

# St Joseph's Catholic School

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Week 2 Term 1

13 February 2020

Newsletter # 02

## Principal's Message

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

Welcome to our first full week of school! Hopefully, you received our first information letter last week.

Firstly, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mr Peter Jones, our new caretaker. Mr Jones comes from a building background and has a keen interest in gardening. He will be working 4 days a week usually Monday - Thursday. I know you will join us in making him feel very welcome to our St Joseph's School community.

Next Wednesday you are invited to join us for our School Dedication Mass at 9:00 am at St Patrick's Church. At this Mass, our school leaders for 2020 will be announced and presented with their badges. The following day we will have our first school assembly at 1:40 pm in the school hall.

**We are currently developing our Strategic Goals for the next 3 years.** This will be a time of change for our school with our expected new building with flexible learning spaces being built this year, the development of grounds that need to go alongside that, the establishment of the new Catholic college in our area and that effect on our current full-primary school, and the 100 year centenary of our school in 2023. These all will be huge workstreams but, in the meantime, the core business of teaching and learning in a Catholic setting is very much at the fore.

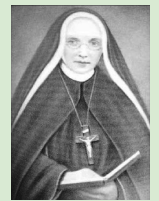
Our **Catholic Character** and **Student Achievement** are always a priority and as a member of the South Auckland Catholic School's Kahui Ako/Community of Learning, we have agreed to reflect the following goals in our individual schools: **Capability** - "Developing pedagogy in the area of digital technology", **Engagement** - "Using effective engagement practises, to improve outcomes for all", and **Wellbeing** - "Strengthening our wellbeing culture, in an inclusive, nurturing faith environment".

### So what will this look like for our St Joseph's School Strategic Plan 2020-2022?

These are the big ideas we are promoting that fit into what we are doing at our school.

**Capability** - "To use digital technologies to enhance learning", **Engagement** - "To embed collaborative practice school-wide to enhance the delivery of quality education which is future-focussed, encompasses student agency, and reflects teaching as inquiry", and **Wellbeing** - "Strengthening our wellbeing culture, in an inclusive, nurturing faith environment". These will steer the direction of our annual plans.

From there we will establish our goals for each year's annual plan. If you have any feedback you would like us to consider, please send it to me via [principal@stjosephs.co.nz](mailto:principal@stjosephs.co.nz).



*"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**



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Next Thursday evening, 20 February, we will be holding a **Parent Information Evening**. This is an evening for the whole family and we invite you to have a family picnic from 5pm onwards just outside on the grass in front of the hall before joining us inside the hall at 6pm to learn about our school's expectations around Digital Citizenship and to hear from a guest speaker from Family Wise around Digital Safety. Afterwards, we will have all our staff available in the hall to meet with you and give you more information about how their teaching/learning teams will be running this year and answer any questions you might have. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers, meet other families in the community, and learn more about how Digital Technology is being taught at our school.

This year we have our biannual **Gala Day** on Saturday, March 14th. This is approaching fast and **we need your help to ensure its success**. Please, please consider putting your name forward to assist our dedicated PTA Gala organisers. All hands needed. The money raised at this year's Gala Day will go toward the development of our school grounds, particularly the piece between Rooms 14 & 15 and the pool. Your help is essential for this to happen. Please see the attached notice in the School Events section below.

This term's team newsletters will be sent out next week so please look out for them coming home as they will inform you of what is happening during the term.

God's blessings to you and your families.

