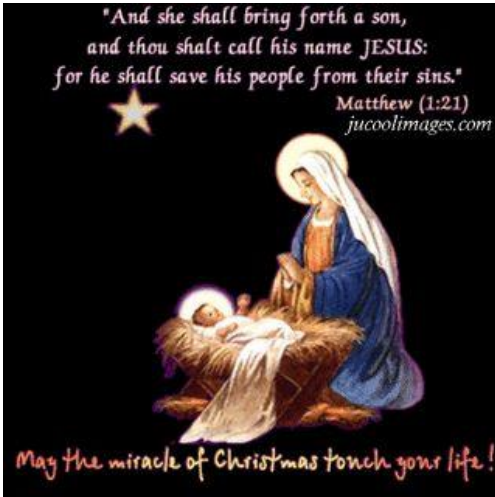


Newsletter – Week 10, Term 4

18 December 2018

Kia ora Whanau



3rd Candle of Advent: the Shepherd Candle or the Candle of Joy.
The angels sang a message of joy. (Luke 2: 7-15)

This is our last newsletter for 2018. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve the St John's community this year. I thank you all for your support, caring and commitment to our school.

Our children have had an outstanding year with so many fantastic opportunities. All of my staff are incredible and work so hard for our children. I thank them immensely.

I do hope that we are all able to take some time to be with family and friends this festive season. I wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year. Be happy, be safe and I look forward to seeing you in 2019, rested, relaxed and ready to go!

Reports

On Thursday your child will bring home their school report. This report will indicate where they sit for Mathematics, Reading and Writing in relation to the expected Curriculum Level. Please note that Curriculum levels span across two Year levels. For example, children in Year 1 and 2 are generally working in Curriculum Level 1, children in Year 3 and 4 are generally working in Curriculum Level 2 and children in Year 5 and 6 are generally working in Curriculum Level 3. This report will also provide information as to what your child has learnt in other curriculum areas. Our new entrants, and children new to our school in Term 4, will receive a modified version of this report. Reports will be posted to families not attending school on Thursday.

Classrooms 2019

The table below indicates the year level and teacher for each particular classroom in 2019. We have moved year levels around in the Junior area to improve locality for Play Based Learning. Other year levels may have moved rooms due to the number of students in that year level, so please take particular note of the room numbers. There are a small amount of children who may be in the same room, however, they have moved up a level and in most cases a different teacher.

Once again I thank those of you who responded to the class placement email at the beginning of Term 4. It has been a very lengthy process, and not an easy one, as there are only two cohorts in each level with an exception in Years 3 and 4 where there are three classrooms and three Year 1 classes due to Term 1 birthdays for our New Entrants. We have done our very best to meet your requests. These placements are now finalised.

We are very pleased to report that we will be running at maximum roll next year.

Class Name	Class Year Level	Class No.	Teacher
Kowhai	Year 1	Room 10	Mrs Blind
Ti Kouka	Year 1	Room 11	Mrs Fuaaletoelau (Team Leader)
Mahoe	Year 1	Room 12	Mrs Harper
Pohutukawa	Year 2	Room 9	Mrs Howard (4 days) Mrs Little (1 day)
Karo	Year 2	Room 8	Mrs Miller (3 days) Mrs Elvin (2 days)
Houpara	Year 3 & 4	Room 1	Mrs Zaisluik (Team Leader)
Mapou	Year 3 & 4	Room 2	Mrs Baddeley
Harakeke	Year 3 & 4	Room 3	Mrs Hames (3 days) Mrs Little (2 days)
Tarata	Year 5	Room 7	Mrs Mercer
Kauri	Year 5	Room 4	Mrs Worsley
Whau	Year 6	Room 5	Mrs Perry (3 days) Mrs Whiteman (2 days)
Manuka	Year 6	Room 6	Mrs Taylor (Team Leader, 4 days) Mrs Marsh (1 day)

Please note: Mrs Perry and Mrs Marsh are full time teachers at St John's but are also Across School Leaders for the North Shore Community of Learning. We are blessed to have these talented and diverse teachers on our team.

Save the date

Early next year we will be introducing **Kia Kaha**, the New Zealand Police Anti-bullying Programme for Primary schools. The programme is run school wide by classroom teachers with the support of our Community Police Constable, Tania Wansink. This is an excellent programme that I have used previously and I am very pleased to introduce it at St John's. It is extremely important that our children can have a 'tool belt' of strategies to draw upon should they come up against bullies. There will be a Parent Information Evening on **Tuesday, 12th February at 6:30pm**, facilitated by Constable Wansink. A reminder notice for this will be included in the first newsletter of Term 1.

