

Greetings to all

Tena Koutou Katoa

Talofa Lava

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Well we made it! This is our final newsletter for the year. It has been a very eventful year and a good one. Despite fires and floods, we have a lot to be thankful for and among these blessings are the people of our school community: students, whanau, staff/teachers, board, visiting professionals, friends of the school, and Fr Robert and our close parish connections. We have had a good year.

Yesterday was “moving day” and the classroom furniture was moved to the spaces the classes will be next year. It was a hectic day and hopefully everything will be back in order by the end of the week.

This week has been full of school celebrations, particularly for our Year 8 graduating students. They experienced a beautiful Retreat at the Tyburn Monastery on Tuesday and last night their Graduation Dinner was held at Pukekohe Park. They looked very fine as they dined and danced, and their parents looked very proud.

One of my jobs this week has been to sign every child’s report and I have enjoyed reading the teacher’s comment and hearing the student’s voice in their comment. It is lovely to hear that our students love school, love learning and those individual aspirations they have for themselves. One would like to be a Saint. I’m sure that if they continue to live the St Joseph’s School values, they all could be!

Next week we farewell Mrs Judith Fromont, our current deputy principal. Judith has served our school for 10 years, her children have attended here, and she is a member of our parish. In her role as DP, she has influenced the direction of the school, been responsible for teaching/learning programmes, and built stronger Pasifika relationships. She takes these skills with her to Holy Cross and they will benefit from this. We will miss Judith but know that this move is best for her career and we will hear great things about her in education in the future.

We also farewell Mrs Sarah Rumble who came back to our staff during the year as our roll grew. She has done a wonderful job with Mrs Karen Nunes in Room 10/11 settling our youngest students into school life. Sarah has a bubbly, friendly presence which will be missed. We wish her well but she will be back in the school next year as a reliever.

Thank you to you all for your ongoing commitment to our school. We are privileged to have your children in our care. We wish you a happy and holy Christmas, and a safe summer holiday.

“Let the most gentle charity reign among you and take great care of the health of each other.

Do not feel obliged to work too much, but give both body and soul plenty of rest.”

- Euphrasie Barbier 1868u



God bless you all
Ursula Hall
Principal

School closes @ 1.00pm next Wednesday 20th December and reopens on Thursday 1st February 2018

End of Year Mass. This important Mass, which gives us the opportunity to offer thanks to God for all the blessings of our school year, will be held on Tuesday 19th Dec 2017 at 1:00pm at St Patrick’s Church. A warm invitation is extended to all parents and friends of the school to attend this Mass. We do hope as many parents as possible will join us. Please note our Christian Living Awards will be presented at this special Mass.

School Assembly The next assembly will be held on **Monday 18th December 2017 @ 1.45pm** in the Parish Church and will be led by our Year 8 students . Parents are welcome to come along.

PTA Mufti Day last week raised \$364.50 Thank you to all.

Gifts For the Elderly We are still requiring Gifts for the Elderly. We ask that these gifts be brought to school tomorrow. We have become aware of the need to extend our giving to include families in school community so we would appreciate gifts of groceries and food. Please leave at the school office.

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



Leadership Team:

Principal	Ursula Hall
Deputy Principal	Lori Mravicich
Assistant Principal/SENCO	Fleur de Farias
Director of Religious Education	Noreen Meikle
Team Leader Year 0 - 2	Lesley Wallace / Shelley Arnott
Team Leader Year 3 & 4	Linda Sokimi
Team Leader Year 5 & 6	Patricia Kenny
Team Leader Year 7 & 8	Lori Mravicich

Support Staff/Teacher Aides:

Jeannette Irwin, Deborah Chapman, Patricia Roberts
Helen Farrell, Michelle Harding, Joan Murphy,
Alison Murphy, Nia Afoa, Jennifer Nazareth

Secretarial Staff: Adele Bell Angela Hart
Fiona Marlow

Caretaker: Mike Hooper

Cleaners: Tariangi Ruben Crest Cleaning

Teaching Staff for Term 1 for 2018

<u>Level</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Year 7 & 8	5	Mrs Leigh Jackson
	6	Mrs Bridget Hartland (4 days) / Mrs Mary Mason (1 day)
	16	Mrs Anna Francis (4 days)/ Mrs Mary Mason (1 days)
Year 5 & 6	15	Mrs Tricia Kenny
	14	Mrs Jody McCort
	3	Mrs Noreen Meikle
Year 3 & 4	1	Mrs Linda Sokimi
	2	Mrs Sharon Hawke
	4	Mrs Maree Clark
	7	Mr Alan Surrey
Year 2	13	Mrs Lesley Wallace
	12	Mrs Shelley Arnott
Year 1	10	Mrs Karen Nunes/ Mrs Jo Wilcox
New Entrant	9	Opening later in the year.
Reading Recovery		Mrs Cherry Matheson



Prize-giving Our annual prize giving will be held tomorrow, Friday 15th December 2017 at 11:00am in St Patrick’s Church. This provides us with an opportunity to celebrate all the great things that have been achieved during this school year. A warm welcome is extended to family & friends to attend this ceremony. We ask that cups & trophies given out, at the prize giving be taken home for the weekend and returned by Monday 18th December. All children receiving trophies will have a miniature to keep.

Year 8 Dinner Congratulations to our Year 8 students who received their graduation certificates at our graduation dinner last night. Special thanks must go to our parents who helped with the night and Mrs Mravicich who did a splendid job preparing the students for the evening.

Our EPro 8 Challenge team, Zach Hall, Lucas Mravicich, Yolanda Balle & Jacob Crane competed in the challenge last week. They finished 6th out of 260 teams. Excellent results!
Jose Farrell and Noah Leaupepetele were selected to play for Counties under 13 Softball representative team.
One of our ex pupils Alex van Helsdingen is Dux of St Peters College for 2017.

Congratulations to you all.



Reports/Stationery Lists Tomorrow, all students will be bringing home their reports and a letter stating what class they will be in next year. Also stationery lists will be included for next year. Stationery can be ordered online through OfficeMax or Warehouse Stationery, and delivered to your home. Stationery lists are also on our website. On the first day of school (1st February) students are asked to go to their classroom. There will be a list on the classroom door.

Second hand uniform shop open on Monday 22nd January
2018 from 10am – 12 Noon.

Lost Property The lost property bin is over flowing. Please check before Monday 18th as after that they will be donated to the second hand shop.