*Ursula Hall*  
Principal

Key Dates		Special Catholic Character
Fri 14 Feb	Mass - Arahi and Aroha 1 (Mrs Hartland, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Egelmeer, Mrs Wallace and Mrs Farrell)	Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love. We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do. Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty. Peace begins with a smile. – St Teresa of Calcutta
Tues 18 Feb	Teacher dedication mass in Owaikaraka	<b>Acting DRS</b> I would just like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Anna Francis and I am the Acting Director of Religious Studies while our lovely Mairead Gallagher-Pile is on maternity leave. I am already working in Arahi, our Year 7 & 8 team and warmly welcome you to come and visit me and talk to me about anything to do with our Catholic Character at St Josephs.
Wed 19 Feb	School dedication mass	
Thu 20 Feb	Fair Meeting in Staffroom 9 - 10am Assembly 1.45 - Te Rōpū Ārahi (Yr7&8) -Roles & Responsibilities given Family Picnic 5 - 6pm Parent Information Evening 6 - 7.30pm	<b>Dedication Mass:</b> We hope you can join us on Wednesday, February 19th at 9am for our first School Mass. This is a special mass where we welcome new staff and announce the School and House Captains, and our Class Councillors for 2020.
Fri 21 Feb	No Friday Mass	<b>School assisted Mass - Sun 1st March 9am:</b> As a Catholic community we have school assisted mass once a term on Sunday with our parishioners of St Patricks. We would like all of our families to mark this in your calendars and come along and support your children in their faith walk. This is a time that we can come together as a Catholic Whanau and celebrate Mass as the body of Christ.
Tue 25 Feb	School Swimming Sports @ Jubilee Pool	<b>Prayer Kete:</b> This term your tamariki will come home one night with their class prayer kete. We encourage you to ask them about their prayer in the classroom and join them in praying as a family together using the special items contained in the prayer kete.
Wed 26 Feb	Year 7&8 Tech Ash Wednesday Liturgy	
Fri 28 Feb	No Friday Mass	
Sun 1st Mar	School assisted mass  Please note these dates are subject to change For further dates in Term 1 see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at: <a href="http://www.stjosephs.co.nz">www.stjosephs.co.nz</a>	

#### Term Dates for 2020

##### **Term 1**

Tuesday 4 February 2020

-Thursday 9 April 2020

##### **Term 2**

Tuesday 28 April 2020

- Friday 3 July 2020

##### **Term 3**

Monday 20 July 2020 -Friday

25 September 2020

##### **Term 4**

Monday 12 October 2020

-Thursday 17 December

2020

#### **Adoration:**

*When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then.*

*When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now. - St Teresa of Calcutta*

As a school we are going to start to go to regular adoration with our parish.

Our tamariki will have the opportunity to go as a class and pray.

Adoration is just sitting in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist (sacred host).

Make sure to check the key dates for when your child will be going and come along and join them in prayer.

#### **Sacramental Programme - Starts Sun 1st March:**

The Sacramental programme of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion starts on Sunday 1st March at St Patrick's Church. Children Year 4 or older attend classes with a parent/ whanau sponsor. Information and registration forms have been sent out with Year 4s. There are forms also available in the school office should you require one. Please return completed forms to the **CHURCH OFFICE** at St Patrick's, not the school office. Thanks

## School Notices

**Novel Coronavirus** - We don't believe any of our families have travelled to China over the holidays but just in case "***As of 2 February 2020, all travellers arriving in New Zealand out of mainland China should self-isolate for a period of 14 days from the time they leave mainland China.***" A Novel Coronavirus information sheet is being sent out with this newsletter.

**The School Gate** - The caretaker opens the school gate in the morning when he arrives at work. We have got very used to Mr Hooper arriving early but Mr Jones starts work at 7:30 am and the gates will be locked until then. **No children should be arriving at school before 8:00 am in the mornings.** It would be good if they arrived by 8:30 am, giving them time to put their things away and greet their friends, ready to begin lessons at 8:45 am. Coming after 8:45 am means children may miss their class' morning prayer; a special way to start the day for their classroom community.

**Lost School Uniform** - Please ensure that your children's clothing is well-named; especially items that can be taken off. It is very frustrating for parents when children misplace them. If well-named they can be returned more easily. Encourage your children to put their clothing safely in their bags and not leave them where they take them off. Also, please be aware when your children are wearing items that do not belong to them and send them back to school.

**Friday Lunch Orders** begin again tomorrow, Friday 10th February.

Remember to place your child's lunch order on [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) and update your child's classroom.

If you are new to ordering lunches please go to the web site, choose families, create an account, then follow online instructions.



