

St Joseph's Catholic School

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94 Seddon St, Pukekohe 2120

Week 11 Term 2

25 June 2020

Newsletter # 11

Principal's Message

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

It has been a very long term, despite our time in lockdown, and we look forward to our July school holidays.

As you can see, the building site entrance and safety fence are going up in the corner of the school by the cemetery and next week the haul road will be constructed. When we come back in Term 3, Room 11 will be demolished and things will be well underway. Access to school won't be very different for the children coming to school. The main gate and back gate will be open. What we ask is that children, coming from the north end of town, do not walk on the school side of Seddon St until they cross the pedestrian. Please use the pedestrian crossing when crossing your children to enter the school gates. You may consider following the "Park and Walk" procedures by parking away from school and walking in.

Thank you to the parents who came for morning tea yesterday with our PTA members. Not only was it an opportunity to make connections with other mums at school, there was also an opportunity to look at children's clothing that could be shared.

I want to thank our St Pat's Parish family who recently supported the Pukekohe Community Action initiative to supply winter pyjamas to children who may need them. Through their generosity, we were able to send warm winter pyjamas home for some of our children this week. Please let me know of anyone that may have missed out or of any need you may have at this time that we can help you with. This is a particularly hard year for some people.

That being said, don't be shy about coming to see me if you are struggling with this year's attendance dues for your child. I am able to assist you if we put things in place now; later in the year might be too late.

Next week, our school will be celebrating Matariki. Mrs Anna Francis has organised a programme with our older Arahi students/tuakana. Our tamariki will have the opportunity to join in fun interactive activities and learn about Maori myths and aspects of tikanga. The week will end with a school assembly on Friday at 11:50 am, to which you are very welcome. We may be having a visiting kapa haka group from our Kahui Ako to perform for us. You have to come and see our school kapa haka group; they are awesome!

Lastly, we have had a lot of student and staff illness over the last two weeks. Now that we are all back in circulation germs are spreading. Please keep your children home if they are unwell.

Ursula Hall
Principal

*The Nativity
of
John
the Baptist*

June 24th



*Grant, we
pray,
almighty God,
that your
family may
walk in the
way of
salvation
and, attentive
to what Saint
John the
Precursor
urged,
may come
safely to the
One he
foretold,
our Lord Jesus
Christ.*

*Who lives and
reigns with
you in the
unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God,
forever
and ever.*

Amen.

Key Dates		Special Catholic Character
Wed 1 July	School Speech Competition - School Hall 6pm - 9pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Gospel, <i>Matthew 10:37-42</i></p> <p>The gospel this Sunday is about carrying our cross and following Christ. This is sometimes hard to do as a follower of Christ as it is so much easier to complain about the problems in our lives rather than keep our joy and love. The important part is that we keep trying to lead with Joy and Love and show this to others especially our children.</p> <p>As DRS, I get to go into our classrooms and observe their Religious Education programme and it is clear that we have very dedicated teachers who show our children their love and joy. It really lifts the soul.</p> <p>Next week is our last week of a topsy turvy term; a term where we have definitely shown our love and peace while carrying our cross. So much has happened in our school, our church, Aotearoa NZ.</p> <p>Now we can rest! Our teachers and students have worked very hard all 12 weeks of this term and deserve a break. What a great time to get out and see our beautiful town, area, country.</p> <p>Have a wonderful break and I will see you at Mass.</p> <p>God bless</p> <p>Anna Francis DRS</p>
Fri 3 July	<p>Mass: Piripono 1 (Mrs Kenny and Mr Surrey) & Aroha 3</p> <p>Matariki Assembly 11:50am</p> <p>End of Term 2</p>	
Mon 20 July	Term 3	
Fri 11 Sept	Teacher Only Day	
Fri 25 Sept	Term 3 ends	
Mon 12 Oct	Term 4	
Fri 23 Oct	Teacher Only Day	
Thurs 17 Dec	Term 4 ends	
	<p>NB: There may be another TOD organised by our COL. This was to take place in Term 2.</p> <p>Please note these dates are subject to change For further dates see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at: www.stjosephs.co.nz</p>	

School Notices

2021 Enrolments at St Joseph's School

As we begin to look at our school organisation, it is important that we know how many children we need to cater for at each class level. If you have a child or know of any child wishing to attend St Joseph's School later this year or in 2021 (including at the Year 7 & 8 level), please request an Application for Enrolment from our school office or email stjoesoffice@stjosephs.co.nz, complete it and return it as soon as possible. This information is really helpful for us as we plan ahead. Thank you.

