

Newsletter – Week 1, Term 4

16 October 2018

Kia ora whanau

Welcome back to Term 4. Hope you managed a nice break with your children in the sunshine. We have a very busy and exciting term ahead of us with Literature Week, summer sports, the Junior Nativity show and of course Year 6 graduation. Keep an eye on the newsletter for more information as these events draw closer.

Curriculum

This term our Inquiry based learning concept is 'Global World'. The children will be guided through the Inquiry learning process to delve deeper into the world around them. The children will gain an understanding of future focused issues and realise that their voice can influence others and impact the future.

The school value that we will focus on in Term 4 is 'COMMUNITY' – be a contributor. This value integrates perfectly with the concept of Global World.

The RE strand of focus for Term 4 is The Communion of Saints. This strand will also provide opportunities for the children to see how the various saints made an impact on our world.

Save the date



Fr. Roy, SJ, Vice Principal of Xavier's College, is here on a visit to meet the Ex-Xavierites. He is a highly trained intellectual who has been invited to speak by the likes of companies such as Google & Harvard. He has given talks all over the globe. He was also invited to deliver TEDX talks where a select few get a chance to present. He holds three Masters Degrees (Chemistry, Philosophy and Theology) and a PHD in Neuroscience!

We are very blessed that St John's School and East Coast Bays Parish will host Father Roy on **Thursday 1st November at 7:00 PM in our School Hall.**

The topic of his talk is **The Neuroscience of Change: Developing Behaviour Patterns for a Life of Abundance (KOHA = gold coin donation)**

Jn 10:10 says "I have come that you may have life in abundance". How do we do this in a stressful, rapidly changing world which does not allow us to even catch our breath? What are the tools at our disposal to fight negativity and chaos in our day to day interactions? Can we change our way of thinking? Can the brain rewire itself? Can we grow new neurons even as adults?

I really urge you to keep this date free so we can come together as a faith community to share in this rare opportunity.

Viki Trainor - Principal

CLASS MASS DATES & CLASSROOM ASSEMBLY LEADERS

MASS - at 9.15am on Wednesday in St John's Church unless indicated otherwise

Date	Wk	Room
Wednesday, 31 st October	3	Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4
Wednesday, 14 th November	5	Rooms 9, 10, 13, 5, 6
Wednesday, 28 th November	7	Reconciliation, Years 4 – 6, 11am
Wednesday, 5 th December	8	Rooms 7, 8, 11, 12
Tuesday, 11 th December	9	Graduation Mass, 11am

ASSEMBLY - at 9.30am on Fridays in the School Hall.

Date	Room	Date	Room
19 October	Mission Fair	26 October	House Captains
2 nd November	Room 9	9 th November	No assembly – GALA
16 th November	House Captains	23 rd November	Room 11
30 th November	Blessing of Advent Wreaths	7 th December	Nativity
14 th December	House Captains		

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All classes will be learning about the Rosary as October is the month of the Rosary. The Rosary is a very special prayer to Mary. It is a prayer that we can say together with our whanau and friends and think about the special life that Mary shared with her son Jesus and what this means for our own lives.

Later this term, all classes will focus on the Communion of Saints strand. In their study of the Communion of Saints, the children will learn about the following:-

- The Communion of Saints as the Church - the living and the dead.
- Whakapapa - genealogy as relating to te whanau a te Atua - family of God.
- Mary, Mother of God, her life and her significance in the life of the Church.
- The Saints and other inspiring people, including people in Aotearoa New Zealand.
- The sanctity of life, the mystery of death, loss and suffering from a hope-filled Christian perspective.
- The Christian belief in judgement and life after death and their relationship to the everyday choices people make.

You can find out more information about the programme by using the online Faith Alive website [<http://www.faithalive.org.nz>] Simply click on the FAMILIES tab and open the pdf file.

