

# Newsletter – Week 9, Term 4 11 December 2018

Kia ora Whanau

2<sup>nd</sup> Candle of Advent: the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation.

*God kept his promise of a Saviour who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready".  
Help us to be ready to welcome You, O God! (Luke 3: 4-6)*



Miss Mary Haddad did such a wonderful job of being Principal for the day on Friday I was concerned that I may not get back in the swivel chair! I believe Mary had a wonderful day and I look forward to offering this great opportunity next year to once again raise funds for our school.



## Junior Nativity

On Friday our Junior Team (Rangitoto) performed their rendition of the Nativity. Our hall was absolutely full to overflowing with families. Our littlest children performed admirably and I am sure there were quite a few tears shed. Many thanks to the teachers and parent helpers who supported this wonderful event. It is a lot of work for our teachers and takes an enormous amount of time, however, it provides authentic, rich learning for our children as they learn the process of performing.

## Drainage work in the holidays

During the holiday break we will be having drainage work done at our school. If you are thinking of using the pool between the Christmas and New Year break, please use the Penzance Road entrance as there will be a presence of diggers and other machinery on site.

**Thank you** Mrs Mareena Perera for hemming all our new altar cloths for our classrooms. They will look resplendent next year.

Viki Trainor – Principal

## BEING PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY



*My name is Mary Haddad and on the 7th of December I took on the role as principal for the day. Being the principal I had no time to lose. I had to prepare assembly, write and present a thank you speech for the Juniors Nativity Show and have a business lunch with my friends, Mrs Trainer and Miss Binns. I also had the pleasure of buying a painting for our beautiful school. I learned that being the Principal is a lot of work and it takes a lot of responsibility. Mrs Trainer must be exhausted after every week. Mary Haddad, Room 6.*

## ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLES

*Starting tomorrow, Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> until Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December there will be raffles being sold outside the office. You can win soft toys, craft supplies and many more prizes. The money we raise will go to the Ronald McDonald House charity. The prizes will be drawn on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> at our School Assembly.*

*Tickets are \$0.50 for one or three for \$1.00  
We hope to see you all there. Nikayla Smith, Room 6.*



## INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Last week Mrs Dorrington and Mrs Marsh took a 46 strong team made up of girls and boys from Years 4 to 6. This was the first time we had the Interschool athletics as a "Super Cluster Event" where eight schools were in attendance. We were represented in every event, with two children entered per event. Thanks to Olga Lysyj and Phil Nolloth who were our parent helpers on the day for Discus and Time-keeping respectively. The children performed exceptionally well and tried their very best in each of their events. Results are as follows:

Year	Event	Student	Place Overall
Year 4 Girls	100 Metres	Rebecca Robertson	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	200 Metres	Rebecca Robertson	1 <sup>st</sup>
	400 Metres	Beth O'Brien	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Year 4 Boys	100 Metres	Connor Sievwright	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 5 Girls	Long Jump	Fernanda Tirado	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	High Jump	Fernanda Tirado	1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 5 Boys	100 Metres	Leo Spencer	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	200 Metres	Leo Spencer	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Long Jump	Lachlan Murray	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 6 Boys	100 Metres	Joe Pilley	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Long Jump	Joe Pilley	3 <sup>rd</sup>

Karen Dorrington – Sports Co-ordinator

## TOUCH RUGBY SUCCESS

Our Y3&4 Jaguars Mixed Touch team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in their grade yesterday. Congratulations team!



## PUPUKE TEAM VISIT FROM THE FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES



This term we have been learning about 'Our World' and how different groups make a difference to our community. We had a visit from our local police officer Brenda Mills. We listened to stories from Constable Mills' career and she told us the many ways that she has made a difference to those in our community. We were shown some of the tools that Constable Mills uses in her daily life as a police officer and finally we got to sit inside a police vehicle.

We also had a visit from our local fire fighter Michael Simpson and his team. They talked to us about fire safety, shared with us the different pieces of safety equipment that must be worn when dealing with a fire and also how they have made a difference to those in our community. A highlight of the day was when we sat inside the fire truck!



We were so pleased to be able to say, 'thank you' to these wonderful services by donating gift hampers for Brenda and Michael to take back to their colleagues. Well done Pupuke team!

## MUSIC



Last Thursday the parents of our Year 3 and 4 students were treated to a wonderful recorder concert. We left the school hall filled with Christmas cheer and tapping our toes to some truly wonderful pieces. Special thanks to the most capable Cara Mountjoy for teaching the children during the year and so ably leading them in the concert.

