

# Newsletter – Week 4, Term 4

## 6 November 2018

Kia ora Whanau

*“The love of God is the supreme commandment. It should be clear logically that the love of God is the bottom line”* (extract from Daily Prayer 2018)



### **Sad news**

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Mrs Carrie Mercer's husband has passed way after a short illness bravely fought. Mrs Mercer is our lovely teacher in Room 8. We thank our community, staff, parents and children for their ongoing support. Please keep Mrs Mercer and her young family in your thoughts and prayers.

### **Farewell to our Board Chair**

Mrs Jacquie Dabrowski has resigned from our Board of Trustees. Jacquie was our Board Chair and has played an integral role in the success of the Board. I wish to personally thank Jacquie immensely for her commitment to our school. We congratulate Mrs Lyn Ryan who was nominated and has accepted the role of Board Chair for our St John's Board of Trustees.

### **Board of Trustees Community Invite - St John's School Strategic Planning**

If you were unable to attend the meetings last week but would like to share your thoughts you can do so by completing the survey using the link: <https://tinyurl.com/y9khrm5n>

### **Gala**

This Friday we will all come together as a community for our annual twilight Gala. This is a wonderful event and our PTFA work very hard for its success. I know that you will all come and support this major fundraiser.

### **Help required please**

Is anybody able to assist me in putting all the Gala Busking music onto one CD? This is a big job but does make the event run so much smoother. Please email Michele if you are able to help. [michelen@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz](mailto:michelen@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz)

### **Principal for the Day – Gala Raffle**

Our children are very excited about the prospect of sitting in the 'swivel' chair and being Principal for a day. I felt that raffling the opportunity rather than auctioning gave every child an equal opportunity to win so please support this idea and purchase lots of tickets. I promise that the winning Principal will have a day to remember! Tickets for this raffle are only \$2. They are available from Miss Binns or the school office and will be on sale on gala day.

### **Community Evening with Father Roy Pereira**

Our Parish and school community came together last Thursday evening to hear Father Roy Pereira an acclaimed Neuroscientist. I cannot explain how wonderful this evening was. Father encouraged us to reflect on our daily actions – how often are we truly present, how and what we prioritise and how we can bring about change in ourselves for the betterment of our lives. One of the books he suggested, and that I am enjoying, is 'The Power of Now' by Eckhart Tolle. I strongly recommend this read. I also suggest that you take time to 'YouTube' the work of Father Roy Pereira S.J – it is well worth the time and such powerful reflection.

### **Class Placements**

Thank you to all the parents who have supplied us with information that will be helpful for placing children in 2019. We do not anticipate there being significant change other than those requested where possible. The school will make contact should we require any further information.

### **Proposed Strike – School Closure**

NZEI Te Rui Roa has signalled Stop Work Action in the form of full day regional rolling strikes. The strike for the Auckland region has been scheduled for **next Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November**. Formal notification has not yet been issued and may not be issued until later this week. Regardless, it would be prudent for you to start planning for this strike. Once the school receives formal notification an email will be sent to all families.

### **Uniform**

**Hats** – are a compulsory part of school uniform during Terms 1 and 4 and must be worn if children wish to play in the sun. Children without hats will be instructed to play in the shade.

Viki Trainor – Principal

## **MAIRANGI BAY SANTA PARADE – SATURDAY, 24th NOVEMBER**

St John's School have been invited to join the Mairangi Bay Santa Parade again this year. Diary this date. More information to follow.

## **CLASS AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS**

The ordering of Class, Individual & Sports Team photographs will be online as in previous years. This system works on a link to your child's name. After we have approved the proofs each child will be given a 'shoot key' which you use to view and order their photographs online. The shoot key is unique to your child and gives a high level of security; students cannot access other student's photographs, and the system ensures images cannot be 'grabbed' off the internet and printed or posted to social media sites. The school office does not receive any duplicate shoot keys so please look out for them in your children's school bags.

## **SCHOOL FEES**

The last instalment of school fees was invoiced at the beginning of the term and were due 2<sup>nd</sup> November. It would be appreciated if these could be paid on time as there are administrative tasks that need to be completed for the Diocese by the middle of November. Families paying by automatic payment are asked that your payments for the year are complete by Week 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. One page Tax receipts for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, will be available in April 2019. Tax Receipts for Year 6 children finishing at St. John's on 20<sup>th</sup> December are available now or after Term 4 2018 fees have been paid. Any queries, please email Michele – michelen@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz.

