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Week 9 Term 3

17 September 2020

Newsletter #17

Principal's Message

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

Kiaora Whanau o Hato Hohepa!

This week we celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. This year's theme is 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' meaning 'Let's make the Māori language strong'. On Monday at 12 pm, our school joined with more than 1 million people NZ wide to speak te reo by singing Mo Maria as a school. It was lovely to hear the singing coming from all over the school. Even the construction workers stopped to listen.

This term is quickly drawing to a close. As we finish our third term we realise that we have not had one full 10 week term this year. This has been a crazy year and our children have missed out on sports and school trips. Despite this, they seem to have managed the Covid disruption very well and are very settled back at school. Teachers are now contacting parents about their child's progress so far this year. With one term to go we want all our learners to be fully engaged in their learning. If you would like to request an appointment, please directly message or email your child's teacher to make arrangements before the end of the term.

Meanwhile, around us our new building is rising. It was great that the building could progress during Alert Level 3 and now that it is becoming a reality, the excitement is beginning to grow also. During our Teacher Only Day, teachers were able to suggest furniture layouts and anticipate how they might work together in those spaces. It was a very valuable exercise. We understand it will be ready for us to move into at the beginning of next year, so hopefully it will be in time for the school year to start. Decisions about who will be in the building will be made according to the number of children in different year groups.

Your child may have come home last week to tell you about our lockdown. Last Thursday, from approx 11am - 1pm, our school went into a semi lockdown situation as requested by police. We were not in any danger however the police asked that we keep our children inside while they managed an incident off Childs Ave. Our children were very interested and watching activities from the fence line during morning tea. The school responded to the lockdown bell as expected, and we were able to use the procedure as a practice drill as required for Health & Safety.

Well I certainly am looking forward to our term break and hope you are too. Hopefully we will all be able to travel to catch up with family and friends.

Noho ora, ma te Atua koe e manaaki

Ursula Hall

Principal - Tumuaki



*Prayer for the
Beatification of
EUPHRASIE
BARBIER
1829-1893*


Loving God the
power of the Holy
Spirit
Led Euphrasie 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.

*Prayer for a
Novena:*

1 Our Father, 1 Hail
Mary and 1 Glory
Be



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Key Dates		Special Catholic Character
	<p>Due to Covid -19 Key dates will be updated as changes become known.</p> <p>Wed 23 Sept Year 7&8 Tech</p> <p>Thurs 24 Sept EPRO 8 Yrs 5 - 8</p> <p>Fri 25 Sept No Friday Mass Pasifika Day Celebrations Term 3 ends</p> <p>Mon 12 Oct Term 4 begins</p> <p>Fri 23 Oct Teacher Only Day</p> <p>Thurs 17 Dec Term 4 ends</p> <p>Please note these dates are subject to change For further dates see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at: www.stjosephs.co.nz</p>	<p>A Little Bit of History...</p> <p>Euphrasie Barbier 1829-1893</p>  <p>Adele Euphrasie Barbier was born in Normandy, France, on the 4th January 1829. At the age of 14, she started work in a laundry, but she always wanted to be a missionary. When she was 19 she joined the Sisters of Calvary, and was sent to London. But she still wanted to become a missionary in foreign lands.</p> <p>She decided to help the Marist Fathers with their work in the South Pacific, and so on the 15th August 1861, the Feast of Assumption, she founded a new congregation of The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions (RNDM). Euphrasie Barbier's religious name was "Mother Mary of the Heart of Jesus".</p> <p>In 1864 Euphrasie sent four of her Sisters from France to New Zealand to help teach the growing number of settler children. Some of her Sisters began the first Catholic school here in Pukekohe in 1885, and later started St Joseph's School for younger pupils in 1923.</p> <p>Euphrasie visited New Zealand twice, although she always suffered terrible seasickness on her journeys, and spent some time in Pukekohe, where she planted the oak tree that is seen in Notre Dame Ct today.</p> <p>St Joseph's School's charism is based on our founding order: the Mission Sisters. The Sisters taught in our school for many years.</p>

School Notices



Pasifika Languages Week 2020

Talofa lava, Malo lelei, Mauri, Kia Orana, Bula, greetings from our Pacific Island community. Unfortunately, we were not able to celebrate our Pasifika Week as initially planned on our school calendar. We would still like to celebrate the numerous Pacific languages/nations that are represented at our school and the efforts of our Pasifika Boys and Girls Performance Groups. As an alternative we will celebrate a Pasifika Day at our school on **Friday September 25th**. Starting on Monday our Pasifika students are encouraged to wear their national clothing every day next week and all our other students are invited to wear Pacific themed clothing for a mufti day on the last day of term.