Viki Trainor - Principal

HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2019

In Week 8 of this term we held our House Captain elections for 2019. A large contingent of Year 5 students stood to be considered for House Leaders in 2019, and all should be congratulated for having the confidence to take part in the elections and to lead. All students wrote and delivered an election speech to their peers and the Year 1-5 students voted for their Captains and Vice Captains to lead them in Terms 1 and 2 of 2019. We are truly blessed to have so many potential leaders for the future. The 2019 House Leaders are as follows:

Blue House Captain:	Carter Chilek	Green House Captain:	Elliot Straka
Blue House Vice Captain:	Isabella Chandler	Green House Vice Captain:	Libby Stevenson
Gold House Captain:	Lila Gilchrist	Red House Captain:	Aya Bosnyak
Gold House Vice Captain:	Zach Walpert	Red House Vice Captain:	Richelle Feng

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR 2018

School closes his Thursday, 20th December at **12 noon** Buses will not be running

TERM DATES FOR 2019

School Office Opens Monday 4th February

Term 1 - Thursday, 7th February to Friday, 12th April

Term 2 - Monday, 29th April to Friday, 5th July

Term 3 - Monday, 22nd July to Friday, 27th September

Term 4 - Monday, 14th October to Date TBC

LAST CHANCE SWIMMING POOL KEYS



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

Keys are available until the school office closes on Thursday at noon.

The cost is \$70 for the entire season + \$30 key bond.

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.

PLEASE NOTE there are several pairs of expensive leather sandals... are they your child's?

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

With apologies for the omission in last week's newsletter:

Year	Event	Student	Place Overall
Year 4 Girls	Long Jump	Rebecca Robertson	1 st

NETBALL AND SPORTS UNIFORMS

All inventory belonging to the school needs to be accounted for before the end of the school year. A number of uniforms are still outstanding. All uniforms will be checked back in against the 'issued list' we have, so **please ensure that you return them otherwise charges may be incurred.**

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 Managers / Coaches please return your kit bags with bibs, ball, first aid box, trophy etc.



PARISH NEWS

- **Conifer greenery** or similar needed for decorating St Francis Church on December 21st/22nd. Contact: Judith. Tel: 021 0282 4001
- **Updating Parish Roll** Some of our database information is either out of date or non-existent. We especially require current email addresses as a starting point. Emails are being sent to those who have been involved in the sacraments and have not filled in a Parishioners form. If you have changed your address or any family information please email the office. office@ecbparish.org.nz

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

PLAYERS OF THE DAY... Carlos Poledniok, Ted Sagar, Leo Moore, Thomas Moore, Parker Simpson (Touch).

SEASON AWARDS...

Benjamin Moss (MIP, Touch)

St John's Jaguars (Rebecca Robertson, Ava Selwyn, Tom Aguas, Kate Bolland, Santiago Falla, Eva Ferguson, Santiago Lavender, Celia Poledniok) Yr3 & 4 mixed runners up

St John's Panthers (Sophie Cardno, Ava Murphy, Maria Hale, Orlaith Burns, Jasmine Coulam, Lauren Graham, Sienna Gunn, Libby Simpson) Yr1 & 2 girls runners up (Touch)

St John's Pacers (Carter Chilek, Cody Rummel, Lachlan Murray, Leo Spencer, Marcus Nakasha, Oscar Smith, Sebastian Moore, Yann Scott) 3rd in Basketball league.

ALSO TO... Ruby Lockwood (Swimming), Nathaniel McCann (Swimmer of the Year Trophy), Ashlyn Stevens (Gymnastics)

COMMUNITY NOTICES...

Holiday Programme details are available from the school office.

We have information on **Kids Choice** in Mairangi Bay and **Kids Care** in Unsworth.

Code Camp Coding & Robotics Course, Entrepreneurship Courses, Parnell and Takapuna, 17 – 21 December 2018, 21 – 24 January 2019. www.codecamp.co.nz.

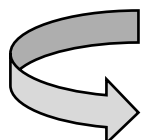
Spanish Club 17 – 21 December, 9am – 3pm, Forrest Hill Primary School, 50 Forrest Hill Road, for children 5- 10 years. For more information visit www.lcfclubs.c.nz or email mary@cflclub.co.nz \$300 for the week.

Conscious Kids 100% nature-based Holiday Programs during December and January @ Long Bay Park, Dec 17th - 21st 2018 and Jan 14th - 31st 2019, 9 am - 4 pm for 5 - 12 yrs. An antidote for technology, kids get the opportunity to have unstructured play in the bush and a lot of fun. Come get muddy, climb a tree and just play! Visit for more information and bookings: www.consciouskids.co.nz Call 027.8474487 or email info@consciouskids.co.nz.