STEAMCLUB

Our after school Steam Club will be starting up again in Term 3. This will run every Wednesday from 3-4pm in our Steamroom/Library. The focus this term will be on Digital Technologies. This is only for students from Yr 3-8. If your child is interested please email Mrs Mravicich at lorim@stjosephs.co.nz. We can only accommodate for 24 students so please let us know as soon as possible if your child is interested.

Winter Uniform

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.

Attendance Dues

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.

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.



Skool Loop app - Keep in touch with what is happening at school through the Skool Loop app. It's **free** to download! Parents can easily access school notices, newsletters and alerts. SMS the school about absences through the app. In a school emergency if we need to contact parents this is the quickest way to get a message to you.

Healthy Lunchbox Choices



Here are examples of different lunch box choices that children bring to school.

On the left is an example of healthy choices including sandwiches, fruit and veges, and a boiled egg, which is great brain food. On the right are choices that aren't helpful. Foods such as chips, fruit strings and chocolate biscuits do not fill children's tummies. Hungry children don't learn.



School Events



Matariki

Next week our school is celebrating Matariki. Come to our school assembly at 11:50am on Friday 3rd July and see our kapa haka group perform. We are very proud of their performance.



School Speech Competition: Our school speech finals for Year 5 – 8 students will be held in our School Hall at 6:00pm on Wednesday 1st July 2020. Winners of this competition will go on to represent St Joseph's Catholic School at the Franklin Schools' Speech Competition early in Term 3. Families & friends are warmly invited to attend these evenings.

PTA Clothing Drive: Clothes from the clothing drive will be in the school hall until Friday afternoon. Please feel free to help yourself. A koha is welcome.

Year 5 & 6 camp fundraiser: Mr & Mrs Samuels (apparelland) will be in the school hall next Wednesday 1 July before and after school with samples. Will also measure students and take orders.

Attention St Joseph's Parents

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We utilise the same uniform supplier as your current provider, therefore your children's uniforms will not be any different from what you currently use. We will also put the school logo onto the uniforms if required.

PS - The only item of uniform that we cannot supply are the girls' tartan skirts, pinafore & boys polo.

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If your child is in pain, or if you have any immediate concerns about their teeth, please phone 0800 TALK TEETH to speak to one of our therapists. The therapist may offer an appointment for your child if required.

We kindly ask that you do not present to the clinics if you don't have an appointment booked. This is because we need to ask all parents/caregivers and patients COVID-19 questions over the phone before booking an appointment. This is to protect our staff and other patients in the clinic.

If you have any questions, please email ARDS@waitematadhb.govt.nz.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this time.

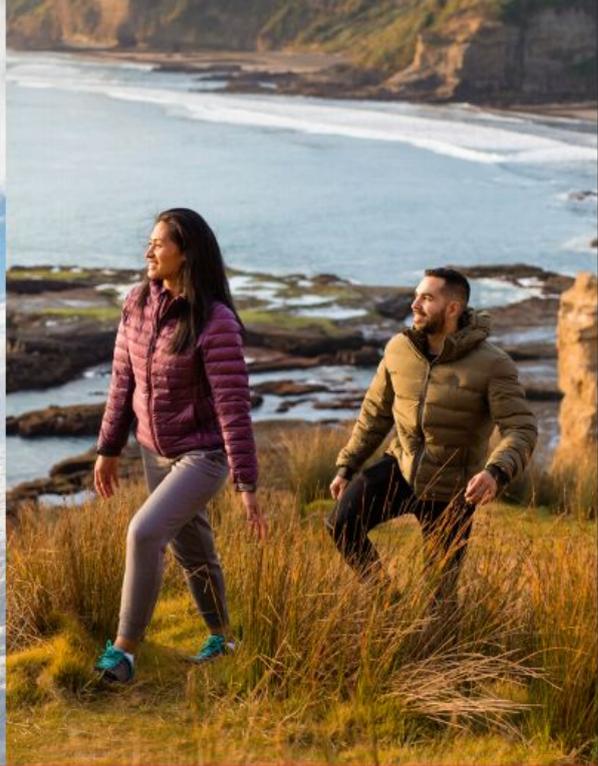
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The Children's Community Dental Service.

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