

St Joseph's Catholic School

"Excellent Education befitting our Catholic Character"

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Week 1 Term 4 2019

17 October 2019

Newsletter #50

Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Katoa Talofa Lava Kamusta Malo e lelei Mauri Hello Everyone

Welcome back to our final school term of 2019.

The end of Term 3 was busy and fun. Our year 5-8 mathematicians represented us well at the ASB Franklin MATHEx competition. Our Year 7 team was knocked out of first place in a tiebreaker! All of the teams were placed well in their field. Congratulations to all the students who participated. As St Joseph's was one of the organising schools this year, I especially want to thank the staff for their support and attendance on the night.

Many of you were able to take advantage of our classroom open evening in the last week and we know you enjoyed seeing your child's learning. For those of you who completed our online survey or filled in a survey on the night, thank you. 65% of parents said that they wanted to continue to use our mission statement "Excellent Education befitting our Catholic Character" to promote our school, while 35% preferred our motto "To God our Best and Greatest". Both, we acknowledge, could be reworked in the future as we develop a strategic plan beyond our 100-year centenary in 2023.

For those of you who saw our talented children in Te Rōpu Piripono presenting their end-of-term production: Crouch - Bind - Set, I know you would have enjoyed it immensely. Many thanks to all who supported that event in so many ways.

The Fashion Parade on Friday night was also a fantastic evening for our adults raising approximately \$5000. Special thanks go to Carla van Tiel and the PTA for organising this, and to our mums and staff who contributed on the evening, and to all of you who came along to enjoy it. The night was a great success; as someone said, "Work but fun!"

Today was NZ ShakeOut Day and St Joseph's School joined the nation to practise an earthquake drill at 1:30 pm; to Drop, Cover and Hold (like a turtle) until the shaking is over.

Next week we have our proposed school Marae visit on Tuesday and our Mass with a Maori focus on Thursday. You will read more about this further in this newsletter.

A reminder that Friday the 25th of October is a Teacher Only Day.

The school will not be open for instruction on this day and you may have to organise other supervision for your child. The following Monday 28th is Labour Day, a public holiday, so that would be four days off in a row. Hopefully, some of you can have some time away with your family as this weather improves.

You may have heard about the Ministry of Education proposed donation of \$150 per student for Decile 1-7 schools in 2020. We are currently looking at our annual spending figures to see if it is an option for St Joseph's School and will consult with you in the near future. As a Catholic school, parents are still required to pay for attendance dues and contributions to the Diocese which we collect on their behalf.

As we look forward to warmer weather, blessings to you and your families.

Ursula Hall
Principal

Pray for the
Beatification
of
Euphrasie Barbier



*Loving God, the
power of the
Holy Spirit led
Euphrasie
Barbier to found
a Congregation
of Sisters
consecrated for
Mission.
Grant that
through the
witness of our
life today your
work in her may
be more widely
known and your
name glorified.
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through Christ
Our Lord.
Amen.*



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Key Dates

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Mon 14 Oct **Term 4 Commenced**

Thu 17 Oct **Newsletter Published**
Shake Out Day
NZ BYOD
Information
Evening 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Fri 18 Oct **Mass Te Rōpū Ārahi**
(Intermediate Team)

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7.00pm

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Franklin Tennis
PTA Meeting
7.30pm
Boardroom

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Mon 28 Oct **LABOUR DAY - NO SCHOOL**

Tue 29 Oct Franklin Touch
Y5 & Y6

Wed 30 Oct Yr 7&8
Technology
Franklin Touch
Y3 & Y4

Thu 31 Oct **Newsletter Published**
School Athletics

Please note these dates are subject to change
For further dates in Term 4 see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at:
www.stjosephs.co.nz

Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and truth.
John 3:18

Service Day: As a Catholic school, it is important that we not only learn about our Catholic faith but that we live our Catholic faith in our school as well as in our wider community. Te Ropu Arahi has been studying; *Recognise that the Church - a community of Disciples is called to be a visible sign of the living Christ in the world.* As a team, we went to 10 different places to serve, we served the local preschools and retirement villages. This was an opportunity for our students to serve but also for our community to feel the love of Jesus visible through our student's actions.

Review Lakeside Retirement Village

Damien Ephrem

"Today for our service day... we went to perform a song and a dance I felt pretty good performing for the Lakeside retirement village I felt nervous as an elderly woman said "you go in the front you small boy" as people laughed around me as I was getting told to perform in the front I think I did pretty well as I was under pressure, and as everyone finished lots of the elderly people got emotional because we had performed for them and they saw how entertaining it was for them, we went around shaking their hands it felt heartwarming and a pleasure to perform for them and an honour for us who went to perform."



