

St Joseph's Catholic School

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94 Seddon St, Pukekohe 2120

Week 5 Term 3

20 August 2020

Newsletter #15

Principal's Message

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

Although the re-emergence of COVID-19 in the community has been unsettling for everyone, the transition from school to home learning appears to have gone smoothly as we had done it before and so knew what needed to be put in place. I am very proud of my staff who came into school and organised home learning packs for those who needed it. It was great that under COVID Level 3, many of you were able to collect them from school, while others were delivered to letterboxes by our staff.

For you, helping your children cope with the changes caused by COVID-19 means providing accurate information, discussing facts without causing undue alarm, and re-establishing routines. More guidance for parents, caregivers and whānau is available at <https://www.education.govt.nz/school/health-safety-and-wellbeing/pastoral-care-and-wellbeing/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-coronavirus/>

Please don't underestimate the toll that the COVID experience this year has had on us all. We all weathered this extraordinary experience over many months, staying positive, being kind and getting through.

If there is an adult at home, children should not be coming to school. If you do need the school to look after your children, particularly if you are an essential worker, you will need to contact me principal@stjosephs.co.nz by 7 pm the evening before, in order for us to arrange cover. If there are no children at school, there will be no adults on the site either, and the school will be closed for the day. I know your child's teacher is keeping in touch and if you have any learning concerns you are welcome to contact teachers directly. If you are aware of anyone in our school community needing support, please let me know.

Fortunately, during Level 3, many people can still work and our building site is changing everyday as the construction progresses. Next week you will see a big difference as the wall panels are installed.

Hopefully, everyone is well settled in your home routines, taking a daily walk and reading every day. Good weather for staying inside, warm and dry. Take care.

Stay well and God bless

Ursula Hall
Principal

*Hail Mary
full of Grace,
the Lord is
with thee.*



*Blessed are
thou amongst
women
and blessed is
the fruit of
thy womb
Jesus.*

*Holy Mary
Mother of
God,*

*pray for us
sinners now
and at the
hour of our
death*

Amen.

Key Dates		Special Catholic Character
	<p>Due to Covid -19 Level 3 Key dates will be updated as lockdown changes.</p>	<p>“People do not come out of a crisis like this the same as before. We will come out either better or worse than before. Let’s have the courage to emerge better than before in order to build the post-crisis period of the pandemic positively.” Pope Francis 31st May 2020</p>
Fri 4 Sep	Mass: Te Rōpū Ako Whole Team	
Thu 10 Sep	Pasifika Language Week Celebration EPro8 Yrs 7&8	Wow! What a statement. I know that I want the courage to emerge a better person than I was before Covid-19, but how hard is that? Being in close quarters with our children and our spouse. We definitely get the sense of the refining, moment by moment.
Fri 11 Sept	Teacher Only Day	
Fri 25 Sept	Term 3 ends	Without the hustle and bustle of everyday living we slow down and get to be in the moment, however when that moment is trying to teach equivalent fractions to one child, while teaching tidy numbers to another and finally explaining how to work Seesaw to my youngest all while teaching Linear equations to my own class it can get a bit overwhelming.
Mon 12 Oct	Term 4	
Fri 23 Oct	Teacher Only Day	
Thurs 17 Dec	<p>Term 4 ends NB: There may be another TOD organised by our COL. This was to take place in Term 2. 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>	<p>So what does Pope Francis mean when he says we want to come out better than before. I believe he doesn’t mean that we come out perfect. He is saying that in the refining fire of constant contact with our children and spouse we get to know our weaknesses and we can choose to not let them overcome us but we can try to be better.</p> <p>We can say sorry to our children when we do wrong, we can listen to our spouses when they tell us what they were doing even though we were there with them. We can let our children know that they are doing well and we can eat all the cake and cookies that we make.</p> <p>When we come out we will be more understanding of those in hard situations, we will know our children better but most of all we will have seen ourselves. This is what God wants, as when we see who we really are and know that God loves it all, we can see how GREAT our God truly is. If he loves this mum, this teacher with all my faults, then he must be a wonderful God!</p> <p>On Tuesday 25th August at 9am we are having a Zoom liturgy with our RE Advisor Brendan Bergin, we would love for your family to join us. If you would like to join us here is the Zoom link. The password is 252157</p> <p>God bless you and keep you! Anna Francis DRS</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

Term 3 Policy Review: Learning Support

Parents can now review our Learning Support Policy.

1. Visit the website <https://stjosephspukekohe.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (stjosephspukekohe) and password (mission).
3. Scroll down to the "red" Policy Review box.
4. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
5. Read the policy.
6. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
7. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
8. Enter your name (optional).
9. Submit your ratings and comments.
10. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.



Magazines: Aroha 2 Rm 13 is collecting suitable magazines to cut up for our literacy programme, if you have any we would appreciate it if you could send them into school when we are out of Level 3.

Garden Club update:

The children have been having lots of fun planting lettuce and seed heads. While we have had a few wet days we have made life cycles of honey bees and garden crafts. It's really great to see the children's enthusiasm and willingness to come along and get involved.

Huge shout out to **Egmont Seeds** and **Yates** who have both generously provided us with lots of seeds to help us continue to foster the passion of gardening in our Tamariki. So please keep both of these companies in mind when you are next buying garden supplies.



Some of our happy garden clubbers

**LOOK
WHAT
IS
HAPPENING
AT
SCHOOL!**



BEFORE



WHERE'S ROOM 11?



GOING UP!

School Events

Update on Postponements and Cancellations

ICAS - The ICAS testing that should have occurred on August 24th and 31st will now be postponed until October. Further details closer to the date.

Mathex - the ASB Franklin Mathex Competition that was to be held in Week 7 (Sept 2nd) has now been cancelled.

Otago Maths - The Otago Problem Solving Challenge Set #4 will be administered as soon as school moves to Level 2.

Proclaiming the Word - Our proclaiming the word school competition has been cancelled.

Community Notices

SJ Development Trust

The St Joseph's Development Trust's AGM will be held at school at 6:30pm on Thursday 24th September (COVID levels permitting).

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