

# Newsletter – Week 6, Term 4 20 November 2018

Kia ora Whanau



*“He rangi tā matawhāiti, he rangi tā matawhānui  
A person with narrow vision has a restricted horizon.  
A person with wide vision has plentiful opportunities”*

We are looking forward to sharing a lovely day with our children and families on Wednesday when we come together for our annual Athletics Day at the AUT Millennium Institute. Please pay particular note to the information in this newsletter including pick up instructions as it is important for our children's safety. Please remember to be sun smart. Most importantly, please pray for fine weather. Should the weather turn out inclement, a decision regarding whether to postpone will be communicated to you all via email as soon as we possibly can on Wednesday.

## Kapa Haka

Our Senior Kapa Haka group performs on Friday at the Onepoto Cultural Festival. Thank you to Mrs Tina Peters and Mrs Cara Mountjoy for their leadership and preparation.

## Strategic Planning

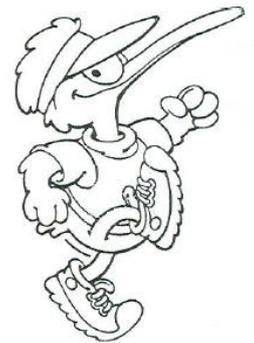
Many thanks to those of you who participated in our Strategic Planning meetings. Your thoughts and contributions are so valued.

Viki Trainor – Principal

## SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY – TOMORROW

Our School Athletics Sports take place next tomorrow at the AUT Millennium Stadium. We will be starting our programme at 9:30am with the 800m event.

**The children will need** their full School PE uniform including sports shoes, which they may wear to school, school sun-hat, a good lunch and drink and **two medium to large safety pins** to attach their House Cards to their shirt.



## SUN SAFETY...

**Slip...** All children must wear their School PE uniform for the day.

**Slop...** Please ensure that your children have sunscreen on before they come to school. Please also provide sunscreen for your child to reapply at lunchtime.

**Slap...** All children must wear their school hat during the day.

**and Drink...** All children need to bring a **named** drink bottle which they will carry around with them for the day. Water is highly recommended to keep the children hydrated during sport.

**End of Sports Day Procedures...** At the end of the sports (approx 2:15pm) the children will assemble on the field in their classes. Parents wishing to take their children home may do so but will need to collect them from the field as the classes are called out. It is important for the teachers to know which children have been taken by parents and which haven't. Please help us in this and follow this procedure. You are reminded that if you wish your children to be collected by someone else, a note **MUST** be given to the class teacher. All other children will return to school and leave from there as normal.



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

St John's School have been invited to join the Mairangi Bay Santa Parade again this year. All St John's families & friends are invited to dress up in nativity theme and join the float. Float meeting point is Mairangi Bay Park, Maxwellton Drive, at 11.30am. Look for the St John's banner. For further information contact Kath Murphy, Tel: 0274 222 709 or murfeast@gmail.com.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NATIVITY – Save the Date

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am in the School Hall, family & friends are welcome to come along and enjoy our Junior School Nativity performance.



## EAT MY LUNCH – Save the Date

Following the success of the children's 'Buy One, Give One' lunch with Eat My Lunch last term we are supporting them again with the Christmas campaign. **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December will be delivery day.** More details regarding ordering to follow.



## *School End-of-Year Mass*

### *and Year 6 Graduation Ceremony*

*Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December  
at 11.00am*

*St. John's Church*

You are all welcome to attend this special Mass as we celebrate the year and thank God for the many blessings we have received.

We also farewell our Year 6 children and wish them well for the next stage of their school life to Year 7 and beyond.

#### **YEAR 5 PARENTS**

A lovely tradition has developed at the school involving the Year 5 parents organising a cup of tea in the Hall for the families of the Year 6 children after the Mass and their Graduation Ceremony.

Year 5 parents will be contacted by email, via the CLP's, asking for assistance with food and help on the day. Many thanks to Sarah Augenstein and Nicola Ritson who are co-ordinating this.

#### **PTFA CHRISTMAS BOOK & GIFT FAIR**

It's time for our last PTFA fundraiser of the year, a new initiative 'The St John's Christmas Book and Gift Fair', running from the afternoon of Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November through to Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

We've worked directly with a supplier to make available a fantastic array of books, fiction and non-fiction; children's and adults; coffee table books; activity books and all at incredible prices. Everything is priced from \$5 to \$20 and everyone is welcome - tell your friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues. We want this to be a roaring success as we make one last effort to gather the funds for our school playground upgrade.