Maori Mass Next Thursday, October 24th, Father Rodney Smythe will celebrate our annual Maori Mass at 11.30am in St Patrick's Church. We would usually have held this in Maori Language Week but Father was not available then. Whanau are warmly welcome to attend.

School Notices

Teachers Only Day on Friday 25th October 2019 - School will be closed
Monday 28th October is Labour Day - School will be closed
Enjoy your 4 day weekend!

School Policies and Procedures: We have moved our policies and procedures to School Docs. You can access this site through <https://stjosephspukekohe.schooldocs.co.nz>

Community user name: stjosephspukekohe

Password: mission

Marae visit : Next Tuesday, October 22nd the whole school is going to our local marae - Nga Hau E Wha. Years 3 - 8 will be walking to Beatty Road leaving school at 9.45 am and Year 0-2 will be taken there by bus. We will be welcomed on to the Marae with a powhiri at 10.30 am. We would love some whanau to walk with us or meet us at the Marae to be part of the powhiri.

We will take our bags with us, eat our kai together, learn the history of the marae and go inside the meeting house. Then there will be the lowering of the flag ceremony and we will come back to school. It is protocol to give a koha to the marae. If any whanau would like to contribute to the koha please send your contribution with your child on the day and it will be added to the koha envelope.

Therapy Dog

One of our students now has a trained Therapy Dog which will be in the school regularly accompanied by his parent. Teddy is an allergy-free dog (medium Labradoodle) and will always be kept on a leash. He will not be toileted in the school grounds (trained on-command). <https://therapydogs.co.nz/>

Genisis School-gen Super Teacher competition: Our deputy principal, Mrs Lori Mravicich, has been nominated for the Genisis School-gen Super Teacher competition with a chance to win a trip to the 2020 Space Exploration Educators Conference in Houston, Texas in February next year. Many of you will know the contribution Mrs Mravicich has made toward the development of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) in our school. Over the last two years, our computer suite has been completely transformed into a "STEAM Room" with 3D printer, robots, green screen, TV, science trolley, providing all possible resources needed to explore science, technology and engineering. Our children participate in the Franklin Science Fair, the Vector ePro8 Challenge and the RoboCup Theatre Challenge. As well as that, Mrs Mravicich is our lead teacher in Mathematics. Anyone can nominate a Super Teacher. If you wish to support her nomination, by putting in your own nomination for Mrs Mravicich or nominate another Super Teacher, go to <http://www.schoolgen.co.nz/competitions> Nominations open until 1 November 2019.

BOT Meeting: Our next Board Meeting is on Wednesday 23rd October at 7.00 pm in the school's boardroom.

School Events

BYOD Information Evening: TONIGHT starting at 6 pm in Piripono 1 (Room 1)

Come along to learn about the BYOD - Bring Your Own Device initiative for students from Years 5-8 at St Joseph's Catholic School. We will have a technician from Cyclone there to discuss your options for next year, package deals available for purchase, and to answer any technical questions you have around your child's device. Our Team Leaders from the Senior and Intermediate Team and Senior Management will also be there to answer specific queries you might have around the use of technology in our school at these levels. We hope you can attend.

MATHEX: Congratulations to our Yr 5-8 Mathex Teams that competed in Week 9 of last term at the Pukekohe Town Hall. They trained for many weeks prior to the event and all teams placed very well on the night. Special acknowledgement to our Yr 7A Team - Hector Williams, Sorcha De-Viell, Chassidy Tapu, and Etikeni Helu who tied for first.



Robotics: If you would like your child to join Robotics this term please contact Mrs Mravicich at lorim@stjosephs.co.nz. Open to students in Years 3-8, Wednesday afternoons from 3-4pm.

PTA Meetings: *What should our fair look like in 2020???* Drop in Fair Sessions. We would LOVE your input into how our fair should look for 2020. It is still our biggest fundraiser and an important part of our school tradition. But is it still relevant in its current form? Does it need a change in focus or timing? Can we make it better? We want to know what you think. **Tuesday 22nd October from 8.30 - 10.30am in the school staff room.** Drop in anytime for a cup of tea and share your thoughts. **OR Thursday 24th October from 7.30pm in the boardroom.** Or email us on pta@stjosephs.co.nz if you can't make it along.

Book Week : In Week 4 , from 4- 8 November we will be holding Book Week with lots of activities around books and reading. We have a local author Elaine Blick from Clarks Beach visiting on the Tuesday to talk to the students, a writing competition based on Dinosaurs , a readathon organised by the PTA, a book promotion display in each class that we will do a walk-through to view after a dress up book character day on the Friday. As well as that Scholastic Books will have a display in the library from Wednesday 6th till Tuesday 12th November so you can purchase books for Christmas presents.

