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Week 3 Term 4

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Newsletter #19

Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Katoa

Talofa Lava

Kamusta

Malo e lelei

Mauri

Hello Everyone

I hope you all enjoyed your long Labour Weekend with your family and weren't we so lucky to have such great weather! On Friday our teachers had a productive day here at school and our teacher aides, who work on Fridays, were able to do a spring clean of some of our older teaching resources. Meanwhile, I spent the morning at a Catholic principals meeting. It was a very full but worthwhile non-contact day for all of us.

This term has started with a rush as we once again participate in sports and other activities. Last week's school athletics was a great success with children from Year 3-8 competing for their Houses: Barbier, Chanel, Costello, and Pompallier. Fortunately, we were able to get through all the events before the rain began. Many thanks to the parents who came to support us on the day and well done to all the staff that competed in the student vs teacher relay.

This week we have been very busy. Year 3-8 have all been involved in Zone Touch Rugby in Tuakau. Teams from Year 5-8 have competed in the Epro8 Challenge at Pukekohe Intermediate Hall. Today, the children are wearing mufti and have supported 'Cans for Christmas', and tomorrow I am taking a group of children through to Holy Cross, Papatoetoe, to participate in a student leadership day with other students from our South Auckland Catholic Schools Community of Learning. Next week we see Piripono, our Year 5-6 students head off to a 3-day camp at Totara Springs, Matamata. After doing very little in the last two terms, now it is full on; particularly for Arāhi, our intermediate students. Aren't we lucky to be living in New Zealand right now?

As our new building speeds towards completion, we are looking forward to when we move in next year. Before that though, we need to move out of the classrooms to be demolished over the summer holidays. We are currently looking at what furniture and resources to keep, and what to discard. It's like moving house but on a different scale. Towards the end of the term we will give our school families and friends the opportunity to take some items that we plan to dispose of.

You may have seen that we have had steps built down from the deck in front of Room 14. It certainly has opened up the space for our students to use. Plans to develop the space between the pool and the steps has been put on hold as the space we will have once our oldest classrooms are demolished becomes a reality.

This Sunday we celebrate All Saints Day, followed by All Souls Day on Monday. We remember the saints past and those present among us today. There are so many good people in our lives - a blessing for all of us.

Stay well and God bless.

Ursula Hall

Principal - Tumuaki

All Saints Day
1 November



Thank you, **God**, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, **God**. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love. In the honour and noble victory of the martyrs.

Key Dates

Fri 30 Oct	Mass: Te Rōpū Ārahi & Te Rōpū Aroha 2
Mon 2 Nov	Piripono Totara Springs Camp All Saints Liturgy/Assembly - Te Rōpū Aroha@ School Hall 1.40pm
Tue 3 Nov	New Parent Evening 6.30 - 7.30pm
Wed 4 Nov	Year 7&8 Tech Tiny Joes
Thu 5 Nov	Wero Trip Day 1 - Ārahi
Fri 6 Nov	No Friday Mass Te Rōpū Aroha Cross Country
Sun 8 Nov	First Communion & Confirmation @ 10 am Mass
Mon 9 Nov	Wero Trip Day 2 - Ārahi
Thu 12 Nov	NYLD
Fri 27 Nov	Mission Day Liturgy 10.00 am
Wed 2 Dec	Carol Service 6pm
Fri 11 Dec	Prizegiving 11.30 * time TBC
Mon 14 Dec	Assembly: Final Year 8
Tue 15 Dec	Gifts for the Elderly - Gift Giving
Wed 16 Dec	End of Year Mass/Leavers Mass - time TBC
Thu 17 Dec	Term 4 ends 1.15pm Finish

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

Special Catholic Character

All Saints 1st November and All Souls Day 2nd November

“To see God, to be similar to God: this is our hope.

And on this day, precisely on the day of the Saints and before the day for the dead, it is necessary to think a little about hope: the hope that accompanies us in life....

There are moments of difficulty in life, but with hope the soul moves forward and looks toward that which awaits us”.

- POPE FRANCIS



All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1st. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, is dedicated to those who have died and need our prayers. There will be a special book at the church where you can write the name of your loved ones that have passed and they will be held up in prayer, teachers will also be praying with your children on this day. If you would like to pray with your children at home, you can use a candle and ask God to bless your loved ones who have passed. This can be quite a special family time.

God bless

Anna Francis

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Thank you to all the families that sent in a can for our Cans for Christmas mufti day collection today. As you can see below, we are a generous school community and will make the holidays less stressful for quite a few families.



School Notices

Parents New to School Evening: Our Orientation evening for new families is on Tuesday 3rd November at 6.30pm in the school staffroom. The evening is designed for new families who have children enrolled to start school at St Joseph's next year. We look forward to seeing you.

Attendances Dues: Attendance dues for Term 4 are now due. If you have any concerns or are having difficulty paying Attendance Dues please contact our school office to make an appointment to see Mrs Hall, or you may wish to contact Carol Krebs, Revenue Manager, directly at Auckland Catholic Diocese ph: 09 360 3069.

Chickenpox: Please be advised that we have a few cases of Chickenpox in the school. It is highly contagious. Early symptoms include: fever, headache, runny nose, a cough, temperature, loss of appetite, tiredness. Children that have these symptoms and Chickenpox spots should stay away from school, daycare and public places as they are infectious. Children will need to remain absent from school until the spots are scabbed over and dry - this may take 5 - 7 days. For further information please go to www.kidshealth.org.nz

Securing your Bike at School: Unfortunately yesterday we had a child's bike stolen from the bike stand at school before the school day started. A man walked through the school, entering from Dublin St and exiting from Seddon St. Police were informed and are following this up. For security reasons, you might want to purchase a bike chain/lock for your child's bike.

