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Term 1 Week 3

18 February 2021

Newsletter #2

Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Katoa

Talofa Lava

Kamusta

Malo e lelei

Mauri

Hello Everyone

After Waitangi weekend, we were able to move into our new building. There was great excitement for both students and teachers. Little did we know that Covid was going to strike again and we would be in lockdown earlier this week. What a start to our year!

Last week, not only did we have our School Dedication Mass (which you can read about in our Special Catholic Character update) but fifteen of our teachers travelled through to Auckland to participate in the Auckland Diocese Teachers Dedication Mass concelebrated by Bishop Michael. Congratulations goes to our teachers who received their Classroom Accreditation certificates, and our 2020 teachers who were acknowledged for completing an RE paper through The Catholic Institute (TCI).

School life is beginning to grow in momentum with programmes and routines are being established. The children are enjoying their swimming lessons and our new staff have settled in well. Everyone is looking forward to our courts being completed and that is not far away. Once finished, the contractors will reinstate our prayer area in the area next to Room 9 (formerly Room 13). We are delighted to have "Immaculate Mary", the statue that stood in the Mission Sisters convent grounds, as the main focus. The statue had been in the secondary school grounds, between the church and Edinburgh St, before that. The high brick wall on Edinburgh St was the school's boundary fence and Notre Dame Ct, named after the Sisters, was part of the school's grounds. The statue is a piece of Mission Pukekohe history.

Because we moved into Alert Level 3, our Meet the Team evening could not be held. We are also not able to hold this event during Level 2 therefore, we have decided to postpone the event until we are back in Level 1 and able to give families plenty of notice to attend the evening. Look out for our new date as I am sure you will find this opportunity very worthwhile.

Stay safe and God bless.

Ursula Hall

Principal - Tumuaki

Immaculate Mary



In the
Immaculate
heart of Mary
I trust,
Look to the star
Call upon Mary!

In danger, in
difficulty or in
doubt,
Think of Mary,
Call upon Mary,
Keep her name
on your lips,
Never let it pass
out of your
heart.

Following in her
footsteps, you
will not go
astray;
Praying to her,
you will not fall
into despair;
thinking of her
you will not err.

While she keeps
hold of your
hand you will
not fall.....
You will not
grow weary....
You will have no
fear.....
Enjoying her
protection,
you will reach
the goal.

(St Bernard)

Key Dates

Mon 22 Feb	'Meet the Team' Evening for Parents 6.00 - 8.00pm
Tue 23 Feb	Year 5 - 8 Swimming Practice - Jubilee
Wed 24 Feb	Year 7&8 Tech @ Pukekohe Intermediate 8.40 - 11.30 Year 7&8 Swimming Practice - Jubilee 12.00 - 1.00
Fri 26 Feb	Mass for Ako 1 (L Sokimi, A Surrey & S Hartnett)
Mon 1 Mar	Ako 1 Museum Trip
Tue 2 Mar	School Swimming Sports
Wed 3 Mar	Ako 2 Museum Trip
Thu 4 Mar	Assembly: Ako 1 @ 1.45 Saving Day for School Swimming Sports
Fri 5 Mar	Mass for Ako 2(T Farrell/K McArthur, M Clark)& Aroha 2 (J Wilcox & N Sarginson) Rhythm Interactive Drum Show
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 <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>

Special Catholic Character

Dedication Mass

We are very lucky to have been able to celebrate our opening Mass for the year last Friday at 9am, our 2021 School Dedication Mass, along with our St Joseph's whānau and parish community.

It was a wonderful opportunity, in the presence of Christ, to anticipate the opportunities and challenges of the year ahead. And challenges there have indeed been already, with online learning from home getting underway at very short notice this week.

I would like to acknowledge the students in Te Ropu Ārahi for their exemplary leadership at this Mass in the many ministries they underwent, showing excellence and pride. The school singing was pure and heartfelt as well. Thank you school for giving God your best and greatest!

At the end of the Mass we had the pleasure of welcoming new staff and announcing our class councillors and school leaders for 2021. Then teachers read their prayer of dedication, committing to providing education befitting St Joseph's School's Catholic character.

We have now been blessed and strengthened to work together to achieve the goals set before us for 2021, in the heart of Christ and our foundresses, the RNDM Mission Sisters.

Ngā Mihi
Mairéad Gallagher-Pile
Director of Religious Studies

Values Awards

The following students received values awards at today's assembly:

Monte Lieshout- for showing leadership / ārahi. Monte has been volunteering consistently as an AV monitor and showing great initiative.

