

Greetings to all

Tena Koutou Katoa

Talofa Lava

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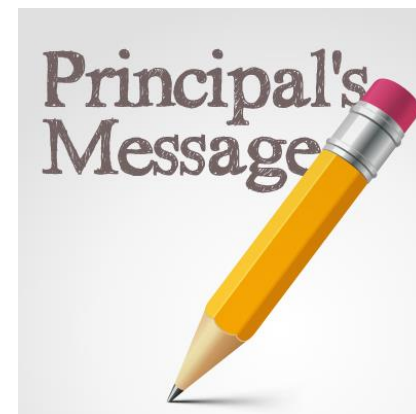
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Fakatalofa atu

We have come to the end of a very busy term. Amid fire and floods we have achieved so much to be proud of. We have a great school with some very dedicated people taking on so many roles that enable our school to run smoothly. I wish to thank every one of you who contribute to the positive life of our school, and in particular Fr Robert and our staff who are such excellent role models for our students.



“Daily duties are the same for all, but the way of doing them differs from one to the other. That is why we carry out our ordinary responsibility with all the care and attention possible. God and God alone is the principal motive for all our actions.”

•Euphrasie Barbier 1870

This term we say farewell to Mrs Lyn Cox. Lyn has been with us for many years, initially walking her grandchildren to school and staying as a parent helper. She began working at St Joseph's 21 years ago and has had several roles over that time: teacher aide, office assistant and lunch coordinator among them. She has also run our breakfast club in a voluntary capacity. Sadly, with our recent fire in the hall and no kitchen facilities, this comes to an end. The school is very grateful for the service Lyn has given us over such a long time. She has been a friend to many staff and children over the years. Lyn requested “no fuss” as she leaves us but we sincerely wish her well in her retirement.

We also farewell Mrs Kim Batters from the staff. Kim has been a teacher aide over the last year working in the Junior area of the school. Kim leaves us as a teacher aide but remains as a parent of the school. Thank you Kim for your good work.

We wish all of our whanau a safe and happy break. We look forward to seeing you all in the new term well rested and ready to learn.

God Bless
Ursula Hall

Class Mass: Tomorrow, Friday 29th September
Rooms 4, 7, 9 & 14 will be attending. Parents are most welcome to attend.

School Assembly:

Congratulations to the following who received awards at Assembly this week.

Emma Wallace & Carl Concepcion:

Loyalty and leadership: Emma & Carl are very loyal choir models to others.

Tayah Mark: *Learning:* Tayah has made great progress in using interesting vocabulary in her writing.

The next assembly will be held on Monday 30th October 2017 @ 1.45 in the Parish Church and will be led by Room 1. Parents are welcome to come along.



Dates to remember

Friday 29th September 27
Mass: Rooms 4, 7, 9 & 14
End of Term

Monday 16 October
Term 4 Commences
No Homework Club

Wednesday 18th October
No Homework Club
Board of Trustees Meeting
7.30pm

Friday 20 October
Mass - Rooms 3, 6 & 12 @9am

Monday 23rd October
Labour Day - No School Today

Wednesday 25 October
Homework Club 3pm-4pm

Thursday 26 October
Middle Team Orienteering
Scholastic Book Fair

Mission Day



On Friday 10th November 2017 we will be celebrating Mission Day. On this day our Year 7 & 8 students raise money for children in Mission Fields around the world. The money raised this year will be sent to be used for causes supported by the Mission Sisters, and other needs of children. With the holidays in the next few weeks it is time to have a good clean out. If you have any old toys & books that are not required now please start sending them along to school. *Watch this space!!*

Mission Statement: “Excellent Education befitting our Catholic Character.”

School Uniform- Term 4 From the beginning of Term 4 all students are expected to be in summer uniform.