DIARY DATES FOR TERM 4

OCTOBER

Thursday, 18 th , 2.30 – 3.00pm	: 2 nd hand uniform sale in the School Hall
Friday, 19 th	: Mission Fair
Monday, 22 nd	: Labour Day – school closed
Tuesday, 23 rd	: Class, Individual, Sibling, Cross Country & Touch Rugby team photographs
Tuesday, 23 rd , 7pm	: PTFA meeting in the staff room
Tuesday, 23 rd – Friday, 26 th	: Literature Festival and Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday, 25 th	: BOT Meeting

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, 6 th	: Carmel and Rosmini Orientation
Thursday, 8 th	: 2019 Year 6 Camp Parent Information Evening
Friday, 9 th	: GALA
Tuesday, 13 th	: Volunteers Thank You morning tea
Monday, 19 th	: School Athletics Day
Tuesday, 20 th , 7pm	: PTFA meeting in the staff room
Friday, 23 rd	: Onepoto Cultural Festival (Senior Kapa Haka)
Monday, 26 th	: Interschool Athletics Day
Wednesday, 28 th	: Years 4 – 6, Reconciliation Mass, 11am
Thursday, 29 th	: Board of Trustees Meeting

DECEMBER

Thursday, 6 th	: Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, 6 th – Friday, 14 th	: Life Education
Tuesday, 11 th	: EOY and Graduation Mass
Monday, 17 th	: Year 6 Birkenhead Pools Trip
Tuesday, 18 th	: Year 6 Graduation Dinner & Dance
Thursday, 20 th	: Last Day of Term, school closes 12.00 noon

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



We are thrilled to say that we ordered and thus gave
108 lunches.

Eat My Lunch smashed through their target and gave their 1 millionth lunch.
Thank you to everyone who supported this, we hope to support Eat My Lunch again.

MISSION FAIR

Our annual School Mission Fair will be **THIS Friday 19th October**. 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 11.00am – 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**

UNIFORM

You are reminded that:

- 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 Tuesday, 23rd 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.

Hats - These are a compulsory item and must be worn by the children during Terms 1 and 4. Hats must be the school uniform hat. For sun safety we recommend the updated design which can be purchased from NZ Uniforms. The older style cap and slouch hat may continue to be worn.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The next second hand uniform sale is scheduled for this **Thursday, 18th October, 2.30 – 3.00pm** 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, 23RD October

Family Photographs If you wish to have your children photographed as a family please come 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, 19th 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

PLAYERS OF THE DAY... Mia Beresford-Huey-Kher (Flippaball), Emma Neill (Touch), Pheonix Mountjoy, The Magic (Basketball). **ALSO TO...** Evangeline Chilek, Maisey Manolas (Gymnastics), DeAngelo Alsabie (Acting), Charlotte Moore (Dance), Scarlett Hill, Vincent Widjaja (Swimming),

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 and more information is available on the facebook page **St Leo's Catholic 125th School Jubilee**

East Coast Parish Children' Christmas Eve Mass Are you aged 7 or older and would you like to have a special role in our **Parish Children's Christmas Eve Mass at St Francis Church on December 24th**? Come along and learn the songs to lead this special celebration and be part of the dramatization of the Nativity story during the mass. Practices will begin in November and will take place on Saturdays from 3.00 – 4.00pm at St Francis Church, Torbay. You will need to be able to commit to approximately six Saturday afternoon practices during the months of November and December. Boys and girls both welcome.
Enquiries – Phone Linda Williams 027 271 5577 or email – lindy@willplan.co.nz

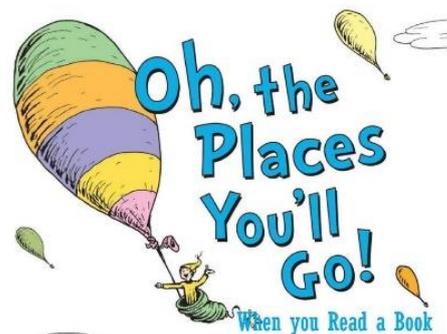
LITERATURE FESTIVAL 2018

'Oh, the Places You'll Go when you Read a Book!'

Next week we will be holding our annual Literature Festival with a week full of fun activities including a Scholastic Book Fair.

Daily events include:

- DEAR Bells (Drop Everything And Read)
- Competitions and Activities in the Library
- Mystery Story Tellers at lunchtime
- Teachers reading their favourite books to different classes
- Teachers Performing Items on stage



During this week we will also have:

- A trip to the Local Library for Middle and Senior Team students
- Stuffed Animal Sleepover for the Junior students
- Author workshops with Dawn McMillan
- Grand Parade
- Display of dioramas, book jackets, bookmarks, character drawings in the school hall
- And a Scholastic Book Fair which runs from Tuesday 23rd October to Friday 26th October

Book Character Dress Up Grand Parade:

On **Friday 26th October**, each child will dress up as their favourite book character. This can be done as simply as possible. It is a fun and motivational 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.

