

# St Joseph's Catholic School

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Week 7 Term 3

3 September 2020

Newsletter #16

## Principal's Message

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

Welcome back to school in Alert level 2.5! In general, everyone has settled well back into school life. We are pleased to be back to "normal" again. Thank you for supporting us by not coming into the school unless necessary. If you do need to, please either use the QR App or sign in the register at our main door. We do ask that you do not send your children to school too early as they cannot enter our school grounds before 8:15 am. Teachers will be at the gates in the morning and afternoon to greet and farewell students. There will be no students on morning road patrol during Alert Level 2.

We have decided not to assemble as a whole school for the rest of the term as it is difficult to maintain sufficient distance between students. Although we can be together at school, we cannot invite parents onto the site in groups as this will create a "gathering". We are very mindful that this school year has been very different for our students and many events have been cancelled or postponed. We can't move everything into Term 4 as it is a full-on term already, and we cannot guarantee the Alert Levels we will be working in. We are very hopeful that our Y5/6 Camp will go ahead as we can have our camp in Level 2.

As you can see by now our new building is beginning to dominate our landscape. It is going up very quickly now. This is a replacement project and once completed, some of our older classrooms will be demolished and a hard court area reinstated.

We are going ahead with our planned Teacher Only day next Friday 11 September. Teachers have already missed a TOD this year because of Covid-19 and it is important for their professional growth and our school focus that we have the opportunity to meet this way. Our facilitator is Jacque Allen, from Cognition Education, as we continue to focus on the success of teaching/learning collaboratively.

Further in this newsletter you will see information about our Term 3 parent/teacher/child conferences. Obviously, because of the times, these will be run a little differently this term. We acknowledge Term 1 face-to-face interviews could not take place and you may, indeed, have had more contact with your child's teacher through distance learning, but it is really important we keep talking about your child's learning. Unfortunately, our usual Term 3 open evening cannot take place.

I'll leave you with this whakatauki: **He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai** - If kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive. In times like these I think we need to be kind to ourselves as well.

Stay well and God bless

*Ursula Hall*

Principal



*"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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Key Dates		Special Catholic Character
	<p><b>Due to Covid -19 Key dates will be updated as changes become known.</b></p>	<p><b>"May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us." St Teresa of Avila</b></p> <p>We sometimes lose sight of our own purpose and how we are meant to play a part in bringing peace to the world. So often it starts here: with internal peace - a peace with Our Lord and a deep sense of rest in the creation He has made us. Such a peace radiates out into our families and our communities. Cultivated in each of us, it could bring about great change in our world. And yet, suffering and death, pain and loss, will all continue to be part of our experience.</p> <p>Let us pray to be instruments of peace even in moments when it seems the battle is lost. Let us never submit to the lie that it is hopeless but hold on to the hope that our God is great and can overcome all things.</p> <p>So many events and activities have been cancelled or postponed this year. One of the activities that has been postponed till next term is Our Cans for Christmas Mufti Day which was scheduled for this Friday. More details for next term's mufti day will be released closer to the date.</p> <p>Ask our tamariki about their Catholic mindfulness in class and, when life is getting tough, help them to remember that God is bigger than all of this and to keep a hold of the fact He is a great big God, bigger than any disease.</p> <p>God bless you and keep you.</p> <p>Anna Francis DRS</p>
<b>Fri 11 Sept</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day</b>	
Wed 16 Sept	BOT Meeting 7pm	
Wed 23 Sept	Year 7&8 Tech	
Thurs 24 Sept	EPRO 8 Yrs 5 - 8	
Fri 25 Sept	No Friday Mass Pasifika Day Celebrations <b>Term 3 ends</b>	
<b>Mon 12 Oct</b>	<b>Term 4</b>	
<b>Fri 23 Oct</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day</b>	
<b>Thurs 17 Dec</b>	<p><b>Term 4 ends</b> <b>NB: There may be another TOD organised by our COL. This was to take place in Term 2. Please note these dates are subject to change For further dates see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at: <a href="http://www.stjosephs.co.nz">www.stjosephs.co.nz</a></b></p>	

## School Notices

**Reminder that next Friday 11 September is a Teacher Only Day**

### Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Due to the initial Lockdown, our parent/teacher/student conferences had to be cancelled in Term 2. This term, we are opening up the opportunity for parents to book in a conference with your child's kaitiaki/teacher if you feel there are concerns that you have around your child's progress. Alternatively, teacher's will be contacting any parents they would like to have a conference with in the next few weeks. Due to the ever-changing Level restrictions, these conferences can either be face to face, phone call or through Zoom or Google Meets. We would really like the opportunity to speak with you. If you would like to request an appointment, please directly message or email your child's teacher to make arrangements over the next few weeks.

Reminder for children to bring their own water bottles to school during Covid Alert Level 2 as our school drinking fountains are closed.

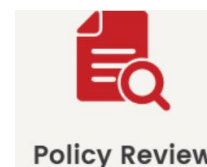


**Magazines:** Aroha 2 Rm 13 is collecting suitable magazines to cut up for our literacy programme, if you have any we would appreciate it if you could send them into school.

### Term 3 Policy Review: Learning Support

Parents can now review our Learning Support Policy.

1. Visit the website <https://stjosephspukekohe.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (stjosephspukekohe) and password (mission).
3. Scroll down to the "red" Policy Review box.
4. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
5. Read the policy.
6. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
7. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
8. Enter your name (optional).
9. Submit your ratings and comments.
10. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.



## School Events

### Update on Postponements and Cancellations

**Pasifika Week** - Celebrations scheduled for next week have been postponed. More details to follow in a separate notice next week.

**ICAS** - The ICAS testing that should have occurred on August 24th and 31st will now be postponed until October. Further details closer to the date.

**Mathex** - the ASB Franklin Mathex Competition that was to be held in Week 7 (Sept 2nd) has now been cancelled.

**Proclaiming the Word** - Our proclaiming the word school competition has been cancelled.



**Camp Fundraiser** - THANKS to **Apparel Land** for sponsoring a new school jacket as a raffle prize. Tickets are only \$2.00 and will only be **sold in room14**. While we are in level 2, we cannot sell tickets before and after school. SO PLEASE send \$2 to school with your child to get a ticket. The jacket will come in the size requested by the winner. THANK YOU to those that have already bought tickets.

## Community Notices

The St Joseph's Development Trust's AGM will be held at school at 6:30pm on Thursday 24th September (COVID levels permitting).

**Franklin Pool and Leisure are excited to be able to offer Holiday Intensives again these holidays.**

**These will run from Monday to Friday during the first week of the holidays and are available for Courage – Junior Squad swimmers.**

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