Girls: Green Summer Tunic –or patterns are available from the school second hand uniform shop and material is available from David Mills Fabrics. **Boys:** Grey shorts (light weight) Short sleeved polo shirt. All the items above can be purchased from Jan's Uniform Shop. Some uniform items are available from The Warehouse. If buying uniform items from The Warehouse please remember to mention St Joseph's Catholic School as we receive a cash rebate through their loyalty programme.

Girls & Boys: Black or brown sandals. The sandals must have a heel strap, and no colour variations are allowed. Roman sandals remain an acceptable option. School regulation green woollen jersey, Polar fleece Vest (optional). Also available now is a Polar Fleece Jumper. \$45.00 & \$ 47.00 (Optional)

All pupils must wear the official school sunhat. Year 8 pupils may wear the winter uniform for Term 4 if they wish. Long hair must be kept tidy and tied back with dark green, dark brown or white hair ties. Fingernails are to be kept reasonably short and clean and no nail varnish is permitted. No jewellery, other than a watch and **one pair of plain stud earrings** may be worn.

Jan's Uniform Shop have advised us they have woollen jumpers For Sale at reduced prices. Size 6, 8 10 & 12 @\$62.00 each. Also 1x Large size \$78.00.

Second Hand Uniform shop will be open on Monday 9th October from 10.00am – 12.00.

For Sale: 4 x Size 12 & 3 x Size 14 Girls summer tunic \$10.00 each.



Middle Team News: Tomorrow, Friday 29th September the Middle Team will be re-enacting the Exodus Journey @ 11.45am as part of their Religious Education programme. Parents may like to come along on the journey with us.

Student Achievements:

Congratulations to the following who have achieved great results.

ICAS: English: Emma Robinson, Anthony Hawke & Oliver Tohi who all received Credit.



Basketball: Jacob Crane's U13 Franklin Basketball team placed 1st in the zone 1 super city division 1 competition – undefeated all season! Now they are off to the Northern Zone regional championships

Rugby: Patrick McNamara represented the Pukekohe Rugby Rockets in the North Island Rugby Champs in Taupo over the weekend.

School Magazine

At the end of the year we will be issuing the School Magazine to those who have purchased one. The cost of this magazine is \$22.50. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Please note that this was not included in the extra stationery requirements given out at the start of the year. We must have all orders in by 1st November 2017.

Attendance Dues, Catholic Special Character Contribution, & St Joseph's Development Trust Contribution-

This is a friendly reminder for parents & caregivers of students leaving St Joseph's Catholic School at the end of the year. Attendance Dues must be paid in full by 1st December 2017. Failure to pay or make arrangements for these accounts may result in the account being sent to Debtworks NZ Ltd for a default listing at credit reporting agencies.



School closes @ 2.45pm Friday 29th September 2017 & reopens on 16th October 2017

Board of Trustees Meeting Wednesday 18th October @ 7.30pm in the staffroom.
PTA Meeting to be held on Tuesday 31st October 2017 @ 7.30pm in the staffroom.



Parent Teacher App- Get connected now!
IT'S FREE to download.
Best place to keep up with all the news of the school as soon as it happens! Get the Newsletter each week!

Community Notices: **CHILDREN'S CYCLE TRACK and PUMP TRACK** Looking at how population is growing so much in Pukekohe we believe a children's bicycle track and pump track facility will be well used over many years, and much appreciated by children and parents that might not fully grasp the idea of this yet. Please check out the video link below of what a good pump track is like. Our intention is to also have a kids track to suit the little kids that are beginners. This will be outside of the pump track. It should have some road markings and traffic signals, some corners, roundabouts and be mostly flat so it is very safe and easy to learn on. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wPhxQRUoL-o> The pump track would be separate and something for children to progress to as they gain confidence and skills on their bike. If you or your friends are supportive of this idea then please get behind us by filling out the appropriate survey below.

Share this to your friends too. This is the link to the children's bicycle Pump track survey <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dPmNve7GisRSfy2qw4nsjgsCulJUCCZ9WiTD3FsKbf0/edit>

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