****Please find Term 4 Key Dates attached Below****

Community Messages

Uniform Shoppe is Moving: Our new address: 7A Glasgow Road, Pukekohe open from Friday 1st November. Hours are staying the same: Monday-Friday : 8.30am – 5.00pm, Saturday : 9.00am – 1.00pm

Catholic Diocese of Auckland - Vacancy: Project Manager – Maintenance Delivery

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To view the full job description and download the application form, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz. Please send CV, application form and a cover letter to Leanne Killgour, HR Manager by email: leannek@cda.org.nz. Applications close 1 November 2019

Event: Garden Ramble Sunset Beach Surf Club rowers presents the best garden ramble ever. Come along and enjoy the tranquility and beauty of these large country style. These gardens will lift your spirit but the views will make your heart soar. Grab the chance to explore these hidden gems. **Location:** We have twelve gardens situated in Pukekohe, Tuakau, Onewhero and Port Waikato. **Time:** One day only Saturday 30th November. The gardens will be open at 9:30am and close at 4pm. **Tickets:** cost \$25 Tickets available from: email surfboat@sunsetbeach.org.nz, Phone 027 228 5440

Tuakau Athletics

Wednesday 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Opening Night 13th November 2019

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9th November
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T4 Key dates (as at 17/10/2019)

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Fri 1 Nov	All Saints Day Liturgy 12.15 In School Hall
Mon 4 Nov	Book Week Assembly - Te Rōpū Ārahi Pedal Power - Piripono
Tue 5 Nov	Author Visit - Elaine Blick Saving Day Athletics
Wed 6 Nov	Stardome Trip - Te Rōpū Ako Scholastic Book Fair 6th Nov - 12th Nov In the School Library
Fri 8 Nov	Mass - Piripono 2 (Mrs Gallagher-Pile & Mrs McCort) & Aroha 1 (Mrs Wallace & Miss Farrell) BOOK CHARACTER PARADE
Sat 9 Nov	Jump Jam in Tauranga
Mon 11 Nov	Pedal Power - Ako
Tue 12 Nov	Pedal Power - Ako
Wed 13 Nov	Yr 7&8 Technology North Group Athletics @ Ecolight
Thu 14 Nov	Newsletter Published
Fri 15 Nov	Mission Day Mission Day Liturgy 10.00
Mon 18 Nov	Assembly - Te Rōpū Ako (Middle Team) Cricket Sessions
Tue 19 Nov	Cricket Sessions

- Wed 20 Nov** Franklin Zone Athletics
BOT Meeting 7.00pm
- Fri 22 Nov** No Friday Mass for Akonga
Sonshine Ranch - Piripono
- Sun 24 Nov** **SCHOOL ASSISTED MASS**
- Tue 26 Nov** New Parent Evening 7.00pm
- Wed 27 Nov** Yr 7&8 Technology
Ako Athletics
- Thu 28 Nov** **Newsletter Published**
Aroha Trip to Ambury Farm
- Fri 29 Nov** **Mass** - Ako Whole Team
- Mon 2 Dec** **Assembly** - Piripono
Cricket Sessions
- Tue 3 Dec** Cricket Sessions
- Wed 4 Dec** Evening Carol Service -
Family Picnic at 5pm Carols at 6pm
- Fri 6 Dec** **Mass** - Piripono 1 (Mrs Kenny &
Mr Surrey) & Aroha 2 & 3 (Mrs Nunes
& Mrs Wilcox)
Rainbows End Trip
- Mon 9 Dec** Yr 7 & 8 Technology - **Please note change of day**
Parent Helper Morning Tea
Cricket Sessions
- Tue 10 Dec** Cricket Sessions
Yr 8 Retreat - Tyburn Monastery
- Wed 11 Dec** Aroha Athletics 11.30 - 12.55
Yr8 Graduation Dinner
- Thu 12 Dec** **Newsletter Published**
- Fri 13 Dec** School Prizegiving
- Mon 16 Dec** **Assembly** - Year 8
- Wed 18 Dec** Y8 Gift Giving
End of Year Mass 1.00pm
BOT Meeting 7.00pm
- Thu 19 Dec** Term Ends 1.10 pm
- School Holidays**
- Tue 4 Feb** **School Commences**

Term Dates for 2019/2020

Term 4	Monday 14 October	2019	Thursday 19 December	2019
Term 1	Tuesday 4 February	2020	Friday 10 April	2020

Public Holidays for 2019/2020

Labour Day	Monday	28 October
Waitangi Day	Thursday	6 February
School Closed	Friday	7 February

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