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Week 6 Term 1

12 March 2020

Newsletter # 04

Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Katoa

Talofa Lava

Kamusta

Malo e lelei

Mauri

Hello Everyone

There is great excitement this week as our St Joseph's FUN FAIR is on this Saturday from 10am to 2pm. My sincere thanks goes out to all our school and parish families who have supported the Fair in some way, and to our local businesses who have sponsored rides or donated items for the Fair. Special thanks and blessings go to Carla Van Teil and her PTA supporters for the hours of work you have already put in to ensure our FUN FAIR is a great success. It's going to be a great day with so much happening. Please come and enjoy it.

It was wonderful to see so many families and children at our school assisted Mass at St Patrick's Church on Sunday the 1st. It is always a special celebration when we share a Mass with the parish. Thanks goes to our DRS, Anna Francis, who led us and to all our teachers and children for their involvement. Last Saturday a group of us were able to attend Anna's brother Michael's ordination as Auxiliary Bishop of Auckland. What a wonderful occasion and connection for us here at St Joseph's School. Father Michael had taken our Y8 Retreat for the last couple of years, now that he is Bishop Michael he may be too busy. Our male school leaders, dressed in uniform, represented our school. We were blessed to share this celebration and it was lovely to see other students/families, present and past, involved.

This week, Mrs Lesley Wallace and Mrs Sharon Hawke, along with three of our five-year-olds, represented St Joseph's School at the Pukekohe Kāhui Ako Pre School to Big School Event. The purpose of this event is to provide a fun, all-inclusive opportunity to support smooth transitions between our ECE and Primary schools. Being involved was a lovely way to promote our Catholic school to new families.

Yesterday we held our first meeting for our Maori whānau for this year. It was encouraging to meet with such supportive parents as we, as a school, strive to provide the best education for all students.

As you know the Ministry of Health has asked a small number of Auckland students who may have been in contact with adults (e.g. parents) with coronavirus or at risk of having it, to self-isolate. This action is pre-emptive and appropriate. Travellers have also been asked to self-isolate for 14 days when they return to NZ. We do not know of any family at St Joseph's in this position. The advice given to schools is to encourage good hygiene and the washing of hands for 20 seconds in order to stay healthy. If your child is unwell, do not send them to school.

Next week we celebrate St Patrick and St Joseph feast days: our parish and school patrons. It is no surprise the Mission Sisters, our school founders, would have chosen St Joseph as patron of our school. As the earthly father of Jesus, he loved and protected his Holy family, and taught Jesus his trade. Jesus, like Joseph, was a carpenter before he began his mission. Under the patronage of St Joseph, he loves and protects us too.

God bless you and your families.

Ursula Hall

Principal

Saint Joseph
19 March



*Saint Joseph,
pray for us.
Spouse of the
Mother of God,
pray for us.
Foster-father of
the Son of God,
pray for us.
Head of the Holy
Family,
pray for us.
Joseph most just,
pray for us.
Joseph most
obedient,
pray for us.
Joseph most
faithful,
pray for us.
Model of
workmen,
pray for us.
Glory of domestic
life,
pray for us.
Pillar of families,
pray for us.
Protector of Holy
Church,
pray for us.
Patron of our
school,
Pray for us.*