Flip and Fly Circus School, 4/30 Foundry Road, Silverdale, www.flipnfly.co.nz, Email: info@flipnfly.co.nz, Tel: 021 288 8835 / 021 199 0077.

AUT Sport & Fitness Centre, Northcote, gym.aut.ac.nz/kids, Holiday programme 14th Jan – 25th Jan 2019, 9am – 3pm.

Please turn over for information
regarding 2019 Back To School



2019 BACK TO SCHOOL



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 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
- **Shop Your Way** - online at 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 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 (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.

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)'.

KINDO ONLINE SHOP



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

Fees will continue to be dealt with separately.

We have made the decision to use Kindo following the increase of transactions 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.

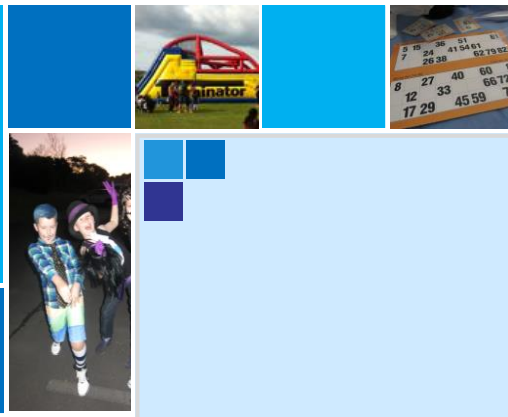
Kindo will enable parents:

- 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).

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL PTFA NEWS

18 December 2018



Dates for 2019

19 February 2019
1st 2019 PTFA meeting

19 March 2019
PTFA Annual General
meeting

Watch out for.....

PTFA Picnic (date to be
confirmed)

February 2019
PTFA welcome & induction
events

With Christmas almost upon us and another school year drawing to a close, it is great to take time to remember the things we have enjoyed together as a community. We've watched movies, dressed up and played Bingo, danced at the disco, sprinted our little hearts out in a Fun Run, raised money selling pies and books and celebrated the St John's spirit through our annual Gala.

2018 has seen the PTFA try a few new things, with the Dad's Pies and Book Fair fundraisers chief among those. There has been an effort to run all these events in a way where most of the proceeds are retained by the PTFA. Together, this year we have raised over \$40,000 (after expenses) the best result in the last five years. The star performer of course, being the Gala which was the most successful ever. We have also improved our efficiency ratio (that is how much is spent to raise a dollar), in 2018 this was .44, so for every dollar raised we spent 44 cents, it is the first time it has been below 50 cents in the last five years. This of course means we have more to invest back into our children and school.

Funds raised through 2018's events will be used to upgrade the existing children's playground and to build new play equipment for our littlest people. We've also subsidised things like school camp, paid for sports uniforms and donated sausages to raise money for our wider community. You'll find a full breakdown over the page.

The PTFA Committee has loved bringing these things together, but know that there is always room for improvement. We'd love to hear your thoughts on our fundraising initiatives and what works well or could be done better. Please take 5 minutes to give us your views in the PTFA survey, landing in your inboxes shortly.

Thank you to our wonderful St John's families and staff who enthusiastically give their time, money and skills for the benefit of our community. Thank you to all of you for the part you have played and we look forward to another fantastic year in 2019.

May God bless and keep you during the festive season
Rachael O'Brien (PTFA Chair)



Join our 'St. John's
Mairangi Bay PTFA'
Facebook group. It's a
great way to stay informed.

Want to know more about the PTFA?

Then join us at one of our 2019 welcome and induction events.

Watch out for dates... coming soon.

FUNDS RAISED IN 2018

Dad's Pies	\$2,162
Advertising income (newsletter shells)	\$912
Social Events	\$2,035
Fun Run	\$3,935
Gala	\$26,880
Book Fair	\$1,281
Calendars/Smencils	\$2,991

*all figures shown are net of expenses incurred per event

FUNDS SPENT IN 2018

Library building work and refurbishment (from funds raised in previous years)	\$27,900
Year 6 School Camp subsidy	\$2,600
Mathletics & Maths Buddy subsidy	\$3,000
Basketball singlets (new)	\$4,473
Principals discretionary fund (given annually)	\$2,000
Netball uniforms	\$1,376
Ice-blocks for children's celebrations	\$650
Sausages (donated for community fundraising)	\$550
New PTFA barbeques	\$1425

