

# Newsletter – Week 10, Term 3 25 September 2018

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## ***Pope Francis on Joy and Humour*** (an extract from Gaudete et Exsultate)

Christian joy is usually accompanied by a sense of humour. With the love of a Father, God tells us  
“My son treat yourself well... do not deprive yourself of a happy day (Sir 14:11.14)  
God wants us to be positive, grateful and uncomplicated.

### **Term 3 break**

Unbelievably, this is the last week of Term 3! We have had such a fantastic term with so many wonderful shows, trips, and sporting achievements. I am sure the children are ready for a break. I know our team is really looking forward to recharging their batteries in preparation for an exciting Term 4. I wish you all a happy break.

### **Best Foot Forward**

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 children for their magnificent performance in our school production, 'Best Foot Forward'. The show ran over three nights and was a huge success. Thank you to all the teachers, staff and helpers who made this event possible.



### **Carpark**

Kids Choice, our afterschool care providers, are using a cone to secure a parking space in our car park by the turning circle. Our cleaners also use this car park, as do visitors working in our school, health nurses, dental nurses, and sometimes teachers if the staff parking area by the admin office is full. I do understand that parking is at a premium and I really appreciate your understanding of this as Kids Choice is doing a great job for our community.  
Viki Trainor – Principal

### **ONLINE SCHOOL SHOP – coming soon!**

We are excited to let you know about our Kindo online school shop, which will be opening in Term 4. You will be able to pay for the majority of your child's school needs online through an easy, user friendly website. Our online shop will be open 24/7 – and will be our preferred method of payment for trips, sports, additional activities – in fact anything other than school fee. It's never been easier – pay anywhere, anytime!

**Further information coming in Term 4, please look out for it.**

### **AUCKLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CHESS TOURNAMENT 2018**



Last Wednesday two teams of St John's chess players attended the Auckland Catholic Schools Chess Tournament for 2018. It was hosted by St Paul's School in Massey. We learnt so much during the day and look forward to sharing with others who currently meet together on Thursday lunchtimes for our school Chess Club. We have lots of new tricks and moves now and can coach the others in preparation for next year's competition. In the future we hope to purchase competition grade timers and clocks.  
Tania Davey – Chess Club Co-ordinator



## FEED A HUNGRY KIWI CHILD

As part of our ongoing outreach we are excited to be supporting the Eat My Lunch Schools Challenge.



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

Buy a healthy, delicious school lunch for just \$10 and another child, who would not normally have anything to eat, is provided with lunch. We encourage as many families as possible to get behind this wonderful idea and help Eat My Lunch give their One Millionth lunch.

## **ORDERS DUE Before WEDNESDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 5.00pm**

The flyer with ordering instructions was included in last week's newsletter.  
Copies are available from the school website and office.

## PTFA

### **Gala focused PTFA meeting tonight, 7pm in the staffroom.**

All stallholders, interested helpers and members please join us for drinks and nibbles. We'll work through any Gala questions or requirements and provide an overview of the day and plans so far.

## NOTICE TO YEAR 5 PARENTS

Please diary this date now... on **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> November** there will be an information evening about Year 6 Camp in 2019. It is essential that at least one parent/caregiver for each child attend the meeting.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – Shoebox appeal

The national collection for 'Operation Christmas Child' has begun. This year we will be supporting this appeal again by filling shoeboxes to send to impoverished children around our world. Samaritan's Purses' - Operation Christmas Child, uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Please see the display in the office foyer for more information if you would like to support this great cause. Laura Baddeley - Director of Religious Studies



## MISSION FAIR

Our Annual School Mission Fair will be on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** (Week 1, Term 4). The money raised will go to support the work of the Fred Hollows Foundation NZ.

The Fred Hollows Foundation NZ works in the Pacific Islands, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste where four out of five people who are blind don't need to be; their condition is preventable or treatable. They restore sight to the needlessly blind and train local eye health specialists to provide eye care services in their own communities.