Key Dates		Special Catholic Character
Fri 13 March	Mass: Te Rōpū Ārahi (½ of Team) & Te Rōpū Aroha (Mrs Hawke & Mrs Wilcox)	<h3><u>Auxiliary Bishop Michael's Episcopal ordination</u></h3>  <p>Last Sunday 7th March, we were able to witness a momentous occasion in our Catholic church. The Episcopal Ordination of Michael Gielen. Our school leaders were a part of the 3,000 strong congregation that gathered on the day. It was a wonderful celebration of our Multicultural church in Auckland and many were moved by all of the groups that were gathered together to worship God.</p> <h3><u>School Assisted Mass</u></h3>  <p>On the 1st of March we had a first school-assisted mass for 2020. Our Liturgical choir shown above, sung so beautifully. We had students from the middle team right through to the Intermediate team. A special thanks to our parent help; Cameron Surrey and our teacher; Mr Kim for his support on the piano. We were also excited to see so many of our students at mass with their whanau. Thank you!</p> <h3><u>Ash Wednesday Liturgy</u></h3> <p>On Wednesday 26th of February, we had our Ash Wednesday liturgy in our school hall. Piripono led the liturgy beautifully.</p> <h3><u>St Joseph's Feast Day and Mass</u></h3> <p>On Thursday 19th of March, we will be having a special feast day Mass at 9am led by our wonderful team AROHA. Our little ones are working really hard on practising their songs and readings, as well as prayers. It would be wonderful to celebrate with our whanau on this day. So come along and celebrate the feast day of Jesus' earthly father.</p>
Sat 14 March	SCHOOL FAIR	
Mon 16 March	Assembly 1.45 - Te Rōpū Aroha (Yr1&2)	
Wed 18 March	Polyfest - School's Day Event BOT Meeting 7pm	
Thu 19 March	St Joseph's Feast Day Mass 9am St Joseph's Day Tabloid Sport 12.50pm	
Fri 20 March	No Friday Mass Yr 5&6 Zone Swimming - Patumahoe	<p>2020 Teacher Only Days:</p> <p>Please note these dates are subject to change For further dates in Term 1 see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at: www.stjosephs.co.nz</p> <p>Term Dates for 2020 Term 1 end Thursday 9 April 2020 Term 2 Tuesday 28 April 2020 - Friday 3 July 2020 Term 3 Monday 20 July 2020 - Friday 25 September 2020 Term 4 Monday 12 October 2020 - Thursday 17 December 2020</p>
Wed 25 March	Year 7&8 Tech	
Fri 27 March	Mass: Te Rōpū Piripono 2 (Mr Kim & Mrs McCort)	
Sat 28 March	Franklin Cultural Festival	
Mon 30 March	Assembly 1.45 - Te Rōpū Piripono (Yr5&6)	
Friday 29 May		
Friday 14th August		
Friday 23 October		

School Notices

Ministry of Education information and advice for students, whānau, and the education sector

COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) is now confirmed as a pandemic in New Zealand, but the Ministry of Health advises the chance of a widespread outbreak is low.

Focus on prevention - the best preventative steps for any communicable disease include simple but important measures to practice as part of your daily routine, but especially during flu season:

- **wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry thoroughly**
- **avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands**
- **avoid sharing anything that has come in contact with saliva, whether in your living or social environments**
- **stay home when you are sick and seek medical attention**
- **cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the rubbish**
- **get adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals to ensure a healthy immune system.**

You will appreciate the importance of giving children factual, age-appropriate information about COVID-19 so that they can feel informed and in control. The guidance will support parents to have those conversations - [Talking to children about coronavirus](#) Here is a Nanogirl video clip with a great explanation for kids about coronavirus [YouTube clip - Nanogirl](#)

Term 1 Policy Review: Recognition of Cultural Diversity

This policy is currently under review on our SchoolDocs site which you can access through <https://stjosephspukekohe.schooldocs.co.nz/> scroll down and look for the red policy review icon, and click on the hyperlink. This will take you to this year's reviews. Our Term 1 review: Recognition of Cultural Diversity has a "p" for parent feedback. When you open that link you will see a green speech bubble which will direct you to an email feedback page that will be sent directly to the principal.

Preschool to Big School Kahui Ako Event

On Tuesday 10 March, Mrs Wallace and Mrs Hawke took 3 enthusiastic and excited 5 year olds to the Pukekohe Netball Courts to represent our school at this fantastic event. The purpose of this event was to provide a fun, all inclusive opportunity to support smooth transitions for our students who are close to starting school from early childhood education to the primary school. It was great to see so many children having so much fun, and making connections with families was a valuable experience. There was such a variety of activities from a number of early childhood centres and primary schools. It was wonderful to make connections with the early childhood centres also. A huge thank you to Nikki Tarapa and her team for a well organised and enjoyable event. It was such a huge success and the children (and teachers) thoroughly enjoyed themselves.





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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 14 May 2020 – 3.30 – 6.30pm



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Sunday 29 March 2020

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Young at Art are running Autumn holidays Children's creative workshops with workshops in Watercolour, Mixed Media & Acrylic painting, Papier mache, Weaving, Craft and more. Our Term 2 after school class bookings are also now open for children aged 6-16yrs, please join our waiting list if your chosen class is full as we may open new classes in Term 3. For more information or to book please check out:
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