We need a variety of volunteers to collect stock from Albany, set up the hall and man the sale itself. Further details on how you can help and the timing will be included in messages from your CLP in the coming days. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Rachael on 027 875 7095, [rachobrien@ymail.com](mailto:rachobrien@ymail.com) or Brie on 021 369 116, [Brianna@poetryandmotion.co.nz](mailto:Brianna@poetryandmotion.co.nz)

#### **WEETBIX KIDS TRYATHLON**

**Registrations are now open for the 2019 Weetbix Kids TRYathlon.**

The TRYathlon is a fun event for children aged 7-15 years and involves swimming, cycling and running short distances which vary depending on the participant's age.

This is a wonderful event which rewards the children irrespective of ability. It is about getting out there and giving it TRY, with which comes a real sense of achievement and personal pride.

To register and for more information, please go to [www.try.weetbix.co.nz](http://www.try.weetbix.co.nz) or call 0800 WEETBIX.

Early-bird entry before 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019 costs \$40 per child and includes; event T-Shirt, swim cap, gear bag, medal, downloadable certificate and other sponsor goodies.

St John's is registered as a participating school for the Hibiscus Coast event to be held on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Manly Reserve, Whangaparaoa. If you are interested in participating in this event please check "register as part of a school team" box and name "St John's Mairangi Bay" when prompted during the registration process.



As a registered school St John's will be in the draw for some great prizes and the children will be in the draw for one of three spot prizes to be drawn after the event. There'll also be a St John's gazebo set up on the day.

Flyers are available at the office. Any further questions, please contact Leanne Deuchrass at [deuchrassl@gmail.com](mailto:deuchrassl@gmail.com).



## SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL AND KEYS FOR SUMMER USE

The pool will be open for swimming from 26<sup>th</sup> November **unless indicated otherwise by signage at the pool**. You are offered a family key to take advantage of the pool for family swimming. The cost is \$70 for the entire season plus a \$30 key bond [refundable]. The season end is flexible, around 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Keys are numbered and must be returned at the end of the season when the refund of the bond will be given back to you. If keys are not returned by the 29<sup>th</sup> of April following the close of the season, the refund is forfeited as these keys need to be refigured and replaced each year. Keys can be purchased at the school office up until noon, 20<sup>th</sup> December when the office closes for the year.

## GALA RAFFLE TICKETS

These were sent home last week and must all be accounted for. Stubs, monies and unsold tickets should be returned to the school no later than Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December.

## HEARING & VISION TECHNICIANS

A Hearing and Vision Technician will be at school on **Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> November**. Children eligible to be tested include our New Entrants who have not had a B4 School Hearing and Vision test at Pre-school, children who need rescreening or were absent from previous testing and children new to the school who have not been tested in New Zealand.

## PHOTOLIFE – Class, Individual, Sibling & Sports Team Photos

A reminder that 'Shoot Keys' for you to view & order photographs were sent home last week. If you order before midnight on **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> November** photos will be delivered free to school for distribution to families. After that date you will need to pay the fee for delivery direct to your home/recipient.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**PLAYERS OF THE DAY...** George Pidgeon, Karney Prendergast, Parker Simpson, Orla Watson (Touch), Orla Watson, Harriet Ashton, Imari Chua, Charlotte McKewen, Emma Neill (Netball), George Pidgeon (Basketball). **ALSO TO...** Ethan D'Souza (Tae Kwondo), Coen Tyler (Karate), Charlie Rice (Choi Kwondo), Maisey Manolas (Gymnastics), Scarlett Hill (Dance).

## PARISH NEWS

**Parish Pantomime** Sundays 25<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> December – 3.00pm at St John's Church, Hastings Road. Gold coin donation to help build the community at St Johns.

**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.

Parish Tel: 09 478 4565 or Email: office@ecbparish.org.nz

## COMMUNITY NOTICES...

**Advent Vespers and Carol Service** - A service of Carols and Readings for the Season of Advent at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph. Saturday, 1 December at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to share this tradition as we journey towards Christmastide and prepare the way of the Lord. Entry is free but there will be a retiring collection. Validated parking is available at the Wilsons' car parks on Hobson Street (\$4) and Durham Lane (\$2 entry from Queen St only).

**Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary at the Cathedral** - Saturday, 8 December at 8.30 am and a Choral Mass at 7.30 pm with the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by James Tibbles. Validated parking will be available for both Masses.

**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

**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, 7.30pm - 9.30 pm, Parish hall, St. Thomas More Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield, Auckland 0629, Contact: Sylvia 09 443 7477 or www.dove.org.nz

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

Please support our Christmas Giving tree again this year. Last year was so successful with gifts being sent to a parish in the North. If you wish to participate.

- ★ Choose a bauble from the tree in the church foyer.
- ★ Buy a suitable gift for a boy or girl in the age range described on the back of the bauble.
- ★ Place the gift under the tree or drop it into the parish office by **Sunday 9th December**.