We begin our Mission Day Fair at 11.15am – this includes games, activities and raffles prepared by the children for the children. They pay to participate in the games and for this they will need 10¢ and 20¢ coins. Please prepare for this as change is not available from the school office.

The spirit of the day is one of giving to those who are not as well off as we are. We have encouraged the children to do little jobs at home to earn money to bring and spend and donate. Children are invited at the end of the fair to contribute 'left-over' money to the fundraising effort. Please feel free to speak to your children about the spirit of the day as being one of giving to others.

**Children can wear mufti during our Mission Day at the cost of a gold coin donation.  
There will be a sausage sizzle at lunchtime kindly sponsored by the PTFA. Sausages \$1.00**



The certificates and reports for Writing and English have been sent home and we eagerly await the results for Mathematics. Well done to all students who participated. Special mention to Ryan Percy – Distinction in Writing, along with Zachary Walpert and Oscar Reade – High Distinction in English.

## SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE



With your support we would love to establish a fruit grove at St John's for use by the school and parishioners.

### **To make this work we are seeking donations of small fruit trees or vines.**

These will eventually have the donors name recognised with a small plaque once the trees are established. If you can help us please name and leave your plant outside the school office under cover. Any questions please contact Jo Ramsay on 021 473 776 or jor@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz. Thank you.

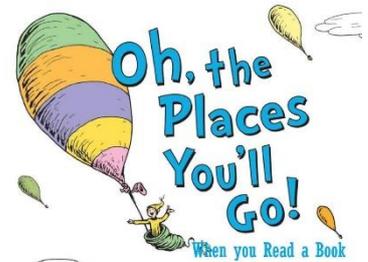
## LITERATURE FESTIVAL 2018

In Term 4, week 2 we will be holding our annual Literature Festival with a week full of fun activities plus a Scholastic Book Fair.

There will be a Book Character Dress Up day on **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October**. Children should dress up as their favourite book character. This can be done as simply as possible. It is a fun activity, as opposed to a 'stressful challenge' for parents. The children can come to school in their dress-up and either stay in it all day or get changed into their uniform after Assembly.

If at all possible, it would be wonderful if the children could complete one or more of the following activities during the school holidays. Items will be on display in the School Hall for viewing on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> October during the afternoon.

- Dioramas
- Character Drawings
- Bookmarks (handmade, computer)
- Paper Doll Characters (template available online)
- Poem about a book
- Book Jacket



Chantelle Dunn - Librarian

## LOST PROPERTY

The blue lost property bin in our sick bay is overflowing with items of clothing, water bottles, sports balls etc. We endeavour to return items that are clearly labelled, however, at the end of this week unnamed items left in the bin will be donated to the PTFA second hand uniforms for resale and all non-school clothing, footwear and other items will be donated to charity.

## REMINDERS

You are reminded that:

- **School closes for Term 3 at the usual time on Friday and re-opens on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> October.**
- The changeover to summer uniform takes place from the beginning of Term 4. Due to the fluctuating weather there will be a period when either summer or winter uniform can be worn, however, all the children should be in summer uniform for the second week of Term 4, beginning Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Please note that for this optional period, the children should wear either the existing summer uniform or the complete winter uniform which includes winter shoes.
- **Week 2, Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October is Labour Day, a Public Holiday.**

**Hats** - These are a compulsory item and must be worn by the children during Terms 1 and 4. Hats must be the standard uniform hats which can be purchased from NZ Uniforms from 1<sup>st</sup> October.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The next second hand uniform sale is scheduled for Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> October in the School Hall. This sale will feature summer uniform items that will be required for Term 4. Hats are not sold for health reasons. Please send in any items you would like 'sold on behalf' as soon as possible.

## CLASS AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS – Tuesday, 23<sup>RD</sup> October (Term 4, Week 2)

**Family Photographs** If you wish to have your children photographed as a family please go to the office to collect a 'Sibling Photo Request' form so that the children can be photographed together. No family will be photographed without this form which should be completed and returned to the school office by end of school day on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October. Sibling photograph packs (12 items for \$30) can be ordered and paid for, in due course, in the same way as the individual and class photos.

