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# **St Joseph's Catholic School**

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Week 7     Term 4     26 November     2020     New						etter #21
Principal's Message						
Tena Koutou Katoa	Talofa Lava	Kamusta	Malo e lelei	Mauri	Hello Everyone	Pray for the
We're in another very busy week as we speed towards the end of our school year. All the children are very excited about Mission Day at school tomorrow and, once again, this would not happen without the enthusiasm of our Arahi students and the support of their teachers. The Mission Day market is another highlight of our school year and has long been a tradition that supports the missionary work of our founding RNDM Sisters; particularly their work with women and children.						
Last night, Lori Mravicich and Alan Surrey presented a very successful Digital Technologies meeting to interested parents. As we redesign our teaching teams for 2021, our Year 4&5 children will be working together and we feel it is important that they both have the same advantage of being able to bring a chromebook to school to support their learning. The Board has approved the inclusion of Year 4 children in our BYOD policy. As always, this is not compulsory and the school does provide devices that can be shared by children in the classroom. Last week I sent you a letter informing you of staff leaving at the end of this year. Today I am able to announce our new teachers appointed for 2021. I am pleased to welcome Mrs Robin Burns onto our staff as our Assistant Principal. Initially, Robin will also act as Team Leader in Te Rōpū Ārahi while Kerri Eglemeer is on maternity leave. We are delighted to have her join our Management Team. Mr Elroy Muller also joins us in our Year 7/8 team and brings a wealth of experience with him. Mrs Kelly McArthur and Mrs Tiana Farrell will hold a shared position in Year 4/5 area and Miss Nicole Sarginson, who did her teacher practicum with us earlier this year, will be in our Year 0-1 area. We are delighted to fill our positions with such enthusiastic teachers, all of whom are looking forward to joining our teaching team next year. We are fully staffed and excited about the changing dynamics for 2021.						Loving God, the power of the Holy Spirit led Euphraisie 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.
Lastly, please keep I staff who releases te currently recovering	achers across th	ne school, so al	I of your children	will know	her. She is	We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.
As we begin our new A God bless you all.	dvent season, tak	e good care of ea	ach other.			

*Ursula Hall* Principal - Tumuaki

Key Dates		Special Catholic Character				
Mon 30 Nov	Assembly: Piripono	Advent Begins!				
Wed 2 Dec	<b>Carol Service 6pm</b> Year 7&8 Tech Tiny Joes (Final)	This Sunday 29th of November the Advent season begins.				
Thu 3 Dec	Pukekohe High School Orientation Visit	This is a four week period before Christmas that celebrates the anticipation and coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. In the lead up to Christmas we can get caught up in the stress of				
Fri 4 Dec Tue 8 Dec	Rainbows End Trip Year 8 Retreat @	the end of year and Christmas shopping and forget all about why we have Christmas.				
THE B DEC	Tyburn Monastery					
Wed 9 Dec	Year 8 Graduation Dinner	Advent is there to remind us and prepare us for the coming of Christ. Advent in the Catholic tradition is similar to Lent. We are asked to fast (give something up), pray (especially as a family), and finally to give to those less fortunate.				
Fri 11 Dec	Prizegiving 11.30 * timeTBC					
Mon 14 Dec	Assembly: Final Year 8	We encourage you and your entire family to get involved. Please involve your children. They can share their little Advent action with a prayer, a sacrifice, or an act of kindness they can do for someone each day. It will be a nice way to inspire our children to be like Jesus and to remind us and them that Jesus is the reason for the				
Wed 16 Dec	End of Year Mass/Leavers Mass - time TBC BOT Meeting 7pm					
Thu 17 Dec	Term 4 ends 1.15pm Finish	season. God bless,				
Tuesday 2	Term 1 Begins	God bless,				
Feb 2021	Please note these dates are subject to change For further dates see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at: www.stjosephs.co.nz	Anna Francis (DRS)				

## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

## MISSION DAY IS TOMORROW!!

#### \*\*It is also <u>Mufti Day</u> tomorrow - Gold coin donation \*\*

Liturgy at 10am and fun events get under way at 12pm

#### 2020 GIFT GIVING CANCELLED

Due to the year being affected by Covid-19, and the busyness the school faces as we move out of our old classrooms in readiness for their demolition over the holidays, it has been decided that the school will not carry out our annual gift giving to the elderly in our community this year. This is a long standing tradition for our school but we are very aware of the health & safety concerns that may arise from our students visiting older parishioners.

**Book Amnesty:** Could you please return any resources, library books, readers, etc that you may have at home as we will be starting our annual stocktake shortly. Replacing these resources is expensive and to have them returned would be great. Thank you.

**BYOD Information Evening:** Thank you to all the parents that attended our information evening last night. If you were unable to attend there are flyers in the main office that will provide some information around Chromebook deals offered through Cyclone, our service provider.

**School Carol Evening:** *When*? Wednesday, December 2nd *Where*? In our School Hall. Entertainment begins at 6pm. Children are asked to come wearing either red, green or white and santa hats are always welcome.

