

St Joseph's Catholic School

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Week 4 Term 1

27 February 2020

Newsletter # 03

Principal's Message

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

We are now into our fourth week back at school and so much has been happening in the school. At our School Dedication Mass and our first Assembly, our Year 8 children were allocated their leadership roles for the coming year and our new Year 3-8 Class Councillors were announced. We look forward to working with these young leaders throughout the coming year.

Last week we had a successful Parent Information Evening focussed on how the school and parents can ensure your children's safety online. I really liked that, when using Family Wise, parents can turn off internet access to their children overnight so they can't use their device and enabling them to have a good sleep. This is something you might like to consider in your home.

On Tuesday we held our school swimming sports at Jubilee Pools. This is the first opportunity our student leaders have had to show their leadership skills in their newly appointed roles. It was great to see the children's House spirit as they competed and participated in events. Chanel House won the House Relay competition and our overall winning House will be announced at our prize-giving at the end of the year. Thank you to all the parents who supported this event.

Yesterday, Father Bonny and Seminarian Mark led our Ash Wednesday liturgy, prepared by Te Ropu Piripono, in our school hall. As we begin Lent we are reminded by the liturgical colour, purple, that we need to get ready and be prepared for the Holy Week/Easter; the foundation of our faith. For children, Lent is a time to go without something, such as less screen time, do something willingly for someone else, and to remember to pray by themselves.

Information regarding the payment of Attendance Dues and contributions collected for the Catholic Diocese and the St Joseph's Development Trust has been sent to you separately this week. These funds are collected on behalf of these identities and do not stay in our school account. These payments sit outside the MOE Donation scheme which will cover most student activities this year. You will continue to be asked to contribute to selected individual activities which do not involve the whole class/school.

We have also sent out a parent pledge page for all families to complete and return in regards to our upcoming school Fun Fair on Saturday 14 March. Please consider supporting the Fair in some practical way. The funds raised come back into the school and will be used on the development of the school grounds. We are hoping to surface the grassed area between the swimming pool and classrooms.

A reminder that we can provide a "KickStart Breakfast" to any child that needs this. Mrs Irwin organises this in Te Ropu Aroha and we have some wonderful parent volunteers in our hall kitchen from 8:10 am in the mornings. Any child who requires breakfast for whatever reason can go to get breakfast before school. Children cannot learn if they are hungry.

I look forward to seeing you all at our school assisted parish Mass at 10 am this Sunday.

Ursula Hall
Principal

Pray for the
Beatification
of
Euphrasie Barbier



*Loving God, the
power of the
Holy Spirit led
Euphrasie
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.*



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Key Dates

Special Catholic Character

Fri 28 Feb	No Friday Mass
Sun 1st Mar	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)

Please note these dates are subject to change For further dates in Term 1 see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at:
www.stjosephs.co.nz

2020 Teacher Only Days:

Friday 29 May

Friday 14th August

Friday 23 October

Term Dates for 2020

Term 1 end
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

This month, Pope Francis praised those dedicated to Catholic Education for their work each day: "I thank you for the work you do with dedication every day, and I invoke upon you the gifts of the Holy Spirit to give you strength in your delicate ministry of education..."

School Assisted Mass - Sun 1st March 10 am:

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.

Teacher Dedication Mass

On Tuesday we had our Teacher's Dedication Mass in Owairaka. We had a great turn out and the church was packed with teachers from all around Auckland. We had five teachers receive certification. Congratulation goes to:

Trica Kenny - Endorsement for Catholic Leadership

Mairead Gallagher-Pile - Endorsement for Catholic Leadership

Linda Sokimi - Endorsement for Catholic Leadership

Anna Francis - Leadership level accreditation

Sharon Hawke - Classroom level accreditation



First School Mass of the Year

We celebrated our first school Mass and had our beautiful liturgical choir lead our school as well our new teacher Mr Kim accompanying them on piano. We are very blessed to have such wonderful talent in our school and thank St Patrick's parish and Father Bonny for their support in leading us closer to Jesus.

New Bishop Ordination

Father Michael Gielen is to be ordained as Auxiliary Bishop of Auckland at 11:00 am, Saturday 7 March, at the Vodafone Events Centre in Manukau. This is a very significant event in the history and life of our Auckland Diocese. We also have a very special connection to Father Michael as he had run the students Year 8 Retreats for the last few years and is the brother of one of our Y7&8 teachers, Anna Francis, who is currently our acting DRS. Bishop Patrick Dunn has invited all of our families to attend this very special celebration. Bishop Pat has requested that every school in the Auckland region be represented. We hope you can join us on this very special occasion.

School Notices

School Leaders for 2020:

At our Dedication Mass we announced our School Captains and House Captains for 2020.

Congratulations to the following students:

School Captains: Abby McCort and Etikeni Helu

Chanel House Captains: Chassidy Tapu and Semisi Naiqara

Barbier House: Sophie Kempton and Hector Williams

Costello House: Keeleigh Moloney and Hugh Rowlatt

Pompallier House: Zara Wallace and Solomon Dykes



Congratulations to some of our ex-pupils who have leadership roles in their high schools for 2020 - Marist Girls

Head Girl: Olivia Dykes, Sancta Maria Deputy Head Boy: Jack Farrell, Sacred Heart Head Boy: Milan Kriletich, and Sacred Heart Deputy Head Boarder: Rico McQuoid. All of these children had leadership roles at our school in 2015. We are proud of you all.

Previous School Leaders: (from right) Olivia Dykes, Milan Kriletich, Jack Farrell and Rico McQuoid



Digital Safety Parent Information Evening: Thank you to all the parents who attended our Parent Evening last week on Thursday night. We wish to thank Saunil Hagler from Family Zone who came out to speak to everyone about the statistics around online use by children and shared with the families how St Joseph's is working with Family Zone to provide a safe environment for our children when at school and options for parents to keep their children safe at home. If you would like to read more information regarding this initiative and get some practical tips such as how to set up your child's Chromebook and set safety parameters on your children's devices when they are at home, please check our website under Information/Digital Citizenship and scroll down to the bottom to the Family Zone section.



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.

School Events

School Swimming Sports: Our annual School Swimming Sports was held on Tuesday 25th of February at the Jubilee Pools. It was a wonderful day where the newly appointed leaders were able to lead their houses in a day of competition and fun. The morning was dedicated to the competitive races where students from years 5 - 8 raced for places in the North Group Swim meets that are held next week. The afternoon was spent celebrating house spirit with novelty races, strongman/woman competitions and various other relays. Thank you to the parents that came along to help us with the day and to those that came to offer their support.



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