Book Fair:

This will run from **Tuesday 23rd October** until the morning of **Friday 26th October**. Books will be available in the library for you to purchase either for yourself or to donate to the school library. Each book donated will be labelled in the front cover to acknowledge the donor. 30% of the cost of all books purchased will be given to the school for library books.

Visit the Book Fair between 8.45am and 9.30am each morning or 2.30pm to 3.30pm each afternoon. You'll find books for everyone and a list of the children's favourites that they would like for our Library.

Parents will be needed to help with the Book Fair. If you are able to assist, please fill in the form below and return it to school as soon as possible.

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Yes, I am able to lend a hand at the Book Fair. (Please tick options)

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

	Morning (8.45am – 9.30am)	Afternoon (2.30pm - 3.30pm)
Tuesday 23rd October	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday 24th October	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday 25th October	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday 26th October	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**To Parents, Grandparents, relatives and friends of families
who drop off or pick up children at St. John's**

CARPARKING AT ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

There are three alternative carpark areas for you to use.

1.



SCHOOL CARPARK

Access via
East Coast Road going down
the hill from Rangitoto College

2. **CHURCH CARPARK** Access via Hastings Road

Please do not use the Church driveway off East Coast Road.

Please use this carpark for long term parking only if you are using the Church or staying on at school after you have dropped your children off.

For short term drop off and pick up of children, parents are asked to use the School Carpark or the school side of St. Ives, Penzance or Hastings Roads.



3.



Hastings Road



Penzance Road



St. Ives Terrace

Children are not allowed in the carparks unless accompanied by an adult.

CHURCH CARPARK

Children wait on top court and must be collected from there.

PENZANCE / HASTINGS / ST IVES

Children wait at Penzance Road front gate and must be collected from there.

SCHOOL CARPARK

Children will wait in the carpark shelter.

Parents using the No Parking Pick Up / Drop Off Circular Zone

Children will be able to move to your car via the footpath at the instruction of the Duty Teacher. If using this service you are **not permitted to leave your car**.

SOME FINAL MATTERS

1. Cars are prohibited from parking in the circular drop off and pick up area of the School Carpark and along the driveway to the carpark.
2. Please obey the signs and yellow 'No Parking' lines.
3. Drive slowly and safely in all carpark areas.
4. Use the DISABLED park only if you can display a disability parking pass.
5. Access to the school via the Penzance Road entrance is prohibited.
6. The School Carpark will be closed after 4pm and on the weekends. Church weekend access is via Penzance Road as will weekday traffic after 4pm.

SCHOOL CAR PARK AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES



THE CIRCLE

- There is space for 6 cars in the circle. Cars are to move forward to fill all 6 spaces.
- Parking is not allowed in the circle area.
- As cars leave the circle, move forward to the front of the circle; The circle should always be full.
- 'After School Care' vans park in a parking space while waiting for the children.
- Drivers should not exit their vehicle to assist children getting into their vehicle. If your child needs assistance to put on a seat belt, you will need to park in a parking space and collect your child. The reason for this is that it causes a hold up and back log of traffic along the length of the driveway and onto East Coast Road.



PARKING

- It's best to arrive at school between 2.30 – 2.45pm to get a park.
- Fill car parks from the top (near circle) back. Do not leave gaps, as these will be difficult for others to access once the queue moves into the car park.
- If you arrive at school after 2.45pm, please join the queue, or find alternative parking.



THE QUEUE

- If you arrive at school prior to 2.45pm, and the circle is full, and you are not parking, stop and queue just before the car parks begin.
- The car park is usually mostly full by 2.45pm. Therefore the queue can at that time move forward to join the queue at the circle. If the front car parks are filled earlier, cars in the queue can move forward.
- No pushing in/cutting in front of first car in back queue [★] unless parking.
- Those in the queue, please keep in mind those queued right back to the entrance, so move forward as soon as is appropriate prior to 2.45pm, and definitely after 2.45pm.



DRIVING OUT

- Cars driving in (queuing) please be aware of parked cars wanting to leave and leave room for them to do so.

