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Week 5 Term 4 2019

14 November 2019

Newsletter #52

Principal's Message

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

Thank you for the responses to our two recent parent consultations.

The first was about St Joseph's accepting the MOE donation for 2020. The majority of those of you who returned your vote supported this so we have informed the Ministry of Education that we will take up this offer. We do recognise that this may impact on what we do as a school next year but how can we say no when it will benefit so many of our families.

The second was about the establishment of the Y7-13 Catholic secondary school in Drury in 2023: St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College. We have always known that the new college will affect our school's composition but also acknowledge the establishment of a Catholic college in our area has been longed for for many years - some of our parishioners have been promoting this project for over 21 years. Hopefully more local families might now see Catholic secondary education as a realistic option closer to home. St Joseph's Catholic School will continue to thrive as a Y0-6 primary school. We are currently collating your responses to send onto the Diocese.

We've had a fabulous Book Week with reading activities, a writing competition, an author visit and classroom displays being shared. The Scholastic Book Fair is always popular and we thank our school librarian, Mrs Chapman, for organising this. The PTA's sponsored read-a-thon was a great success and I'm sure you'll hear more about that from them. It is fantastic to see our children wanting to read!

I was thrilled to watch our Y7&8 Jump Jam team compete in Tauranga last Saturday. They did so well winning the North Island Advanced competition. I know there has been a great deal of time, practice and commitment from the contestants as well as coaching and organisation by Mrs Sarah Hughes, Mrs Jody McCort and, a former pupil, Alice Balle. I congratulate you all and am thankful to have such talent among my staff and students.

November began with All Saints and All Souls' Days. Here at St Joseph's we have several families experiencing illness and loss at this time, please keep them in your prayers.

Over the last 2 weeks, the Year 3-6 have been enjoying Pedal Power, a bike and safety skills programme provided by Counties Manukau Sport. Thank you to Mrs Linda Sokimi for organising this. Our other children have been looking on this activity with envy!

Tomorrow is Mission Day, a well-loved tradition of our Mission school. Although the Y7&8 students set up the stalls and organise the day, families from across the school contribute to its success through the donation of goods to sell and purchase of raffles. Tomorrow's day will be as good as ever beginning with a special Mission Day liturgy presented by the children in Te Roopu Ako.

*"When charity and union of hearts reign in community, the Lord is there.
Guard this precious treasure well."*

Euphrasie Barbier 1867

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.
We ask this
through Christ
Our Lord.
Amen.*



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Key Dates		Special Catholic Character
Fri 15 Nov	Mission Day Liturgy 10.00 Mission Day	<p align="center"><u>School-Assisted Mass - Sunday 24 November</u></p> <p>Mark Sunday 24 November in your diaries for this term's School-Assisted Mass on the Feast of Christ the King. Our choir will lead the singing and our Year 8 Leaders will be there to lead in other ministries. Some of our students will be baptised during this Mass so we are really looking forward to that. A good attendance of St. Joseph's students and whanau is expected. Thank you for your support.</p>
Mon 18 Nov	Assembly - Te Rōpū Ako (Middle Team) Cricket Sessions Last day to order School Magazine	
Tue 19 Nov	Cricket Sessions	
Wed 20 Nov	Franklin Zone Athletics End of Year Keyboard Students' Performance @ 11.20 in the Hall BOT Meeting 7.00pm	<p align="center"><u>All Saints Liturgy</u></p> <p>Thank you Te Rōpū Aroha, our Junior Team, for leading our All Saints Liturgy on 1 November. Our akonga are focussing on the Communion of Saints strand this month in their RE programme. Also during this month of All Souls, they are praying for those who have died.</p>
Fri 22 Nov	No Friday Mass for Akonga Sonshine Ranch - Piripono	<p align="center">Mission Day is tomorrow! Some things to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PTA sausage sizzle is running tomorrow for lunch (\$1ea) - order forms were sent home on Tuesday and will be delivered to classrooms before Mission Day activities begin. Sausages will also be available for purchase afterwards. Therefore, there will not be Pita Pit lunches offered. • Mission Day tokens will be sold on the day 0.50c each, or \$5 for 10. • Lots of raffles on offer and only 50 cents a ticket. Breville Raffle, Ladies Raffle, Garden Raffle, a Boy and Girl's Raffle and Grocery Raffles. These will be on sale in the morning outside the office door and throughout Mission Day activities. • Please consider bringing in some cakes or treats for us to sell at Mission Day to help raise money for the missions. • Remember it is a mufti day tomorrow, gold coin donation please. • <u>Liturgy is at 10am, Mission Day stalls open at 12:10pm until approx 1:30 and raffles and prizes drawn at 2pm at school assembly on the courts</u>
Sun 24 Nov	School-Assisted Mass 10am at the Church	
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	Farewell for Mrs de Farias 12pm	
Wed 4 Dec	Carol Evening Family Picnic at 5pm Carols at 6pm	
Wed 11 Dec	Yr 8 Graduation Dinner	
Fri 13 Dec	School Prizegiving	
Wed 18 Dec	End of Yr Mass @ 1pm	
Thu 19 Dec	End of Term 4 (1.10pm finish)	<p align="center"> Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions Religieuses De Notre Dame des Missions </p>  <p><i>Our school founder Euphrasie Barbier also founded the RNDM Mission Sisters. The money raised on our School Mission Day will be donated to support their ongoing ministries in education, health, social development and pastoral work in deprived parts of the world; particularly Vietnam and India. Their website www.rndm.org.nz is a good resource for stories and information from other provinces. Thank you for your support.</i></p>
Tue 4 Feb	School Commences for 2020 Please note these dates are subject to change For further dates in Term 4 see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at:	