## WHARF JUMP

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of December the Year Sixes went to Murrays Bay Beach to jump off the wharf. Everyone had a spectacular time jumping and doing tricks, some people even jumped off the fence! I saw many people in their Leavers Sweatshirts. This event would never have happened if it weren't for Mrs Ramsey, she created this event in 2015.

By Chloe and Hannah, Room 6



## GALA RAFFLE WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Gerry Augenstein

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Stephen Anthony

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Ryan Aquas

4<sup>th</sup> Prize Neven Percy

### TERM DATES FOR 2019

**School Office Opens** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February

**Term 1** - Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> February to Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Term 2** - Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April to Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July

**Term 3** - Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July to Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September

**Term 4** - Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October to Date TBC

### LAST CHANCE SWIMMING POOL KEYS

You are offered a family key to take advantage of the pool for family swimming.

The cost is \$70 for the entire season + \$30 key bond. Available from the school office.

### LIFE EDUCATION TRUST PAYMENTS

A letter was sent home with all children regarding the visit of the Life Education Trust and how to set up an account on our new Kindo Online School Shop. We have made the decision to use Kindo following the increase of transactions in recent years being made through the school bank account. If you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bridges in the school office or if you have difficulties with the Kindo website, their helpdesk is but a phonecall away (Freephone 0508 454 636).

Please ensure you have visited the Kindo website and created an account so that all payments are finalised before the Life Education Trust van leaves St John's and so that you are ready for 2019.

### THANK YOU



A special thank you to our wonderful St John's Community for your support of Eat My Lunch Buy One Give One. Last Friday we gave another 105 lunches for children who normally have nothing. We hope to continue this initiative into the new school year with one Eat My Lunch day per term and look forward to your ongoing support. Mrs Bridges – Office Secretary

### SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE UPDATE

A BIG thank you from Mrs Ramsay to all families who donated fruit trees for our school, which have now been planted near Room 10 and the swimming pool. Also, thank you to Leon and Rebekah Saxon for all their help with planting and advice. The children are looking forward to sampling the fruits of your labour!



### NETBALL AND SPORTS UNIFORMS



Coaches, Team Managers and children please ensure that all sport uniforms and equipment are returned to school **as soon as possible and definitely by Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December** at the very latest. It is a big task accounting for all the school sports uniforms and packing them away before school closes on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December. Please have a good look around at home for any sports uniforms or equipment that you may have had issued to you in the past. It is not only respectful and good manners, but essential that they come back washed. All inventory belonging to the school needs to be accounted for.

All netball players both Winter and Spring, please return your netball uniform (Skirt or Dress and Fleece) **washed in a bag with your name, year level and team** by Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December. Managers / Coaches please return your **kit bags with bibs, ball, first aid box, trophy etc.** All uniforms will be checked back in against the 'issued list' we have, so please ensure that you return on time.

### LOST PROPERTY

Please ask your children to check the Lost Property bin in the sick bay if they are missing items of school clothing or PE gear, shoes or lunchtime field play clothes, drink bottles, towels, sports balls. At the end of the school year unclaimed items are passed to second hand uniform co-coordinators for sale or donated to charity.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**PLAYERS OF THE DAY... Ava Murphy, Aaron Jayaskera, Thomas Neill (Basketball) Amina Deles, Lauren Graham (Netball), Elena Rotaecche, Thomas Neill, Emma Neill, Celia Poledniok, Kate Bolland (Touch), Angus Grayson, Conrad Grayson (Cricket)**

**ALSO TO... Amina Deles, Lynella Kako, Eloisa Duff (Gymnastics), Kate Lim (Grace Gate MDSNZ exams), Hannah Whiteman (Karate)**

## 2019 BACK TO SCHOOL STATIONERY

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We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make Back to School easy! All your child's school stationery list requirements are now uploaded online at [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz) to make it easy for you to purchase your child's back to school requirements. Simply search for St John's (Mairangi Bay), select your child's room and follow the instructions on the website.

We ask that you take advantage of this as it ensures that the type of stationery bought is standard across the school and is of the best quality. The school will also receive a commission on all orders placed via the OfficeMax MySchool service.

- **'Say When You Pay' offer** during December 2018 - ideal for getting organised before Christmas, plus you'll receive a FREE gift! Go to: [www.myschool.co.nz/december-offer](http://www.myschool.co.nz/december-offer)
- **Shop Your Way** - online at [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz), freephone 0800 724 440 or in your local OfficeMax store.
- **Free Delivery** - for orders over \$46\*. Choose delivery to home or work at a time that suits you.  
\* *Conditions apply, see [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz) for details.*
- **Save valuable time** - ensure your child starts the year with the correct stationery supplies and is ready to start learning from day one.
- **Multiple Payment Options** - including secure internet banking, credit/debit card and cash in your local OfficeMax store.

