

Greetings to all

Tena Koutou Katoa

Talofa Lava

Kamusta

Malo e lelei

Mauri

Malo ni

Fakatalofa atu



This week we had several children compete in Zone athletics with good results. Some will now be going onto the Auckland champs. It has been lovely to have the warmer weather but children do need to be wearing their hats to stay sun safe. Please ensure your children are wearing school sandals which offer their feet more protection. Some children's footwear is not appropriate for school.

We have had very positive feedback about the Parent Teacher Calendar (PTC) and I hope more of you will download the app and use it. It is a great way to have quick and easy contact with the school. Many thanks to those of you whose advertisements sponsor this app so that it is free to our school community.

The end of the year is quickly approaching and this year things will be a little different because of not having our hall. Sadly we decided there will be no carol night, which is usually supported by our PTA, and now prize giving will be in the Church.

We hope to see our school families at this Sunday's 10am school assisted Mass: The Feast of Christ the King.

"May each one seek only God in everything and know how to live by faith and holy surrender. Love God, dear children."

- Euphrasie Barbier 1870

God bless

Ursula Hall
Principal

KEY DATES

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

As a school staff we are very appreciative of the many hours parents give to support us in so many ways. As a token of our appreciation we warmly invite parent helpers to a special morning tea on *Monday 4th December 2017 @ 10.40am* in the staffroom. We do hope as many parents as possible can attend this.

PTA Mufti Day There will be a Mufti Day on Wednesday December 6th.

Prize-giving Our annual prize giving will be on **Friday 15th December** 2017 at 11:00am in St Patrick's Church.

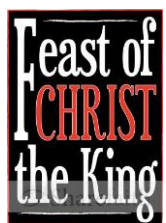
Last Day of School 20th December 2017 at 1pm.

The next class Mass will be tomorrow Friday 24th November and Room numbers 3,6,12 & 14 will attend.



Change of date, the next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held in the boardroom Wednesday 29th November @ 7.30pm.

PTA Meeting The next PTA meeting will be held in the boardroom Tuesday 28 November @ 7.30pm.



Full School Mass- Feast of Christ the King This Sunday 26th November 2017 we will be having a School Assisted/Parish Mass at St Patrick's Church @ 10.00am to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Parents and friends of the school are warmly invited to join us for this Mass. As our Catholic Character is the priority of our school we expect our children to attend Sunday Mass and ask for parent support to ensure that this happens.

School Assembly The next assembly will be held on **Monday 4th December 2017 @ 1.45** in the Parish Church and will be led by Room 7. Parents are welcome to come along.

Year 5 & 6 Sonshine Ranch We need parent help for our trip on Thursday 30th November when our Year 5 & all Year 6's will be going to Sonshine Ranch for their Physical Education programme for the day. If you can help, please contact Mrs Kenny. All parents should have received a permission slip & should be signed & returned to their classroom teacher.

The cost is \$34.00. If you have not paid for this please could payment by Friday 24th November or if you are finding it difficult to pay please contact your child's classroom teacher or Mrs Hall.



Māori Whanāu Hui

Thank you to the Whanāu who attended our hui yesterday. Minutes will be emailed to the known addresses. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like the minutes please contact Mrs de Farias.

Athletics

Congratulations to all the children who participated so well in our Zone sports day on Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs Kenny and parents who helped with the organisation & supervision on this day. Students going to Auckland Champion of Champions next Thursday 30th November at Mt Smart Stadium will be receiving a notice regarding this event shortly.

Junior Athletics

Parents are warmly invited to attend the Junior athletic activities for Year 0-2 students next Wednesday 29th November starting at 11:30pm. Year 0 – 2 children need to bring shorts and T-shirt in a plastic bag to get changed into. (They can wear their house colours).

Rugby 7s Tournament Good luck to our three year 7 & 8 boys and girls teams who will be competing at the Rugby 7's tournament tomorrow in Karaka.

Vector EPro8 Challenge Good luck to our two teams who have qualified to compete at this year's Vector EPro8 Regional finals. The year 7 & 8 team will be competing tonight and our year 5 & 6 team will be competing tomorrow morning at Ararimu School in Papakura.

Year 8 Graduation This year's graduation will be held on Wednesday 13th December at the Counties Racing Club. Parents of Year 8 students should have received invitations, if you have not received one please contact the school office. Please RSVP by Friday 1st December.

Gifts For the Elderly

It has long been a tradition of St Joseph's Catholic School that each family purchases a small gift suitable to give to the elderly of Pukekohe. On Monday 18th December 2017 Year 8 pupils distribute these gifts as a parting gesture to the community and as a symbol of respect, service and Christmas giving. We ask that these gifts be brought to school by Friday 8th December. Year 3-8 students are asked to bring a gift marked with M for male, F for female, or E suitable for either. As we have become aware of the need to extend our giving to include families in Pukekohe that may need help at Christmas time, families with children in the Junior school are asked to bring a grocery item, something nonperishable. Gifts of groceries and food will be distributed to families in need. Please do not send expired food items.



Parent Teacher App- Get connected now and keep up to date! It's great to see so many parents using the Parent Teacher Calendar App (PTC). **This is a great way to send permission for trips and notify the school of absences . Permission tab will have permission slips to complete and can be signed online. You can also keep up with the latest information regarding cancellations of school sporting events.**



Congratulations to Emily Archer who has been very successful with her show pony riding the last two weekends. She won Champion Novice and Reserve Champion open rider under 17 categories. She has qualified now for Rising Star at horse of the Year.

Scholastic Book Orders Issue 8 Brochures are out today. Orders are due back by Monday 27th November. **(Late orders will not be accepted).** Parents - **Reminder** that you can order online by using "loop".

Community Notices

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



Come enjoy the summer holidays with us! Check out our awesome activities planned for Christmas and January. From festive favourites, exciting trips and summer fun - there's something for everyone!!! Our brochures are online now at: www.kidsafterschool.co.nz or pop into our programme at Pukekohe Hill School. Book now to secure your place, spaces are limited!!!

Pform.nz Performing Arts Classes

Dance, Drama, Musical Theatre www.pform.nz Book online at www.pform.nz or phone us on 0800 PFORMNZ (736 766) **2018 Bookings Now Open!** Pform.nz classes for 2018 are now available to book online! And if you secure your 2018 booking now you are welcome to jump into the final classes of 2017 which run right through until December 16th. *Please note that the above offer is not available for the In School Hours classes.*