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Term 2 Week 9

11 June 2020

Newsletter # 10

Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Katoa
Everyone

Talofa Lava

Kamusta

Malo e lelei

Mauri

Hello

Hopefully, you all received the COVID-19 Level 1 letter sent out earlier in the week. In it, I stated that we are pleased to be back to "almost" normal at school. It is great to have our children back. All children, unless sick, should now be coming to school every day. The gates will be open from 8:00 am in the mornings and we encourage parents to let their children continue to walk to class independently in the mornings as we noted improved self-management skills and independence through our COVID drop off and pick up procedures. Tomorrow will be our last day the Junior Gate will be opened.

On Monday the contractors will be on-site preparing the ground for the start of our new building project. You won't see many changes at first but when their fencing goes up, this will define the area to the school we can or cannot access. Mrs Wallace's class will be moving into Room 8 next week to vacate Room 11 for demolition over the July holidays. There is no gain without pain and although we are expecting the construction to be busy and noisy, we know that the end result will be a wonderful asset for our school. Be assured that health and safety is a high priority for everyone concerned.

I am suggesting that more of you should consider dropping your children off at our Dublin St entrance each day as the front of the school may become more congested, or practising "Park and Walk" procedures by parking away from school and walking in. Please remember to use the pedestrian when crossing the road.

Thank you to those of you who completed our Lockdown Survey. We will keep this open for those of you who might still want to have your say until Friday at 3 pm. Just to clarify, the school sent home hard packs with students on the Friday before we went into lockdown. The Ministry of Education sent out packs to families who might not have had a device or internet connection. Some of our families only have internet connections when using their phones. You may have seen yesterday's article in the NZ Herald yesterday clarifying the purpose of this.

Thank you to the parents who attended this week's feedback session with Jacque Allen. It is always good to hear your voice and we appreciate your input.

We have enjoyed greeting our children at the gate each morning and hope to continue this when possible. It seems that school life has got busy again very quickly.

Stay well and God bless

Ursula Hall



*"Let the mustard
seed be hidden
for a little time,
continue to water
it with prayer
before God,
and soon
you will see
it yield fruit
a hundredfold."*

**Euphrasie
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Principal		
Key Dates		Special Catholic Character
Mon 15 June	Piripono Camp Meeting 6-7pm	<p>"The nation... doesn't simply need what we have. It needs what we are." <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i></p> <p>What a joy it is to go back to mass, back to the sacraments and back to our loving community. As of Tuesday, church returned to normal under Level 1.</p> <p>Class mass can return on Fridays, make sure to look at the calendar dates and come and join our Tamariki.</p> <p>Finally, in our time of lockdown, I pondered on a lot of things but one point that wouldn't leave me was the absence of the joy of all of our children at school. What a joy they bring to all of us, teachers and parents. Their zest for life and for activity is contagious. That is why I have written the quote above as each child is unique and special and our home, school, church and the world need these beautiful souls. Let us never forget that.</p> <p>Have a wonderful week. God bless</p> <p>Anna Francis DRS</p>
Wed 17 June	BOT Meeting 7-9pm	
Wed 1 July	School Speech Competition - School Hall	
Fri 3 July	Mass: Piripono 1 (Mrs Kenny and Mr Surrey) & Aroha 3 End of Term 2	
2020 Teacher Only Days:	Please note these dates are subject to change For further dates see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at: www.stjosephs.co.nz	
Friday 11th Sep - moved out from August 14th		
Friday 23 October	Adjusted Term Dates Term 2 Wednesday 15th April - Friday 3 July Term 3 Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September Term 4 Monday 12 October - Thursday 17 December	
School Notices		
<p><u>Teacher Only Day</u> for Term 3 has been moved.</p> <p>Due to the postponement and adjustments to many of the organised dates for this term, we have had to shift our scheduled Teacher Only Day from Friday August 14th to Friday September 11th. We apologise for any inconvenience.</p> <p><u>Winter Uniform:</u> We understand that there are still a few students not in the proper winter uniform. Please contact the school office if you still require any uniform items. It is expected that all students will be in the proper school uniform, which includes plain black leather or waterproof shoes, for the start of Term 3. The PTA uniform sales will be available 2:30 pm on Monday afternoons.</p> <p><u>Attendance Dues:</u> Term 2 attendance fees are now due. If any family is experiencing difficulty with paying their term/annual Attendance Dues due to financial hardship, please make an appointment with Mrs Hall to discuss the options available, or contact the Revenue Manager at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland on 09 360-3069. Financial assistance is not available for non-preference students.</p> <p>This year, the Auckland Catholic Diocese also has a second Attendance Dues support scheme for anyone experiencing hardship due to Covid-19. The Auckland Catholic Diocese Covid-19 Support Scheme can only be used to cover the requirement to pay dues from Term 2-4 2020. The Covid-19 Attendance Dues Support Scheme includes non-preference students.</p>		

Piripono Camp: On Monday 15 June there will be a meeting for parents of students in Year 5 & 6 to discuss the camp planned for November. This will take place in Room 1 at 6pm. Everyone welcome.

School Events

Kapa Haka: great to see our students back in Kapa Haka this term



Well done to Keira Jones and Ron Tytherleigh who received our School Value Awards this week. Keira for her leadership and Ron for the kindness he shows to so many of the younger students in the school.



Parent Voice: Thank you to all the parents who attended our 'Parent Voice' session with our facilitator Jacque Allen on Tuesday afternoon. We really appreciate all your feedback. Also, if you haven't had a chance yet, please remember to fill in the **Lockdown Survey** that was emailed out to you last week. Please contact the office if you haven't received this and we can send it out to you again.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES COVID-19 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support as a result of the Covid-19 Virus with the payment of 2020 Attendance Dues for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager on 09-360-3069 at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information.

Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools/covid-19-attendance-dues-assistance/>

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