Gavin Israel - for showing leadership / ārahi. Gavin has been very reliable as an AV monitor with great initiative also.

Douglas Lemanu-Easthope - Aroha: Everyday, Douglas goes out of his way to make me feel welcome at my new school. He always has a smile and gives me a great big hug. Thank you Douglas for making my first few weeks at St Joseph's special. Mrs Burns

Ivy Kilian - Aroha / Love: Ivy displayed love for our school and love for others by handing in a charm Mrs H lost from her bracelet.

Hunter Harris - Leadership / ārahi and Love / Aroha: displaying kindness. You are always more than willing to help Aroha 2. Thank you. Mrs Wilcox



School Leaders 2021



New Staff



Class Councillors 2021



Teachers' Mass

What a holy week it was for our teaching staff last week, as they battled Auckland traffic to attend yet another Dedication Mass! This one was Christ the King Church in Owairaka on the evening of Wednesday 10 February. It was a special Mass for teachers across the Auckland diocese to dedicate themselves to another year of Catholic education. Bishop Michael was the celebrant and delivered a warm and inspiring homily.



There was also an awards ceremony at the end of this Mass for teachers who have reached certification in Catholic Education. Congratulations to St Joseph's Staff of 2020, for completing the RE501 paper - RE Today. Congratulations also to Jody McCort, Bridget Hartland, Joanna Wilcox, Kerri Egelmeer and Alan Surrey who received classroom certification of 100 hours professional learning development in RE, and to Claudia Farrell and Ashley Clarke for reaching full teacher registration. Special thanks to the Sacred Heart College students who served the teachers supper after the Mass.



Lenten Prayer

E te Ariki, Lord Jesus, you were prepared for your ministry by baptism and by temptation in the wilderness. As we start our Lenten journey, so too do we prepare ourselves for your death and resurrection.

Be with us through our trials and give us the strength to find the path that leads us to you.

We ask this in your holy name.

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School Notices

Welcome to our new students:

We have had a number of new students join us in the first few weeks of school, and would like to extend a warm welcome to Mackay Methven, Mika Ramoni, Tanishka Ram, Jasmine Matangi, Zara Tappenden, Ivy Kilian, Enzo Ihaka, Jemimah Rwothomio, Miah Liefing, Jack Kneebone, Adeline Shields, Luella Middleton, Derrick Collins and their families!

Covid Level 2:

During Covid Level 2, parents/adults please do not enter our school grounds unless absolutely necessary. Someone will be at the gates to greet your children in the morning. **School gates will not be opened until 8:00 am - do not send your children to school earlier than this time.**

What does Level 2 look like for us at St Joseph's School:

- At schools there is no longer an expectation for children to maintain physical distancing.
- Children will need to bring their own filled water bottles.
- Children should continue to wear their summer uniforms.
- If children arrive late to school, they are to go directly to their classrooms - they are not to come into the office area for pink slips.
- Parents who need to pick up a child early or for an appointment, need to notify the office that you are coming, and we will bring the child out to you.
- We discourage parents from entering the school grounds. If you do so, we need you to sign our tracking and tracing log kept at the front door. **No parents/visitors are to enter the school buildings.**
- Assemblies: Parents will not be able to attend assemblies during Alert Level 2.
- Changing sheds will only be used by one class at a time; thus limiting numbers changing for swimming.

At the end of the day, we again would like to limit the number of parents coming on to the school grounds. Therefore, teachers will walk younger children to the gates and they will be passed on to you. Parents waiting outside the gates are asked to keep their distance.

Thank you.

Sick students: A reminder that if your children are sick, please do not send them to school. Under Covid Level 2 if they are unwell we will be sending unwell children straight home. Thank you.

QR Code: Please use our QR code and scan if you are coming into our school - this helps to keep everyone safe.

No Hat - Play in the shade!

Sunsafe: Please make sure your children bring their hat to school everyday during this term as it is too hot.

Kapa Haka Performance Group - We had a fabulous turn out of our Kapa Haka Performance Group on Wednesday last week. They remembered their haka and waiatas from 2020 quite well and impressed me with their strong voices and presence. We welcome Mrs Nikita Naea, who will be our Kapa Haka kaiako this year. In term one, it will only be the performance group who will attend weekly Wednesday lessons. From term two onwards we welcome anyone who would like to join. Mrs Burns will be in touch with any whānau who would like to support as well.