**Skool Loop app** - Keep in touch with what is happening at school through the Skool Loop app. It's **free** to download! Parents can easily access school notices, newsletters and alerts. SMS the school about absences through the app. In a school emergency if we need to contact parents this is the quickest way to get a message to you.

**Swimming:** Swimming lessons are underway for the term. Please ensure your child brings their togs and a towel regularly. If you have any old/spare togs and towels would be gratefully received as donations. They can be brought to the office. Thanks



**Board Games:** Every Tuesday afternoon during the lunch break, we offer chess and board games to students in our school library. Our numbers are growing and so we are currently looking for any Board Games (aimed at 6-12yr olds) and any chess sets in good condition that you would be happy to donate to the school. Please drop off to the school office. Thank you.

**BOT Meeting:** The next BOT Meeting is on the Wednesday 19th February at 7.00pm

**PLEASE FIND KEY DATES ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER**

## School Events

**First School Assembly:** Please note the first school assembly will take place on **THURSDAY, February 20th** in our school hall. This assembly will be led by Te Roopu Arahi (Intermediate Team) and is where all the other school leadership roles will be assigned. We hope to see you there.

**STEAMclub:** has started this Wednesday and we are already excited about this term's activities using our 3D printer. We have reached capacity for this term, but if you would like your child to be part of this group, please leave your name with Mrs Mravicich or the office staff and we can add you to the waitlist.



**ST JOSEPH'S "STEAM-ERS"**

### TERM 1 Key dates

**These are subject to change - please check fortnightly newsletters for changes**

Wed 12 Feb	Year 7&8 Tech
Fri 14 Feb	<b>Mass:</b> Te Rōpū Ārahi (½ of team) & Te Rōpū Aroha (Mrs Wallace & Miss Farrell)
Tue 18 Feb	Teachers' Dedication Mass 7pm Owairaka
Wed 19 Feb	Dedication Mass 9.00 am BOT Meeting 7pm
Thu 20 Feb	Fair Meeting in Staffroom 9 - 10am Assembly 1.45 - Te Rōpū Ārahi (Yr7&8) -

Roles & Responsibilities given  
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Tue 25 Feb School Swimming Sports @ Jubilee Pools

Wed 26 Feb Year 7&8 Tech  
Ash Wednesday Liturgy 1.30pm

Fri 28 Feb **No Friday Mass**

Sun 1 March **SCHOOL ASSISTED MASS 10.00 AM**

Mon 2 March Assembly 1.45 - Te Rōpū Ako (Yr3&4)

Tue 3 March Yr 7&8 North Group Swimming

Fri 6 March **Mass:** Piripono 1 (Mrs Kenny & Mr Surrey)  
Yr 5&6 North Group Swimming Tuakau

Tue 10 March Yr 7&8 Zone Swimming

Wed 11 March Year 7&8 Tech

Fri 13 March **Mass:** Te Rōpū Ārahi (½ of team)  
& Te Rōpū Aroha  
(Mrs Hawke & Mrs Wilcox)

Sat 14 March **SCHOOL FAIR**

Mon 16 March Assembly 1.45 - Te Rōpū Aroha (Yr1&2)

Wed 18 March Polyfest - School's Day Event  
BOT Meeting 7pm

Thu 19 March **St Joseph's Feast Day Mass 9am**  
**St Joseph's Day Tabloid Sports**

Fri 20 March **No Friday Mass**  
Yr 5&6 Zone Swimming - Patumahoe

Wed 25 March Year 7&8 Tech

Fri 27 March **Mass:** Te Rōpū Piripono 2 (Mr Kim & Mrs McCort)

Sat 28 March Franklin Cultural Festival

Mon 30 March Assembly 1.45 - Te Rōpū Piripono (Yr5&6)

