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Week 9 Term 4

11 December 2020

Newsletter #22

Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Katoa

Talofa Lava

Kamusta

Malo e lelei

Mauri

Hello Everyone

Well, we made it! A full term without any COVID interruptions; the only full term this year. And what a busy one with so many events being provided for our children across the school. These are the memories our students remember, the fun days and education outside the classroom activities.

We are in our third week of Advent, a time of preparation for our Christmas celebration of the birth of baby Jesus. At school, we too are in a time of preparation, with the additional tasks required to move out of our oldest classrooms in readiness to moving into our new building at the beginning of our new school year. It will be exciting to see the transition of collaborative practice across the school in our new spaces.

Last night our Year 8 Graduation Dinner was held at Pukekohe Park. It was wonderful to see our students dressed up and coming to a formal event with their parents to receive their graduation certificates. It was also a treat to have them showcase their formal dancing capabilities. It was such a joy to celebrate the growth of our students over their time here at St Joseph's and we hope that they enjoy the rest of the celebrations set in store for them for the remainder of the year.

Tomorrow, we also celebrate the successes of this year at our school prizegiving. Although not all children receive an award, I wish to acknowledge all of our children for the contribution they have made to the life of our school. Without each one of them, our school would not be as complete. We are all pieces of the St Joseph's School puzzle and together we are complete. I often promote St Joseph's pride and it is with great pleasure we see our past students achieving at their new schools and coming back to visit us to share their successes.

While our school grounds will still be a construction site (the old buildings being demolished over the holidays), we will move into our new building at the beginning of Term 1. I remind you that on our first day of school, Tuesday 2 February, we will be having a Powhiri at 9:00am in our school hall to welcome our new students and staff into our St Joseph's School family. We are hoping our new building will be blessed by a komatua and Fr Robert at this time.

Right now, we are all feeling a little bit tired. It's been a "big" year and I know my staff are looking forward to a well deserved rest. I know you must be too. I hope we all get a chance to relax and refuel over the summer break.

Wishing you and your families many blessings for this Christmas season.
Stay safe and keep well.

Ursula Hall

Principal - Tumuaki

Christmas Blessing




Celebration is an attentive and gracious joy of presence.

When you celebrate, you are taking time to recognise, to open your eyes and behold in your life the quiet miracles and gifts that seek no attention: yet each day they nourish, shelter, and animate your life.

The art of belonging in, with, and to yourself is what gives life and light to your presence; it brings a radiance to your countenance and a poise to your carriage.

When your heart is content, your life can always find the path inwards to this deep stillness in you.

-John O'Donohue

Key Dates		Special Catholic Character
Wed 9 Dec	Year 8 Graduation Dinner Prizegiving 11.30 am	<p style="text-align: center;">St. Joseph "makes impossible things possible".</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pope Francis</p> <p>This Advent we have been given a special gift. Pope Francis has made the new year of the church the year of St Joseph. What an awesome saint to have for 2021 and beyond. St Joseph was a poor humble man. His ancestors were great kings but his family line had gone into obscurity. He led a quiet life and then life got messy very quickly. His betrothed became pregnant, an angel visited him and told him that he was to have that child as he wanted to separate from Mary. He then finds out that there is a census and needs to go home to Bethlehem. His wife is very pregnant and he has to walk miles to get there. We all know the story when they got to Bethlehem he and his wife had to stay in a barn. As a parent and husband he must've felt so inadequate, so helpless. This is such a great story for us parents this Christmas. As we say goodbye to 2020 and the crazy year it has been. We are called to follow St Joseph to put our trust in Jesus and in his amazing plan for us because when we do miracles happen.</p> <p>Merry Christmas and may 2021 the year of St Joseph be one of happiness, humility and expectation of great blessings for each one of you.</p> <p>God bless Anna Francis DRS</p> 
Fri 11 Dec	Assembly: Final Year 8	
Mon 14 Dec	End of Year Mass/Leavers Mass - time 1pm	
Wed 16 Dec	BOT Meeting 7pm	
Thu 17 Dec	Term 4 ends 1.15pm Finish	
Tues 2 Feb 2021	School Commences Powhiri for new students and whanau @ 9.00 am in the School hall	
Mon 8 Feb	Waitangi day holiday	
Fri 2 April	Good Friday	
Mon 5 April	Easter Monday	
Tue 6 April	Easter Tuesday	
Fri 16 April	End of Term 1	
Fri 28 May	Teacher Only day	
	<p><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></p>	

