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Week 7 Term 4 2019 28 November 2019 Newsletter #53

## Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Katoa Talofa Lava Kamusta Malo e lelei Mauri Hello Everyone

What an amazing Mission Day on Friday 15th November! It began with a liturgy led by Te Rōpū Ako to emphasize the significance of the day and how we can be a missionary to others. Once again our Y7&8 students, Ārahi, did us proud as they created stalls and activities for our younger children to enjoy. Mission Day is not just a "fun" day for them. As part of their financial literacy study, the students learn to assess the viability of their stall and whether their effort and product sales make a profit. For the rest of the school, Mission Day is a favourite school tradition. This year we raised over \$4900 and this will be sent to The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions to help with their missionary work with women and children in Vietnam and India; two projects we have supported for some time. Sr Anne Sklenars RNDM sends us a big "Thank you" on behalf of the Mission Sisters.

Our school assisted Mass last Sunday was another special celebration for us as a Catholic school. I know you will hear about it further in this newsletter but I would like to acknowledge Mrs Gallagher-Pile (our DRS), and the choir and musicians who make our school Masses so special. It was lovely to witness some of our children's baptism as well.

Teachers have recently completed a comparison survey in regards to the professional development they have received over the last 14 months to support collaborative practice at St Joseph's School. It is pleasing to note the overall commitment to innovative learning as we build our pedagogical practice to develop teaching and learning programmes in flexible learning spaces. We are excited about our new classroom spaces being built next year and are ready for the change they will bring.

Our school consultation regarding the decapitation of Year 7&8 at our school in order to establish St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College in 2023 was mixed. Although we didn't ask the question, the feedback was that most families welcomed the establishment of a Catholic college in our area. We received 68 responses (29%) from our 233 families. Of those 40 (59%) wanted our Y7&8 to close in 2023, while 28 (41%) wanted to still have the choice to stay. This information has been passed onto the Auckland Diocese Catholic Education Office and the Ministry of Education. A variety of questions were asked by you and the Board has asked the CEO to respond to them.

Last night we were very pleased to meet some of our new families who are beginning at St Joseph's in the new year. I told them St Joseph's is a friendly school and I know you will join with us to welcome them.

As the end-of-year approaches, we are very busy. Many of our teams are having outdoor education opportunities and I know Piripono really enjoyed their experience at Sonshine Ranch last week. Today Aroha has gone to Ambury Farm. Ārahi and some Year 6 students, who have a service role in the school, have an outing to Rainbow's End planned. Our graduating Year 8 students have a retreat and graduation dinner to look forward to. We are very busy indeed.

This Monday at 12 noon we are having a very special farewell assembly for Mrs de Farias who retires at the end of the year after a very dedicated vocation working in Catholic schools; the last 34 here at St Joseph's. You are very welcome to attend and celebrate her vocation with us.

Ursula Hall

Pray for the Beatification of Euphrasie Barbier



Loving God, the power of the Holy Spirit led Euphraisie Barbier to found a Congregation of Sisters consecrated for Mission. Grant that through the witness of our life today your work in her may be more widely known and your name glorified. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



### **Key Dates**

## **Special Catholic Character**

Fri 29 Nov

Mass - Ako Whole

Team

Year 5 - 8 Sacrament of

Reconciliation

Mon 2 Dec

Farewell for Mrs de Farias 12pm

**Cricket Sessions** 

Tue 3 Dec

**Cricket Sessions** 

Wed 4 Dec

Ako Athletics 11.30am

- 2.30PM

**Evening Carol Service** 

-6pm

Family Picnic at 5pm

Fri 6 Dec

Mass - Piripono 2 (Mrs Jody McCort &Mrs Gallagher-Pile) & Aroha 1 (Mrs Wallace& Miss Farrell) Rainbows End Trip

Mon 9 Dec

Yr 7 & 8 Technology -Please note change of

Parent Helper Morning Tea 10.40am

**Cricket Sessions** 

Tue 10 Dec

**Cricket Sessions** Yr 8 Retreat - Tyburn

Monastery

Wed 11 Dec

**Aroha Athletics** 11.30am - 12.55pm Yr8 Graduation Dinner 6.30pm

Thu 12 Dec

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End of Year Guitar Students' Performance @ 3pm in the Library