## **FFC ACADEMY NZ**



Following the success of the Soccer 'Have a Go Day' in Term 3 and the large uptake of the after school sessions, FFC Academy are returning to St John's this term. A six week programme for all year groups will start on **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November** on the school Turf 3.10pm – 4.10pm. A flyer with information regarding how to register was sent home last week with all children, copies are available from the school office, online at [www.ffcademy.co.nz](http://www.ffcademy.co.nz) or Tel: 021 332 256 and ask for Rudy.

## **CAMP MEETING REMINDER**

**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> November** – 2019 Year 6 (current Year 5) information meeting for Parents, 7pm in the school hall. It is imperative that at least one parent/caregiver attend this meeting.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

As part of preparations for a full stock take children will no longer be issued with books from the School Library from Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November. Please have a good look at home and return any school library books as soon as possible. Items discovered missing following the stock take may be charged for.

## **PARISH NEWS**

- **Parish Pantomime** Sundays 25<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> December – 1.00pm at St John's Church
- **Painting** – to add the final touches we are looking at painting the Parish office over the summer break, please contact Father Raphael if you are able to help.
- **Angel Posties** needed to deliver Parish newsletters closer to Christmas, please call or email the Parish office.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO...**

**PLAYERS OF THE DAY...** Thomas Neill (Basketball), Orlaith Burns, Kate Lim, Anushka Kumaran, Ruby Lockwood, Molly Brannigan, Berenika Widera, Tala Goddard, Rachel Qazanthy, Amina Deles, Libby Woodbury (Netball) Julia Landon (Touch). **ALSO TO...** Molly Brannigan, Kate Lim (Dance), Amina Deles (Gymnastics)

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES...**

**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 24<sup>th</sup>**? 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 on Saturday, 10th November 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. The first practice for will be on Saturday 10 November at 3 pm at St Francis Boys and girls both welcome. Enquiries – Phone Linda Williams 027 271 5577 or email – [lindy@willplan.co.nz](mailto:lindy@willplan.co.nz)

**Homestay Wanted** - We are looking for host families for three weeks starting from 1st February 2019.

If you are able to host during this period and would like to the further information. Please contact James on 021-853-282 or email: [nz.edu@hotmail.com](mailto:nz.edu@hotmail.com)

**Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women**, North Shore warmly invites all women to our November Meeting, Topic: Strengthened by the Spirit (Eph 3:16-17), Speaker: Rita Peterson, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 7.30p.m. - 9.30 p.m., Parish hall, St. Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629, Contact: Sylvia 09 443 7477 or [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz).



TUE 6TH NOVEMBER



3 SLEEPS TO GO!

## LAST MINUTE ITEMS & HELPERS NEEDED

### CAKE STALL

Cake boxes went home with the children last Friday 2nd November. Don't forget to get baking! Please take these items direct to the hall on **Friday morning (Gala Day)**.

### CHILDREN'S MUFTI ON GALA DAY!

There will be a Mufti Day this Friday 9th November as part of the excitement for our Gala Day! Due to so many parent's helping set up on the day, there will be no charge for Mufti Day.



### EQUIPMENT NEEDED

The Gala team are still in need of:

- Gazebos
- Tarpaulins
- Extension Cords
- Chilly Bins

If you can provide, please txt Katrina—021 477 240 (so we know we'll have enough).

Please label with your name, and drop in the back of the school hall either Thursday afternoon, or Friday morning.



### SETTING UP ON THE DAY

Stallholders and anyone who can help with setting up, will be meeting in the School Hall at 9.00am on Friday for a briefing. Everyone welcome, and lunch will be provided for helpers.



### WE ARE STILL GRATEFULLY ACCEPTING ITEMS FOR:

- \$2-\$4 value kids lucky dip items
- \$8+ tombola prizes
- Soft lollies (eg jubes, choc fish, marshmallows etc)
- Fill the Container: used household items, books, toys, broken crockery.

### EFTPOS

There will be an EFTPOS facility available on the night of the Gala. You will be able to make cash withdrawals. It will be located in Room 14. Look out for the sign.

QUERIES TO:  
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