On this day we will have a special school assembly where our Pasifika Boy and Girl Performance groups will be performing a number of items. Also, order forms have gone home this week for our **Chop Suey (\$5 ea) and Otai (\$1) lunch** pre-ordered and delivered to your child's class on Friday. Please have orders in by Wednesday the 23rd.

School Class Photos - If you would like to purchase a class photo for your child, please have orders and money in by Friday Sept 25th. Cost is \$15 a photo.

We have had a great start to our **GREAT SPRING GROWING CHALLENGE of 2020**. Children have had opportunities to come and plant seeds or take seeds home to plant. The aim is to complete a diary of everything they notice and return the diary in week 8 of Term 4. All the children that have signed up have lots of

info but feel free to email me on briars@stjosephs.co.nz if you would like more information. There are LOADS of fabulous prizes up for grabs.

Piripono Camp: We have 2 fundraisers at the moment. **Raffle tickets - 3 awesome prizes! Tickets only \$5 each. Drawn at the school assembly on 21 September**

1st Prize: Lawnmower donated by Mitre 10 (Value \$320)

2nd Prize: Voucher donated by The Style Stop (Value \$150)

3rd Prize: Voucher donated by Pak 'n Save (Value \$100)

We will be selling tickets just inside the school gate before and after school. Come grab some tickets.

Samosa fundraiser: a favourite with many people to pop in the freezer for those times when you need a snack. 4 different ones available: Vege, lamb, chicken and Butter Chicken. \$12 for a tray of 6 for Butter Chicken, \$10 for all the others. Also on sale at the gate or from any Year 5 & 6 student.

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



Attendances Dues: Attendance dues for three terms should now have been paid in full. If you have any concerns or are having difficulty paying Attendance dues please contact our office to make an appointment to see Mrs Hall or you may contact Carol Krebs at Auckland Catholic Diocese ph: 09 360 3069.

Summer Uniform: A reminder that next term we are moving into our summer uniform. For **Girls** this is our green tunic with Black or brown leather sandals. The sandal must have a heel/ankle strap, and no colour variations are allowed. Roman sandals are an acceptable option.

For **Boys** this is grey shorts (light weight), short sleeved polo shirt (logo on front) with Black or brown leather sandals. The sandal must have a heel/ankle strap, and no colour variations are allowed. Roman sandals are an acceptable option.

School Events

ICAS - English and Maths ICAS Testing will be taking place in Week 1 of Term 4.



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

SJ Development Trust

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

PUKEKOHE EAST TENNIS - Tennis coaching and interclub games available term 4. Please contact Jody McCort - mccort11@slingshot.co.nz for details.

All beginners welcome.
Open days - LOVE TENNIS October 10th & 11th - 1-4pm
Corner of Pukekohe East & Runciman Rd

Pukekohe Netball is still looking to go ahead with the Fun/Future Ferns netball programme on Friday nights this year. This is a fun programme designed to teach your daughter (year 1 & 2 only) how to play netball and to have a lot of fun with friends while playing.

This has been delayed a few times due to COVID-19 so will now be later on in the year when the weather is warmer :)

The programme will run as follows:

Start date: Friday 16th October – 4:30pm to 5:30pm

End Date: Friday 27th November

'Young at Art offer Children's, Teenage and Adult Art and Craft classes in Pukekohe. Our Spring holiday workshops are now open for booking. These holidays we are offering workshops in Fabric painting, Tie Dye, Mosaics, Papier mache, Watercolour and Acrylic Painting, Printing and more! We also offering regular term time classes for 6yrs to teens. For more information or to book please check out: <http://www.youngatart.co.nz/>, email: admin@youngatart.co.nz or phone: 0297 712 923. Bookings are essential as places are limited

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.

Please contact us on fplswimschool@belgravialeisure.co.nz to request an enrolment form and make a booking.




Hotshots & Junior Squads



Tennis Term 4 2020

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- 11 yrs + - Mon /Tues OR Friday (60 minutes) - Cost 160.00

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