



Autumn 2018

St J's Kids NEWSLETTER

Kia Ora dear Friends and Whanau of St J's Kids

Our motto this year is 'Water of Life' (John 4:14).

In what ways do we need and use water? How much water do we need per day? In what way can we think of Jesus as source of renewal and refreshment?

The "Living Water" theme has been explored by the St J's Kids community from many different angles and included water play.

During Lent and Easter, we looked at how Jesus' example can lead us in our own lives: Every day Jesus invites us to walk in faith and help build God's Kingdom of Peace.

At St J's Kids, we aim to inspire each other to think of ourselves as beloved children of God who are free to share friendship and love everywhere we go: family, church, school and clubs.

We are looking forward to three more terms of fun and friendship.

Thank you for being there and helping us build our community with each other and beyond.

Please get back to us and challenge us, so that we can always evolve and build our St J's Kids ministry.

*Monika and Ino
on behalf of St J's Kids leaders and assistants*

Group Names

It is with great pleasure we announce the group names for this year:

- ◆ Raindrops (Preschool)
- ◆ River Rapids (Yr 1 & 2)
- ◆ Waterfalls (Yr 3 & 4)
- ◆ Ocean Waves (Yr 5 & 6)



Commissioning of Leaders & Assistants



Music & Movement

On Thursdays at 10am, a mix of church and non-church families gather to sing, dance, share morning tea, play and chat.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in joining us simply turn up at 10am in the St John's Centre during term time....
We'd love to see you there.

Naomi Lane



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Highlights of Term 1

We had a great and super-hot summer this year, so the water theme was just right for our **Launch Day** (11 Feb) which we ended with exciting "ping-pool" game & bouncy castles. What fun we had!

On the 18 February, we witnessed the **Leaders' Commissioning**, which was a special experience for our leaders, as they received a blessing for their ministry.

Then on Tuesday 13 February, we had **Pancake Breakfast** where we ate a lot of pancakes before School and learnt what it means to be shriven.

Then on Sunday 4 March, we all went to Otari-Wilton Bush for our **Picnic Church**. On this bright sunny day, we worshipped with music, songs, and discussions on "Water in us and around us".

We concluded our Term 1 with our Holy Week & Easter Celebration. We started with **Palm Sunday** (25 March) where we learned and experienced the events leading to Jesus' death on the cross. Our **All-Age Seder Meal** on the 29 March was a very meaningful experience for all of us. Then, on **Easter Sunday** (1 April) we gave thanks for Jesus' resurrection which brings us all Hope. Our living cross, decorated with flowers is still to be seen in the church.

Snapshots from Last Term



Upcoming Events Term Two

Please save the dates
in your diary:

- Invite-a-Friend Day
(27 May)
- Morning Tea
(17 June)
- All-Age Service
(17 June)
- Starlight Story Time
(29 June)

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Fun Facts about Water!

Water, Water - Everywhere!



Water exists in almost every
substance, you eat or drink.

• Milk	90%
• Bread	30%
• Meat	75%
• Egg	73%
• Cucumber	95%
• Lettuce	95%
• Tomato	95%
• Potato	75%

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thank you much for entrusting your child to our care on Sunday morning in Sunday school at the St John's Church!

St J's Kids meets each Sunday at 10am in the St John's church (when it is Communion, we start at St John's Centre). Please inform us if there should be any special arrangements for your child when class is over.

We aim to finish each Sunday at 11:15am.

After St J's Kids, we always have coffee & tea waiting for you! It would be lovely to catch up if you have time.