Thu 2 April Parent/Child Goal Setting Evening

Fri 3 April **Mass:** Te Rōpū Ako - whole team

Mon 6 April Palm Sunday Liturgy

Tue 7 April Parent/Child Goal Setting Evening

Wed 8 April Year 7&8 Tech

Thu 9 April Holy Thursday  
Stations of the Cross Liturgy  
End of Term 1

#### **School Holidays**

**Tue 28 Apr Term 2 Commences**

#### **Term Dates for 2020**

Term 1	Tuesday 4 February	2020	Thursday 9 April	2020
Term 2	Tuesday 28 April	2020	Friday 3 July	2020
Term 3	Monday 20 July	2020	Friday 25 September	2020
Term 4	Monday 12 October	2020	Thursday 17 December	2020

#### **Public Holidays for 2020**

Good Friday	Friday 10 April 2020 (start of school holidays)
Anzac Day Observance	Monday 28 April 2020
Queen's Birthday	Monday 1 June 2020
Labour Day	Monday 26 October 2020





## Just over 4 weeks to go!

With a late start back, and a long weekend, this year's fair is coming up quick. We need all your support to make it a fantastic, and profitable event. The best way for you to keep updated with what is happening is to follow the PTA facebook page. Search St Joseph's School Pukekohe - PTA and friends and ask to join.

## How can I help?

### Fair Drop in Meeting Thursday 20th Feb from 9am

In the school staffroom. Come and find out where we need volunteers, how you can help, and get signed up.

We need prizes for raffles, both small and major.

Eg. appliances, signed sports memorabilia, vouchers. If your workplace, or company, can help - let us know!

We are also looking for ride sponsors. If you think this might be something you can help with, please call or email Carla.

### Key Contacts:

Carla 021 456 352

Lori Mravicich 0212515436

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*"Volunteers are love in motion"*

## Community Messages

**St Josephs Netball:** Attention all years 3-8 wanting to play netball. Registration's are now open please email [sjnetball@gmail.com](mailto:sjnetball@gmail.com) for a form. And keep an eye out for them coming home in your child's bag.

**ONE MORE WEEK TO ENTER FOR THE FULTON TRIATHLON 2020!**

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**11 - 12 year olds**

**200m Swim**

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**2km Run**

**Click the link to register and secure your child's spot today!**

**<http://bit.ly/FultonTriathlon2020>**

# Novel Coronavirus

(2019-nCoV)

## What you need to know

While we are still learning more about this new virus

### We do know the risk of the virus spreading in New Zealand is very low, how worried should I be?

- Your chances of catching the coronavirus in New Zealand are very low.
- It is highly unlikely you will catch the virus walking down the street.
- Coronavirus appears to be as infectious as the flu and the symptoms are similar - fever, cough and shortness of breath. You are only likely to catch it if you are near to someone with the virus. Most people catch the virus from someone at home, a close workmate or someone they spend time with.
- People will not be moving around the community if they are suspected or confirmed of having the virus – they will be in isolation. Their family and anyone they may have infected will also be asked to stay at home.

### How serious is coronavirus?

- People are being infected, mainly in China, but only a small number of those with coronavirus have died.
- Most people have a mild to moderate illness with flu-like symptoms
- People of all ages are being infected, but older people and those with medical conditions seem most likely to get seriously ill.

### How do I protect myself and my family?

Everyone should protect themselves from the virus, as you would for the 'flu -

- Washing your hands regularly, or using hand sanitiser, is the best way to avoid this illness.
- As with other illnesses, do not go to work or school, or see visitors if you are sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or clothing, and wash hands afterwards

- **Avoid being near to people who are sick**
- **Washing your hands often and covering coughs and sneezes will do more to protect you from the virus than a mask.**
- **If you are sharing food, use utensils to serve the food and keep your personal spoon, fork, or chopsticks separate to avoid transmission through saliva.**

## **What should I do if I think I could have coronavirus?**

- **If you start to experience mild symptoms, then stay at home and call Healthline for advice: 0800 611 116. Interpreters are available on request.**
- **If you start to experience more severe symptoms arrange to see a doctor urgently. Call ahead and mention your travel history. Difficulty breathing requires immediate medical attention and can be a sign of pneumonia.**

## **Where can I find more information?**

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After School Care 2:45pm-6:00pm / 2:45pm-4:00pm  
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