice block they all received from the PTFA! Many thanks to the PTFA and their merry band of helpers, also to our highly organised sports co-ordinator Mrs Dorrington who insured that all went smoothly on the day. The children and staff had an awesome day and all funds raised will go toward our current PTFA project of improving the safety matting of the playground and a new junior playground.

Viki Trainor – Principal



BEST FOOT FORWARD – 18th to 20th September

The Year 5 and 6 children are working hard to bring this musical to our school stage. It will be a team effort with singing and dancing and music to get your feet tapping. It is a lot of hard work and demands commitment and perseverance from all the children and staff. If you are a parent of a Year 5 and 6 child, encourage them and support them to 'Be the Best They Can Be' in this school activity.

You are all invited to attend and enjoy the show with **tickets on sale from the school office** \$15 adults, \$7.00 children. Fill out the form available from the school website or office.

PTFA FUN RUN

Thank you to Mrs Dorrington for her excellent organisation of the day and thank you to all the teachers, parents and helpers that supported the children during the run. An overwhelming thank you to all those families that have assisted the children to find sponsors for their running efforts.

Fundraising money can be returned to the office. Please place your sponsorship form and cash in an envelope with your child's name, room number and house colour on the outside. If you'd prefer to direct credit your funds, then please lodge these to the PTFA bank account (12-3042-0268412-000) again using your child's name, room number and house colour as a reference. Any questions please email Rachael at rachobrien@gmail.com



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION †

On Sunday some of our children celebrated their First Holy Communion. We keep the children and their families in our prayers and pray that the memory of this special celebration will remain with them forever.



Alexander Al Sammak, Presley Anderson, Glenn Augenstein, Jamie Beckett, Sean Billings, Kate Bolland, Rico Bonnici, Liam Buckley, Danielle Bull, Dominic Chan, Reese Chilek, Matias Cornelio Garcia, Jay Edwards-Murray, Zac Edwards-Murray, Santiago Falla, Eva Ferguson, Tala Goddard, Yan-Jen Halpin, Santiago Lavender De La Garza.

CANS FOR CHRISTMAS – MUFTI DAY

This Friday 14th September, we will be having a mufti day at school. Children are asked to please bring in a can for St. Vincent de Paul and the Mercy Hospice. Many other Catholic Schools from Auckland, Wanganui, Wanaka and Alexandra are participating in this and last year 19,000 cans were collected. Cans for Christmas is a registered Charitable Trust and we look forward to contributing to those in need.

God's Blessing, Laura Baddeley - Director of Religious Studies



GYMNASTICS TRIP

What an incredible trip the Pupuke team had to North Harbour Gymnastics. We were engaged for the whole three hours and participated in a variety of activities at the gym. It was so great to see many of us conquering fears, taking risks and supporting each other to give new things a go!



JUNIOR WINTER NETBALL PRIZEGIVING

Friday 14th September at 3pm, School Hall. Coaches /Managers to bring your **pins & certificates** for presentation to the girls. Players/parents, **bring a plate** for afternoon tea. The hall will be open from 2.30pm to drop off goodies. We look forward to a wonderful celebration with you all at the end of the Winter season.

SPRING NETBALL REGISTRATION

Registration forms for Spring Netball were distributed to Year 1 to 4 classes last week. Forms and payment are due by Monday, 17th September. Forms are also available on the school website under Sports.

MISSING!

Girls tunic (size 10) and winter shirt (size 8) all cleared labelled 'Lila Gilchrist'. Please check your daughter's uniform and PE bags as a matter of urgency.

If found please return to the school office – no questions asked.

SCHOOL BUSES

With the upcoming change to the Northern Bus Network on 30th September some School Buses may be affected. At this stage there is no information from Auckland Transport but we will be sure to update you as soon as this becomes available. Alternatively see AT.govt.nz/northschoolbuses.

ATTENDANCE DUES 2019

The Board has received notice from the Auckland Diocese that Attendance Dues will be raised by \$2.50 per term in 2019. This means that for next year they will be \$110 per term.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

PLAYERS OF THE DAY... Zander Glinkowski, Conrad Grayson, DeAngelo Alsabie (Basketball), Reese Chilek (Soccer), Ruby Lockwood, Thea Straka, Charlotte McKewen (Netball), Ruby Lockwood, Charlotte McKewen (Flippaball). **SEASON AWARDS ...** Rebecca Robertson, Angus Grayson (Rugby), Charlotte Moore (Netball), **7th Grade Windsor Wolves** Jude Hames, Liam Sayegh, Francisco Boxall, Niko Davis, Jayden Ip, Vasken Wartanian, Warren Yhang, **6th Grade Albany Falcons** Isaac O'Brien, Jonathan Ichwansyah, Evangeline Chilek, Wren Chilek, Cooper Stevenson, James Straka, Joseph Howard, Eowyn Walsh (Soccer), **St John's Blossoms**, 3rd Ellie Hasler, Mia Williams, Charlotte Moore, Chloe Barrett, Althea Arnesto, Molly Brannigan, Orla Watson, Caitlin McKemmish (Netball). **ALSO TO...** Lily Ibrahim, Charlotte Moore (Swimming), Lily Ibrahim (Piano), Wren Chilek, Evangeline Chilek (Gymnastics)

COMMUNITY NOTICES...

Life Education Great Quiz Night, Friday 21st September, 7pm, \$25. To reserve a table please Email: greatquiz@rotarytakapunanorth.co.nz or Contact Murray Pearson, Tel: 021 644 442 or Christine Meyer, Tel: 0274 996 158. **Kelly Sports Holiday Programme** 1st – 12th October www.kellysports.co.nz

The Conscious Kids Social Enterprise is inviting your children to a 100% play-in-nature school holiday programme. The programme will run during the two weeks of the Spring Holidays at Long Bay Park (1st - 5th and 8th-12th October), at a cost of \$60 per day or \$270 for the whole week. Daily programmes run from 9 am to 4 pm and are designed for children aged 5 - 12 yrs. old. For booking and more information, please visit <http://www.consciouskids.co.nz>. **AUT Holiday Programme** 1st – 12th October, www.gym.aut.ac.nz/kids, ages 5-12yrs.

FEED A HUNGRY KIWI KID

There's nothing like banding together for a cause and even more heart-warming is seeing children helping other children - what a great learning experience.

On the last day of this term, Friday 28th September we would like to encourage as many families as possible to join us in supporting Eat My Lunch (www.eatmylunch.nz) reach their goal of giving their one millionth lunch to a Kiwi school child.

Eat My Lunch Schools Day - Buy a Lunch and feed a Kiwi kid in need
When: Last day of term - Friday 28 September 2018



More information to follow regarding the ordering process.