STEAMclub: We were able to have our first session last week for our 2021 STEAMclub and the children were completely engaged in creating a structure with lego that could be physically transported using a programmed SPHERO that was better than Mr Surrey's. Coding, creativity and collaboration. A great start to the term!



Junior STEAMclub: We are very excited to announce that due to overwhelming interest, we are now going to be offering a Little Steamers club for students from Years 0-2 that will run from 3-4pm on Wednesday afternoons alongside our usual Steamclub. Lead by Mr Elroy Muller, this club will explore the introduction of computational thinking skills using tools such as our BeeBots, Mice, Lego, and Makey Makey systems. We are only taking a limited number to start so please get your names in quickly to Mrs Mravichich if you are interested in your child participating. Email lorim@stjosephs.co.nz

Assembly: Our first school assembly was held this afternoon in our school hall with students carefully spaced out throughout the hall. Congratulations to all the Year 8 students who were awarded Leadership Roles and Responsibilities around the school this year at our first school assembly this afternoon. We are sure you will carry out your roles responsibly and with pride.

SchoolDocs: Policies and Procedures:

Parents can view our school policies and procedures online by visiting the schooldocs website. SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our board of trustees has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

1. Visit the website <https://stjosephspukekohe.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

2. Enter the **username** (stjosephspukekohe) and **password** (mission).

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3. Select the **Parents and Whanāu section** on your SchoolDocs site – it has a brief description of SchoolDocs, a navigation quiz, and important information about parent involvement, communication and reporting, community conduct expectations, and social media guidelines.

There is also a **Quick Links for Parents** topic with links to the most relevant policies and procedures.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

Board of Trustees Notice:

With the resignation of a board member at the end of 2020, we now find we have a casual vacancy for a parent representative on the board. At our recent board meeting, it was proposed that we fill this position through a selection process. If you object to this decision, you have 28 days from the date of this letter to write to the board deputy chair Sandra Hawke sandrah@stjosephs.co.nz

At the same time, we wish to invite someone to fill this position on our board. We will be considering skills we already have on the board and some that we might lack. If you are interested or can suggest a candidate, please contact the principal, Mrs Hall principal@stjosephs.co.nz

School Events

'Meet the Team' Evening

Due to still being in Level 2, we have decided to postpone our Meet the Team Evening until we are comfortably back in Level 1 and are able to give our families plenty of notice to attend the evening.

Mufti Day: We will be having a House Colour Mufti Day this Thursday the 25th. Please send your children to school wearing their house colours. Teachers will let new students know what houses your children are in. Children will sit in their houses for morning tea and house photos will also be taken that day as well. No gold coin donation necessary.

School Swimming Sports: At this stage we will still be holding our school's swimming sports competition from Yrs 5-8 on Tuesday, March 2nd. If we are still at Level 2 at that time, we will need to reassess how this event will be run.

Community Notices

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<p>Week 1 & 2 Welcome Back / Waitangi Day!</p>	<p>Week 3 Valentines Cupid</p>	<p>Week 4 Fairy Houses</p>	<p>Week 5 Wear a Bow Tie Like a Boss!</p>	<p>Week 6 Jewel Week</p>
<p>Week 7 Disney Week</p> <p>DISNEY WEEK</p>	<p>Week 8 All Time Sports</p>	<p>Week 9 Happy Easter</p>	<p>Week 10 Bubble</p>	<p>Week 11 End of Term Prize Giving</p>

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Hope Unlimited Trust has an exciting parenting programme coming up this February.

The parenting programme is called “ Teenage Years” for parents of 12-18 years old . It will be held in 3 Sundays (February 28, March 14 and 28) from 1-5 pm at 46 John Street, Pukekohe.

Costs are \$75 per person or \$110 per couple. Subsidies are also available. For enrolment and other inquiries, please call 09 239 1823.

Pukekohe Rugby Club 2021 Junior Registrations for Under 6 – Under 13 grades at the main clubrooms— Colin Lawrie Fields, Reynolds Road, Pukekohe: Mon 22 Feb 6-7pm; Wed 24 Feb 6-7pm or Sat 27 Feb 9-11am. All new players welcome – boys & girls! To streamline the registration process, please head to website <http://www.pukekoherugby.co.nz> & click on Junior Rugby and Player Registrations. All players—new and returning –are required for weigh-in during one of the above dates. For more info phone Yvonne Newton 0274 276 668.

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