School Notices

2020 Staff Update! Mrs Fleur de Farias' Farewell Assembly will be held on Monday 2 December at noon. Fleur has been at St Joseph's for over 34 years so she deserves a great send off. All are welcome to attend. Fleur will continue to work at school one day a fortnight in 2020. Mrs Karen Nunes will be taking the 2020 year off as refreshment leave. She will still be at school in a relieving capacity. Mrs Sharon Hawke will take our reception class in 2020. Mrs Mairead Gallagher-Pile also will be taking maternity leave in 2020 and be back with us in 2021.

Travelwise

Recently signs have been attached to the school fences displaying a 'Park and Walk' map. For some considerable time we have been concerned about the increasing congestion outside the school gates as parents park close to school. This congestion makes it extremely difficult for Road Patrollers to have the ease of vision that is necessary to operate the signs safely. With the advice and support of Auckland Transport we have identified several parking places close to school where students can be dropped off and walk safely to the crossing or gates. We would like to encourage parents to use these places and help all students at St Joseph's safely get to school. Please be a good example to your child and cross the road safely by using the pedestrian crossing or appropriate stretches (not on corners).

Scholastic Book Fair: Thank you to all who supported the Scholastic Book Fair. We raised over \$400 in new books for our school library. Many thanks to those who generously donated money or gifted books for children within our school

School Policies and Procedures: Term 4 Update

This term we are reviewing *Education Outside the Classroom* and *Sun Protection* policies. Board, staff and parents can comment on these policies through the feedback link (green speech bubble) on the policy. There are also several blue hyperlinks on these documents that will take you to relevant resources.

You can access this site through <https://stjosephspukekohe.schooldocs.co.nz>

Community user name: *stjosephspukekohe*

Password: *mission*

St Joseph's School Magazine/Yearbook 2019

We are working hard to produce our annual yearbook. This book is a lovely keepsake of school life for a cost of \$25 each. These need to be **pre-ordered** and paid for by the **18th November 2019**. The eldest child in each family has been billed for an optional yearbook. Your children have had some amazing experiences - Don't miss out!!

End of year keyboard concert: Some of our keyboard students will be performing for our junior/middle school on Wednesday Nov 20th at 11.20 in the hall. Parents of students performing are welcome to attend.

School Events



.....AND THE REGIONAL WINNERS ARE ST JOSEPH'S GREAT GATSBY JUMP JAM TEAM!



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FEED YOUR WHANAU: Thanks to SKIDS who provided a Feed Your Whanau programme for a group of our Yr 3&4 students. Students were able to prepare a delicious meal together and then were given packs filled with all the ingredients necessary to recreate the meal at home with their families. Thanks so much to our local SKIDS facilitators who came out for the day to work with our students, as you can see below they loved it! So yummy!



Book Week: Many thanks to author Elaine Blick who came to speak to all our children during our Book Week celebrations. We also had some amazing classroom displays around the books/novels being read in the different classrooms. Well done to all the children who read so many pages during our PTA Read-A-Thon fundraiser. Winners will be announced next week.



North Group Athletics: Congratulations to all students who participated at the North Group Athletics yesterday. We are very pleased to say we have had students that placed and will go on to Franklin Zone Athletics - a great day of athletics was had by all!

Community Messages

Administrative Assistant – to Leader Pastoral Service Group: The Catholic Diocese of Auckland is seeking an administration assistant to the Leader of the Pastoral Services Group. This is a part-time position of 4 hours Monday – Friday with occasional weekend and evening work. We are seeking an enthusiastic person with strong digital skills able to respond to a variety of needs and responsibilities. Applications close 26 November 4.00pm. To view the full advertisement and position description for the above role, please visit our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Administration and staff vacancies.

Executive Assistant – General Manager: The General Manager is looking for a highly capable and motivated Executive Assistant. This is a part time position (32 hours per week) and we are seeking a talented person to provide a high level pro-active, quality and comprehensive executive assistant support to the General Manager and to provide support to key members of the Leadership Team.

The successful applicant will need to have proven executive assistant experience (3-4 years'), have excellent verbal, written and interpersonal skills, superior organisation, administration and time management skills and a high level of integrity, professionalism and confidentiality.

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WHEN: Thursday 12 December, 2019

- Registrations open 5.30pm
- Run/Walk commences at 6.15pm

WHERE: Pukekohe Park Raceway

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