

Greetings to all**Tena Koutou Katoa****Talofa Lava****Kamusta****Malo e lelei****Mauri .**

Thank you to everyone who has made this term such a success. Our whanau support us in so many ways and without your help we would not be able to offer all the opportunities your children experience here at St Joseph's School. It was great to see so many of you come with your child to their goal setting meetings. A special thank you to our staff whose commitment and dedication is noteworthy. We continue to provide the very best we can for your children with the resourcing we have available to us.

Last night the PTA held their annual AGM and re-election of officers. I am pleased to report that Carla van Tiel remains president, Helen Thorpe is treasurer, and Lynette Wyness is secretary. I would particularly like to acknowledge Sara White for her dedicated service to the school as a member of the PTA through the years. Sara has been responsible for the second-hand uniform shop for some time and in that role has washed, mended, returned items to owners, and manned the uniform shop each week to the benefit of our school families. We continue to be grateful for such a supportive PTA.

Last Sunday's school-assisted Mass was lovely. Our children who had roles in the Mass carried these out beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Mairead Gallagher-Pile who prepared them so well. It would have been nice if we had seen more of our families there. At Monday's assembly, Te Rōpu Āko shared the Palm Sunday story with us, and tomorrow, Friday, Te Rōpu Ārahi will be re-enacting the Stations of the Cross in the school grounds. Classes will walk through the stations and recall the Easter story. This year the school term is a little out of sync and so we are sharing our faith story a week earlier. You are welcome to join us. The times for Holy Week ceremonies for our St Patrick's Parish have been shared with you. I hope you are able to bring your children to some of these special anniversaries in our Catholic Church's year.

Next term our newsletter is changing. It will be published every second week and will be emailed to you, if we have your correct email address, or it will be available to you on our website and on the Skool Loop app. You will not get a printed newsletter unless it is requested through the school office.

We are having some painting and other work done at school over these holidays. When the children return on April 29th they should notice a difference. As we continue to strive to keep our school environment neat and tidy, it is a perfect time for the change into our winter uniforms. The school will look tidy and the children refreshed and ready to learn!



Lastly, I wish you and your families a safe and happy Easter holiday. Enjoy the break and stay safe.

“Let the most gentle charity reign among you and take great care of the health of each other.

Do not feel obliged to work too much, but give both body and soul plenty of rest”
Euphrasie Barbier 1868

God bless
Ursula Hall

Stations of the Cross Liturgy Tomorrow, Friday 12th April there will be a Stations of the Cross Liturgy here at St Josephs. Parents are welcome to attend at 10am or 11.40am.



Goal Setting Interviews Thank you to the parents who supported our conferences held over the past week. It was good to see so many people attend. If you were unable to attend these conferences can you please contact your child's teacher to make an appointment.

Maori Whanau response form

These were given out at Parent/Child interviews. Mrs de Farias would appreciate them sent back by tomorrow - Friday

School closes tomorrow Friday 12th April and reopens on Monday 29th April at 8.45am

Sewing Machines If you have a sewing machine in good working order that you are no longer using, please consider donating it to our developing STEAMroom to be used by students and teachers for arts, crafts and design projects throughout the year. Thank you.

BOT ELECTION NOMINATIONS

The school triennial Board of Trustee elections will be held on 7th June 2019. Nomination forms will be sent out on 2nd May. These nominations close on 16th May. Support your school by putting yourself forward as a candidate! Thank you - **Returns Officer Joan Murphy**

Robotics Club What a successful first term we have had! The students are quickly becoming "class experts" in the use of the Spheros and coding on the iPads. We thank Mr Surrey for all his work with the group. Term 2 Robotics Club expressions of interest are now open. Students who were placed on the waiting list for Term 1 will have first preference. All other students (including the ones already attending) need to have their parents email Mrs Mravicich at lorim@stjosephs.co.nz or txt 0212515436 to get their names on the list for Term 2. We only have 24 spots available for students from Yrs 3-8. Sessions run on Wednesdays from 3-4pm in the library/STEAMroom.



The Second Hand Uniform shop will not be open over the school holidays



SKOOLOOP Some parents have been having trouble with Skooloop notifications and we are not receiving absence notices via Skooloop.

Skooloop have advised the following:

- * Check that you have downloaded the latest updates on the app. If you are unsure please download the app again.
- * Check that Settings are turned on for the app in your phone.

Winter Uniform Next Term (30th April) all students should be in winter uniform.

Girls Green tartan pinafore/skirt. Year 5 & 8 girls wear a skirt at least knee length,

Years 0-4 wear a pinafore which consists of the same skirt as the Years 5-8, but with a bib attached.

White Blouse – Year 5 – 8 girls white school blouse which is a short sleeved blouse with a split hem and

Y4 girls wear a white winter weight school blouse. White ankle or knee-high socks and black leather/waterproof school shoes.

Boys Grey shorts (heavy weight) Grey Polo shirt with logo, long or short sleeved. Grey knee length socks and black leather/waterproof school shoes.

School Jersey/Polar Fleece for boys and girls. This is a regulation green woollen jersey/or polar fleece. (Alternative sweatshirts are not an option.)

Polar Fleece Vest Boys and girls may wear the school green polar fleece vest as an optional extra.

School Beanie: Terms 2 & 3 only. These are an optional extra. Please note no other type of beanie or winter hat should be worn.

Optional: Green 'Stormdri' Jacket with school logo. It is for outdoor use and is not permitted to be worn in class.

All items can be purchased from Jan's Uniform Shop Manukau Road Pukekohe or The Warehouse.

We're changing our Newsletter!!

From Term 2 onwards the newsletter will only be coming out fortnightly and will only be available online. It will be emailed to you (if you are on the email list) or can be accessed on the St Joseph's website, or on the Skooloop app.

A printed copy of the newsletter can be picked up from the school office if needed.