Year 8 Grad Dinner: This will be held on Wednesday December 9th. If you have not returned your RSVP slip to the office yet, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you

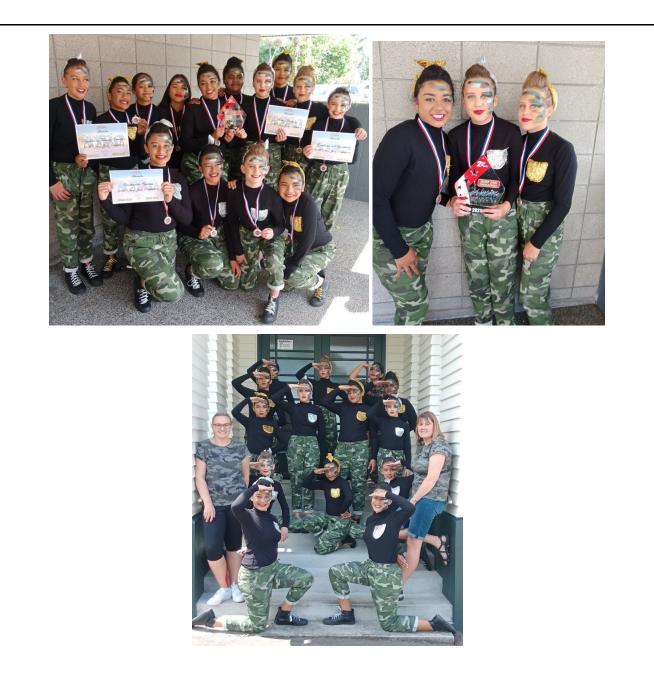
**School Prizegiving:** This will be held in our school hall on Friday, 11th of December starting at 11:30am. We hope you are able to attend.

**Unwell children**: A reminder that if your child is sick please keep them at home until they are well. Thank you.

## SCHOOL EVENTS

#### Jump Jam Nationals 2020

A special thank you to Mrs Sarah Hughes for organising and coaching our Jump Jam team. A huge congratulations to the team who competed at the North Island Nationals on the 21st of November in Tauranga. This amazing group of girls placed 2nd in the Year 7 and 8 Advanced section and received 3 excellence awards and 1 merit award. A huge thank you goes to the parents who came on the trip and supported us and also our amazing school community and Moloney Plasterers who supported our movie night so we could attend this trip. Thank you!



## **Community Notices**

'YOUNG AT ART' Pre Christmas Art & Craft Holiday workshops for children aged 5 – 16yrs are now open for booking in Pukekohe. We are also taking names for our waiting list for Term 1 after school classes. We have one ADULT workshop RESIN DELIGHTS remaining this term on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>
December. For more information or to book please check out: <a href="http://www.youngatart.co.nz/">http://www.youngatart.co.nz/</a>, email: admin@youngatart.co.nz or phone: 0297 712 923. Bookings are essential as places are limited'

'The FLASH BANG SCIENCE Club is offering a one off Christmas themed SCIENCE workshop for children aged 7 – 12yrs on Monday 21st December, 1pm – 4pm in our home studio (117 Valley road, Pukekohe). For bookings or more information please check out: <u>http://www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz/holiday-workshops/</u> or email: admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz'



#### **Christmas & Summer Holiday Programme**

Make your summer stress-free, KAS has care options to suit your family all summer long! Join us for exciting trips & activities including Butterfly Creek, Rocket Ropes, Barn Dance, Master Chef & Wheelie Wednesday! Try our new Hungry Games challenge or summer favourites like Nerf & Water Wars, Christmas Carnival, a trip to the beach and of course Rainbow's End! Check out all our awesome activities on offer, from lots of festive fun to Midsummer Dreams!

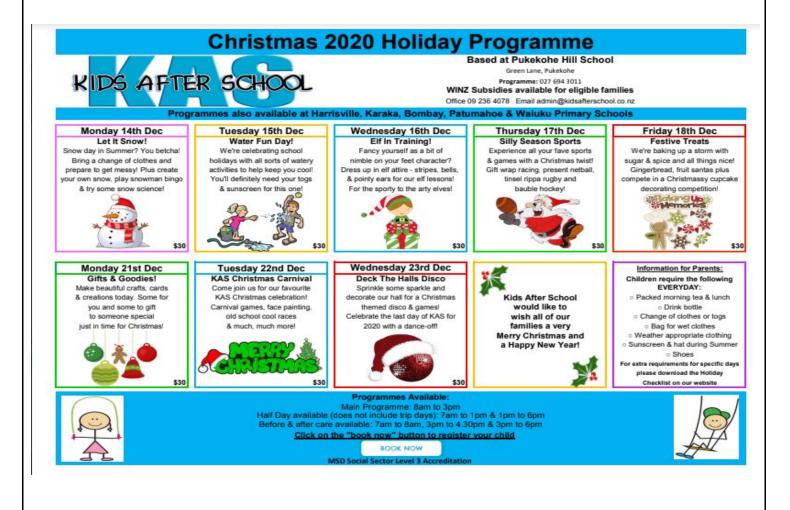
KAS will collect at the earlier finish time for the last day of school for 2020. For our regular clients please advise if you do not need care this day.

We are open until the 23rd December, reopening on the 5th January.

Open Monday to Friday 7am-6pm.

For more information & bookings visit us at:

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