## NETBALL SUCCESS

Many congratulations to our Junior Netballers who all placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall for their respective grades in the Kidzplay Winter Netball League.

### Year 2, Sunflowers (Tawa Grade)

Amelie Phelps, Kanossa Premkumar, Bonnie Davey, Gianna Buhmann, Megan Billings, Katrina Gayed, Roxelle Feng. Manager: Jade Mitchell, Coach: Vicky Billings

### Year 3 Blossoms (3A Grade)

Caitlin McKemmish, Charlotte Moore, Chloe Barrett, Ellie Hasler, Mia Williams, Molly Brannigan, Orla Watson, Althea Arnesto. Manager: Kristina Williams, Coach: Kylie Hasler.

### Year 3 Bluebells (3C Grade)

Emma Neill, Bella Yhang, Olive Sagar, Ashley Smith, Sophia Zhao, Imari Chua, Ashlyn Stevens. Manager: Jane Kinsella-Neill, Coaches: Tilly Freeman and Ella Russell



## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**PLAYERS OF THE DAY...** Vivienne Wright (Netball), Daniel Buckley, Oscar Reade, Aaron Jayasekera (Basketball), Katrina Gayed (Flippaball). **SEASON AWARDS ...** Yazen Nakasha, Jude Hames, Charlie Rice, Bonnie Rice (Soccer). **ALSO TO...** Reese Chilek, Evangeline Chilek, Wren Chilek, Ashlyn Stevens (Gymnastics), Charlie Rice (Taekwondo).

## CORRECTION

With apologies, a number of children who received their First Holy Communion were omitted from the list published in the newsletter on 11<sup>th</sup> September. We keep *all* 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, Mark Andrea, Glenn Augenstein, Jamie Beckett, Sean Billings, Kate Bolland, Rico Bonnici, Liam Buckley, Danielle Bull, Naomi Casio Lee, Dominic Chan, Reese Chilek, Matias Cornelio Garcia, Jay Edwards-Murray, Zac Edwards-Murray, Santiago Falla, Eva Ferguson, Tala Goddard, Yan-Jen Halpin, Jeremy Howard, Aidan Hutchinson, Loretta Kako, Santiago Lavender De La Garza, Juliana Lee, Charlotte McKewen, Zoe Mena, Elizabeth O'Brien, Clara Park, Ryan Percy, Shaun Perera, Lachlan Phelps, Celia Poledniok, Karney Prendergast, Oscar Reade, Cody Rummel, Jacob Sampson, Lily Saxon, Connor Sievwright, Cameron Simpson, Holly Straka, Callum Smytheman, Oliver Thomas, Rhys Walker, Michelle Warner, Sophie Wavish, Berenika Widera, Vivienne Wright.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES...

**St Leo's Catholic School** are celebrating their **125th Jubilee** on Sunday, 11 November 2018, beginning with a celebration of Mass at 11am and followed by lunch, entertainment and a mix and mingle. We invite any past pupils, families or staff to help us celebrate. Bookings can be made on the website [trybooking.co.nz/LN](http://trybooking.co.nz/LN) and more information is available on the facebook page **St Leo's Catholic 125th School Jubilee**

**Dr Stuart Shanker, D.Phil (Oxon Distn)**, psychologist and philosopher (Professor in both disciplines at Trent University, Toronto) is presenting "Self-Regulation" in three seminars at **Kristin School 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018**. Each Seminar covers a different topic. His approach is firmly based on the very latest neuroscientific research and he is a compelling speaker. His material is nothing short of a paradigm revolution in teaching, parenting and motivating students. He reveals the nature and causes of the rampant stress and anxiety in our society & teaches ways to help students calm their minds and bodies so that they maximise their attentiveness, concentration and motivation so they can learn at their optimal best. Of course this has a potent effect of markedly reducing student anxiety and stress.