If you have any questions about OfficeMax MySchool please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Anneliese Bridges in the office before the end of term, email: [office@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz](mailto:office@stjohnsmairangibay.school.nz) (this email address will also be checked sporadically over the summer holidays) or speak directly to the helpful team at OfficeMax.

**For New Entrant children** joining St John's between Term 2 and 4 and **for additional stationery items** needed throughout the year for all year levels, these will still be available to purchase from the school office.

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### EZ COVERS FOR CHILDREN'S 2019 STATIONERY



Last year parents again welcomed the opportunity to use EZ Covers. The PTFA have registered an EZ15 rebate for our school which will mean the PTFA will get commission on all orders. From the drop down list choose to support 'St John's School (Mairangi Bay)'.

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### KINDO ONLINE SHOP



From the beginning of 2019 St John's will be using Kindo exclusively for Back to School expenses, Trip permission forms, Sports Registrations etc.

**Fees will continue to be dealt with separately.**

We have made the decision to use Kindo following the increase of transactions in recent years being made through the school bank account. To reconcile and keep track of payments has become a very cumbersome and time-consuming task for our administrative staff.

Kindo is not used for school fees.

Kindo will enable parents:

- To pay anytime, anywhere – mobile friendly website.
- Complete permission forms electronically – no more lost bits of paper, more environmentally friendly!
- Fast one-click ordering: all siblings on one page – know what all your children are doing.
- Pay-as-you-go or prepay account topped up by Visa
- Mastercard, American Express, Union Pay, POLi and Internet banking
- Flexible payment amounts

If you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bridges in the school office or if you have difficulties with the Kindo website their helpdesk is but a phonecall away (Freephone 0508 454 636).

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# PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019

Our Sacramental year commences with Reconciliation. We offer this to baptised children 8 years & older.

*Take time to recognise whether your child has developed a conscience.*

As our sessions are conversational, we require a parent to attend each session. Our hope is that the sacraments become more integrated into daily life.

There are many bonuses; meeting other families; getting to ask questions and discuss our faith.

Session dates are held on **Sundays; 8.00-8.45am** finishing in time for 9am Mass. We encourage you to stay for Mass.

REGISTRATION	SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17 <sup>TH</sup>
SESSION 1	SUNDAY MARCH 3 <sup>RD</sup>
SESSION 2	SUNDAY MARCH 10 <sup>TH</sup>
SESSION 3	SUNDAY MARCH 17 <sup>TH</sup>
SESSION 4	SUNDAY MARCH 24 <sup>TH</sup>
CEREMONY	WED. MARCH 27 <sup>TH</sup> ; 7.00pm

In 2019 we are offering the Sacrament of Confirmation for those who wish to complete the Sacraments of Reconciliation; Confirmation; and First Holy

***If you have any questions please contact Liz in the parish office.***

## CONFIRMATION: (Younger group)

REGISTRATION	Sunday 5th May; 8.00am
SESSION 1	Sunday 19th May; 8.00am
SESSION 2	Sunday 26th May; 8.00am
SESSION 3	Sunday 9th June; 8.00am
REHEARSAL	Wednesday 19th June; 7.00pm
CEREMONY	Wednesday 26th June; 7.00pm

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

REGISTRATION	Sunday 28th July; 8.00am
SESSION 1	Sunday 4th August; 8.00am
SESSION 2	Sunday 11th August; 8.00am
SESSION 3	Sunday 18th August; 8.00am
SESSION 4	Sunday 25th August; 8.00am
REHEARSAL	Sunday 1st September; 8.00am
CEREMONY	Sunday 8th September; 11.00am

## CONFIRMATION Year 9 and older.

REGISTRATION	Wed. March 20th	4.00pm
YOUTH MASS	Sat. April 13th	5.30pm
SESSION	Wed. May 1st	4.00pm
YOUTH MASS	Sat. May 11th	5.30pm
SESSION	Wed. May 22nd	4.00pm
SESSION	Wed. June 5th	4.00pm
YOUTH MASS	Sat. June 8th	5.30pm
REHEARSAL	Wed. 19th June	7.00pm
CEREMONY	Wed. 26th June	7.00pm

Our program requires candidates to attend all sessions and remain for activities after Youth Masses.

Sessions on Wednesdays are 4.00-

### COLLEGE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

Please check with the DRS at either Carmel or Rosmini Colleges for their programs. Carmel: Ms Rosanna Fouhy. Ph 486 1132