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Week 7 Term 4

26 November 2020

Newsletter #21

Principal's Message

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

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 6 - both ladies are new parents of our school. Mrs Sophie Hartnett will be teaching in our 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.

Lastly, please keep Mrs Jillian Saia in your family prayers. Jillian is a part-time teacher on our staff who releases teachers across the school, so all of your children will know her. She is currently recovering from major surgery and we look forward to her returning in 2021.

As we begin our new Advent season, take good care of each other.
God bless you all.

Ursula Hall

Principal - Tumuaki

*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 |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Mon 30 Nov | Assembly: Piripono | <h2 style="text-align: center;">Advent Begins!</h2> <p>This Sunday 29th of November the Advent season begins. 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 the end of year and Christmas shopping and forget all about why we have Christmas.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 season.</p> <p>God bless,</p> <p>Anna Francis (DRS)</p>  |
| Wed 2 Dec | Carol Service 6pm Year 7&8 Tech Tiny Joes (Final) | |
| Thu 3 Dec | Pukekohe High School Orientation Visit | |
| Fri 4 Dec | Rainbows End Trip | |
| Tue 8 Dec | Year 8 Retreat @ Tyburn Monastery | |
| Wed 9 Dec | Year 8 Graduation Dinner | |
| Fri 11 Dec | Prizegiving 11.30 * timeTBC | |
| Mon 14 Dec | Assembly: Final Year 8 | |
| Wed 16 Dec | End of Year Mass/Leavers Mass - time TBC BOT Meeting 7pm | |
| Thu 17 Dec | Term 4 ends 1.15pm Finish | |
| Tuesday 2 Feb 2021 | Term 1 Begins | |
| | <i>Please note these dates are subject to change For further dates see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at: www.stjosephs.co.nz</i> | |

SCHOOL NOTICES

MISSION DAY IS TOMORROW!!

****It is also Mufti Day 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 5th December. 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'**

'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: <http://www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz/holiday-workshops/> or email: admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz'

KAS KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

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:

www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

Any questions please call our office on 09 236 4078

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Monday 14th Dec

Let It Snow!

Snow day in Summer? You betcha! Bring a change of clothes and prepare to get messy! Plus create your own snow, play snowman bingo & try some snow science!



\$30

Tuesday 15th Dec

Water Fun Day!

We're celebrating school holidays with all sorts of watery activities to help keep you cool! You'll definitely need your togs & sunscreen for this one!



\$30

Wednesday 16th Dec

Elf In Training!

Fancy yourself as a bit of nimble on your feet character? Dress up in elf attire - stripes, bells, & pointy ears for our elf lessons! For the sporty to the arty elves!



\$30

Thursday 17th Dec

Silly Season Sports

Experience all your fave sports & games with a Christmas twist! Gift wrap racing, present netball, tinsel rippa rugby and bauble hockey!



\$30

Friday 18th Dec

Festive Treats

We're baking up a storm with sugar & spice and all things nice! Gingerbread, fruit santas plus compete in a Christmassy cupcake decorating competition!



\$30

Monday 21st Dec

Gifts & Goodies!

Make beautiful crafts, cards & creations today. Some for you and some to gift to someone special just in time for Christmas!



\$30

Tuesday 22nd Dec

KAS Christmas Carnival

Come join us for our favourite KAS Christmas celebration! Carnival games, face painting, old school cool races & much, much more!



\$30

Wednesday 23rd Dec

Deck The Halls Disco

Sprinkle some sparkle and decorate our hall for a Christmas themed disco & games! Celebrate the last day of KAS for 2020 with a dance-off!



\$30



Kids After School would like to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Information for Parents: Children require the following EVERYDAY:

- Packed morning tea & lunch
- Drink bottle
- Change of clothes or togs
- Bag for wet clothes
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Sunscreen & hat during Summer
- Shoes

For extra requirements for specific days please download the Holiday Checklist on our website

Programmes Available:

Main Programme: 8am to 3pm

Half Day available (does not include trip days): 7am to 1pm & 1pm to 6pm

Before & after care available: 7am to 8am, 3pm to 4.30pm & 3pm to 6pm

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