Fri 13 Dec

School Prize Giving in the School Hall

11.30am

Reports & Class placements go home

Mon 16 Dec

Assembly - Year 8

Wed 18 Dec

**Y8 Gift Giving** End of Year Mass 1.00pm

BOT Meeting 7.00pm

Thu 19 Dec

Term Ends 1.10 pm

#### Assembly Values Awards

Congratulations to these akonga who received values awards at our last assembly. These are awarded for showing our school Gospel values of love, leadership, loyalty and learning. Back Row L to R: Hunter Harris, Hugh Rowlatt, Mere Lesavua, Navneet Badhan.

Front Row L to R: Bradley Hickford, Mama'o Vea, Yash Singh, Soane Halapio



#### **School-Assisted Mass last Sunday**

Thank you to all of our whanau who attended our School-Assisted Mass last Sunday for the Feast of Christ the King. It was wonderful that we could be there to support the baptism ceremonies which took place. The children who lead in reading, offertory and music ministries did a beautiful job. Congratulations to our St. Joseph's tamariki who were baptised.

















School Holidays

Tue 4 Feb School Commences

Please note these dates are subject to change For further dates in Term 4 see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at: www.stjosephs.co.nz

### **School Notices**

**Ako Athletics:** These will be on the 4th December from 11.30am to 2.30pm. Any parents who would like to help, please contact your child's classroom teacher. Thank you.

**PTA Read-a-thon:** A massive congratulations to the children of Rooms 13, 7, 2 and 16 who won the class readathon competition. They enjoyed a Christmas movie with popcorn and ice cream in the hall on Tuesday as a thank-you from the PTA. Over \$1800 was raised in total. Well done everyone! Special mentions to Penina Masoe, Daisy-Ann Surrey, Alfie Farrell and Flynn Kneebone for outstanding fundraising, and Luca Hehea for his outstanding dedication - reading 1983 pages.

**Gifts for the Elderly:** As it is every year, in week 10, our year 8 students visit the elderly and deliver Christmas gifts to them. They often sit with the elderly and talk with them. It is a time for giving and caring. We would appreciate if you could give a small gift for a woman, man or unisex so that our students can deliver these much-awaited gifts.

**Year 8 Graduation:** On Monday, our graduation invites were handed to our Year 8 students. Please have the RSVP back ASAP so that we can organise numbers and tables.

**Year 8 Retreat:** Please have all permission slips back to Mrs Francis ASAP.

**Rainbows End:** Next Friday 6th December 100 of our students will be heading off on our C.A.R.E day to Rainbows End. It is vital that we receive the permission slips that were sent home by this coming Wednesday so that necessary organisation can take place.

#### **School Events**

#### **FAREWELL ASSEMBLY FOR MRS de FARIAS**

You are all invited to attend Mrs de Farias' Farewell assembly at 12 noon this Monday 2nd December. Mrs de Farias has made an amazing contribution to our school for 34 years and has held many roles in this time. This year she retires as our Assistant Principal and SENCo. She has also been our liaison with our Whanau Maori. Many of you may have first met her when participating in our transition to school programme: Tiny Joes, or she may have, indeed, taught you! We welcome you to celebrate with us on Monday.

#### FAMILY PICNIC - CHRISTMAS CAROLS NEXT WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER

Next Wednesday evening we have our family picnic in our school grounds starting at 5pm followed by Christmas carols in the hall at 6pm. Your children will be involved and we hope to see all of our families there. The PTA will have a sausage sizzle so you can buy them on the night for \$1.

#### **PARENT HELPERS**

Thank you to all of you parents that help us with supervision and transport of trips, and the many activities we rely on your support to help our school run smoothly. To acknowledge all of the adults who have helped us during the year, there will be a Parent Morning Tea in the school hall at 10:40am on Monday the 9th of December - you deserve it! We hope you are able to come.

#### **PTA**

We are collecting beach towels, jandals and new books for children in our school community this Christmas. Please leave at the school office in the PTA basket. Thank you so much for your generosity. We are also looking for donations of fruit, sugar and jars for our fair preserving superstars! Please leave at the office.

Save the date!!!! School Fair Saturday 14th March 2020

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