School Notices

2021 Staff:	PRINCIPAL		Mrs Ursula Hall
	DEPUTY PRINCIPAL		Mrs Lori Mravicich
	ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL		Mrs Robin Burns
	DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES		Mrs Mairead Gallagher
	SESCO		Mrs Tricia Kenny
	SENIOR TEACHER	Years 7 & 8	Mrs Robin Burns
	SENIOR TEACHER	Years 4 - 6	Mrs Linda Sokimi
	SENIOR TEACHER	Years 0 - 3	Mrs Mrs Lesley Wallace

CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Te Rōpu Ārahi

Mrs Robin Burns
Mrs Bridget Hartland
Mr Elroy Muller

Te Rōpu Ako

Mrs Linda Sokimi
Mrs Kelly McArthur/Mrs Tiana Farrell
Mrs Maree Clark
Mr Alan Surrey
Mrs Sophie Hartnett

Te Rōpu Aroha

Mrs Lesley Wallace
Mrs Joanna Wilcox
Mrs Sharon Hawke
Miss Claudia Farrell
Miss Nicole Sarginson

TEACHER AIDES

Mrs Deborah Chapman
Mrs Jeannette Irwin
Mrs Helen Farrell
Mrs Caroline Harrington
Mrs Andrea Dominikovich-Gray

Mrs Joan Murphy
Mrs Patricia Roberts
Mrs Nia Ali
Mrs Tracey Nazareth

ADMINISTRATION

Mrs Aimee Cunningham

Mrs Helen Farrell

ACCOUNTS

Mrs Fiona Marlow

CARETAKER

Mr Peter Jones

CLEANERS

Mrs Tariangi Ruben

Crest Cleaners

Second-hand uniforms: The second-hand uniform shop is in need of good quality used summer uniforms for both boys and girls. If you have any please drop them into the school office thank you. On **Thursday 21st January 2020** the second hand uniform shop will be open from **9.00am til midday** for parents to buy used-uniform.

Future Dates:

On **Tuesday 2nd February 2021** we return to school. The day will begin with a **Powhiri** in the school hall at **9.00am** to welcome our new students, families and teachers. All whanau are welcome to attend.

The school will also be **closed** on **Monday 8th February 2021** for Waitangi day holiday.

Easter break falls outside of the school holidays for 2021 and school will be closed from **Good Friday (Friday 2nd April 2021) - Easter Tuesday (Tuesday 6th April 2021)**

The following date will be a **Teacher Only Day** during the 2021 year. Please add it to your calendar.

- **Friday 28th May 2021**

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School Events

Mission Day Update - it was a wonderful turn out with raffles, toys and cakes galore. The year 7 and 8's did an amazing job of running their stalls, and sold out of most items right on time. We had a very successful Mission Day raising over **\$5000** for the RNDM Mission Sisters. Thank you to every single one of you who contributed to this day that I know every child looks forward to! Here are a few snippets of the day!





ICAS results: Students who have sat the ICAS Maths and English tests have now been given their results. Parents please contact Mrs Mravicich if your child has not given you the login sheet. A special acknowledgement to the following students who achieved amazing results; Simon Vicente received Distinction in Maths finishing in the 95th percentile of all students who sat the test in New Zealand and Australia. Alyssa Plimmer received Distinction in Maths, finishing in the 93rd percentile, and a High Distinction in English, finishing in the 99th percentile. Congratulations, Alyssa and Simon!

Great Growing Challenge: At the end of Term 3 I had lots of children sign up for the Great Spring Growing Challenge. There were lots of seeds given out from watermelons, peas, beans and radishes. I have heard great stories about epic fails as well some great success'. The judging took place after the children returned their diaries last week. **Kieron Barrington** was our overall winner after producing a fabulous diary about growing lettuce on a large scale. **Emily Stallworthy**, **Elizabeth Klavenes** and **Deanna Fermin** also had brilliant diaries all deserving a fabulous gardening pack!!!



Community Notices

Congratulations: To Cortez and Honey Onehi for playing in the Tag National Competition on the 5th and 6th of December. They also received "Most Improved Player" trophies for their respective teams.

Childcare/Nanny: Registered teacher available for childcare/Nanny services from 8 Jan 2021 - 22nd Jan 2021. For further information please call Claudia 0211736414

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Who can attend: Children aged 5-13 yrs

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Payment details: Pay before the holiday programme begins to secure your child's place. You will receive an invoice once you have completed your booking. All payment details will be included on the invoice.

Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy: Some parents and caregivers may be eligible for a WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit www.workandincome.govt.nz.

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