Summer Uniform: A reminder that children should now be in our summer uniform. For **Girls** this is our green summer dress. For **Boys** this is grey school shorts (light weight) and our short sleeved polo shirt (logo on front). Both girls and boys should be wearing either black or brown sandals. The sandal **must have a heel/ankle strap**, and no colour variations are allowed. Roman sandals are an acceptable option. Bottle green brimmed hats are expected to be worn in the summer terms. On very wet days, such as Tuesday of this week, we have no objection to children wearing their **school winter shoes/socks** instead of their sandals. It makes sense.

We understand The Uniform Shoppe has not been able to get the fabric for our girls' dresses on time (another Covid factor) and some smaller sizes might not be available until early November. Until then, these girls can continue to wear their winter uniform with sandals or white socks/black shoes.

Lost Property: The Lost Property Box is located outside Room 3 and 4. All clearly named items of clothing are returned quickly to their owners. Any unnamed items are donated or recycled on a monthly basis. Please name your children's clothing.

School Hats: Summer is upon us and the sun is out in full force; please make sure to send your children to school with a green sun hat for break times and sport. If they do not come to school with a hat they will be asked to stay in a shaded area during intervals.

Parent Helpers Needed: We are desperate for parent helpers to come and shelve junior readers into their colour boxes for us. Maybe you could come early, 8.30 am or 2.15pm and do half an hour for us. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

Book Amnesty: Could you please return any resources, library books, readers, junior readers etc, that you may have been given or used as we will be starting our stocktake towards the end of the year and need these back. Thank you

Garden Club update: We have had a fun spot prize going where the children had to put fruits and vegetables into the correct categories. Congratulations to *Anthonena* who got them all correct - and runners up *Cortez*, *Sophia O*, *Kennice*, *Deanna* and *Destiny*. A small gardening prize is heading your way!! There were a few tricky ones. We categorised them by fruit having seeds and vegetables consisting of roots, stems and leaves. **FRUITS:** Apple, Watermelon, Orange, Tomato, Corn, Pumpkin and Olives **VEGETABLES:** Celery, Silverbeet, Potatoes, Radish, Turnip, Taro, Beetroot
Bananas were a very hard one as they are categorised as more of a herb!!!



School Events

ATHLETICS DAY Special thanks to all those Parents who helped on our athletics day last Thursday. It was great to have our students out participating in their house colours. House winner will be announced at prizegiving. The teachers were unfortunately beaten this year in the relay! North group is being held on November 17th for those who placed. A notice will be going home.



Jump Jam 2020

On the 17th of October our Year 5 and 6 Jump Jam team competed in the Strictly Franklin Jump Jam competition at the Pukekohe Town Hall. This was the teams first outing and first time for many on such a large stage.

The team did an amazing job and won their Freshman section bringing home another trophy to add to the schools growing Jump Jam collection. They received Excellence awards in Technical Execution and Presentation. Well done girls, we are so proud of how hard you trained and the effort you gave on the stage.



EPRO-8 Y 7 & 8: On Tuesday 27th of November, two year 7 and 8 teams competed in the local E-PRO8 competition held at Pukekohe Intermediate. This was a night event, and after a day of touch rugby for some of them, they switched to their engineering and maths brains. Yesterday, our final Year 7 and 8 team competed in the afternoon competition alongside the Year 5 and 6 teams. A big thank you to the parents and teachers who gave up their time to watch our awesome students in action! Well done to - St Joes Einsteins, Eager Engineers and Elon's Musketeers. We have wonderful talent in our Year 7 and 8's and they did us proud!



FRANKLIN TENNIS: Congratulations to Abby McCort Runner up - Year 7 & 8 Girls

Pippa Muir Runner up - Year 6 Girls

Will Vaughan Runner up - Year 6 Boys

Bradley Hickford - Winner Consolation Year 6 Boys

Thanks to Edwina Hickford for taking these students for the day. It was a long day with so many making Finals! Great work

National Young Leaders Day: Notices were sent home yesterday for the Year 8's NYLD on Thursday November 12th. Please send back ASAP. We need drivers to transport students to and from the event. If you would like to stay, it is an extra cost of \$19. Due to our MOE Donation Scheme, this event for your child is fully paid for.

Wero Water Park: It's a busy term for our Year 7 and 8's, and we are not letting the threat of Covid stop us from experiencing everything our wonderful country has to offer. So in weeks 4 & 5, we are off to Wero Water Park for a two day excursion where our students will experience water activities designed to keep them safe and allow them to have so serious fun in the meantime! A permission slip was sent home yesterday and is very detailed, so I suggest you take a picture of the information - otherwise, I will send a copy home in the weekly update that is sent to every Year 7 and 8 parent on a Sunday afternoon. Please bring the permission slip back ASAP, as the first day is only a week away!

Mission Day: Mark Your Calendars! Mission Day is fast approaching and our wonderful Year 7 and 8 students are busily preparing their stalls. This year it is being held in Week 7 on **Friday 27th of November**. A lot of information will be coming your way. We kindly ask that you start bringing in *any grocery items, items that could be used in a raffle for boys, girls or garden, good quality small used toys for the Toy Stall*. There will be a pamphlet that will go home tomorrow with more information about this exciting annual event.

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