

# St Joseph's Catholic School

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Week 1 Term 4

15 October 2020

Newsletter #18

## Principal's Message

*Tena Koutou Katoa*

*Talofa Lava*

*Kamusta*

*Malo e lelei*

*Mauri*

*Hello Everyone*

Welcome back to Term 4 and Alert Level 1.

We are really hopeful we can have a settled 10 week term back to near normal. While this is good news, COVID-19 will be with us for many months to come. New cases in our communities remain a possibility so it is important we avoid complacency and remain vigilant. We ask that you continue to check in when you come into the school. QR code posters will continue to be displayed at our school entrances.

We do need to request that children are not to arrive at school before 8:00 am in the morning. Too many children are arriving very early, some soon after 7:00 am, and there is no one here to supervise them. You may need to consider before-school childcare options as it is unreasonable to have staff supervise your children that early before school.

Being a fourth term, it is lovely to see the children back in their fresh summer uniforms. Hats are part of this uniform and will be required to be worn by all children on sunny days. We will be a little lenient at first but after Labour Day the "no hat, no play" rule will be enforced.

You will have noticed our new building rising quickly above the fence line. As it takes shape, we are becoming excited about the reality of being able to move into it next year. Of course there is lots to be done before then and for us, as a school, to move out of our oldest classrooms will be challenging. It will be easy to move out but deciding what to keep and what to dispose of will be an exercise.

### Road Safety Reminder - Dropping your children off to school.

There is a growing concern about the traffic on Seddon St. Parents who man the morning patrol say it is scary how fast cars go by (should be 40 km) and their reluctance to stop for our road patrollers on the crossing. One of our parents is currently asking the Council what we can do to make this crossing safer. This week a parent said she was nearly run over!

It is also really unsafe and selfish to be parking on the yellow lines or using the school driveway as a drop off. Parking on the yellow lines obscures the view of the patrollers, and backing out of the driveway can be dangerous with parked cars either side. We now have some donated "Slow Down" signs displayed on both Seddon and Dublin Streets.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of our Catholic school.  
Stay well and God bless.

*Ursula Hall*

Principal - Tumuaki



*Prayer for the  
Beatification of  
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BARBIER  
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power of the Holy  
Spirit  
Led Euphrasie 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.

### *Prayer for a Novena:*

1 Our Father, 1 Hail  
Mary and 1 Glory  
Be



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Key Dates		Special Catholic Character
Mon 12 Oct	Term 4 begins	"The mission of the Christian in the world is a mission for all, a mission of service, which excludes no-one; it requires great generosity and in particular the gaze and heart turned heavenward to invoke the Lord's help. Pope Francis – July 3rd 2016
Fri 16 Oct	Mass: Te Rōpū Ārahi and Te Rōpū Aroha 1 ICAS - Maths	
Mon 19 Oct	Assembly: Te Rōpū Ako Whole Team	World Mission Sunday is on the 18th of October this year. It's the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together to support mission. And every single donation from these worldwide Masses goes to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.
Wed 21 Oct	Year 7&8 Tech Tiny Joes Masterpiece Individual/Sibling Photos BOT Meeting 7pm	
Thu 22 Oct	School Athletics @ School Yr4-8 Whole School House Colour Mufti Day Franklin Tennis Yr 5-8	<i>Every Catholic community, in every country, sends a powerful message of faith, hope and love on this special day.</i>
Fri 23 Oct	Teacher Only Day	This is our chance to show love and solidarity to our global Church family. Through our prayers, we support missionaries everywhere in spreading the Good News. And by donating we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.
Mon 26 Oct	Labour Day	
Tue 27 Oct	Yr3&4 and Yr 7&8 Touch E-Pro8 Yr7&8	We would love to see you and your children at mass this Sunday to celebrate and give to all those who are working to look after our brothers and sisters around the world.
Wed 28 Oct	Yr5&6 Touch E-Pro8 Yr5&6	
Thu 29 Oct	Cans for Christmas Mufti Day School Athletics Saving Day Otago Maths Final Challenge	We are also in the month of the Rosary, it has been named the month of the rosary because The feast of our Lady of the Rosary is on October the 7th. Please ask your child/ren to say the rosary with you this month, you can also ask about what they are doing in their class to celebrate our Mother Mary.
Fri 30 Oct	Mass: Te Rōpū Ārahi & Te Rōpū Aroha 2	
Mon 2 Nov	Piripono Totara Springs Camp All Saints Liturgy/Assembly - Te Rōpū Aroha@ School Hall 1.40pm	God bless Anna Francis DRS
Thu 17 Dec	Term 4 ends  Please note these dates are subject to change For further dates see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at: <a href="http://www.stjosephs.co.nz">www.stjosephs.co.nz</a>	
School Notices		



**Attendances Dues:** Attendance dues for Term 4 are now due. If you have any concerns or are having difficulty paying Attendance Dues please contact our school office to make an appointment to see Mrs Hall, or you may wish to contact Carol Krebs, Revenue Manager, directly at Auckland Catholic Diocese ph: 09 360 3069.

**Scholastic:** Scholastic Brochures Issue 7 out today, last day for orders Monday 19 October.

**Summer Uniform:** A reminder that children should now be in our summer uniform. For **Girls** this is our green summer dress. For **Boys** this is grey school shorts (light weight) and our short sleeved polo shirt (logo on front). Both girls and boys should be wearing either black or brown sandals. The sandal **must have a heel/ankle strap**, and no colour variations are allowed. Roman sandals are an acceptable option. Bottle green brimmed hats are expected to be worn in the summer terms. On very wet days, such as Tuesday of this week, we have no objection to children wearing their **school winter shoes/socks** instead of their sandals. It makes sense.

We understand The Uniform Shoppe has not been able to get the fabric for our girls' dresses on time (another Covid factor) and some smaller sizes might not be available until early November. Until then, these girls can continue to wear their winter uniform with sandals or white socks/black shoes.

**Lost Property:** The Lost Property Box is located outside Room 3 and 4. All clearly named items of clothing are returned quickly to their owners. Any unnamed items are donated or recycled on a monthly basis. Please name your children's clothing.

**Please note Friday 23rd October is a Teacher Only day and Monday 26th October is Labour Day - There will be no school on these days! Enjoy the extra long weekend!!**

**\*\*Please find Key Dates for Term 3 below in this newsletter\*\***

## School Events

**School Athletics Day** - Thursday 22nd October, all students in Year 5 - 8 will be participating in the School Athletics Day. Year 4 students will take part in the sprints only.

Our athletics competition will be held in our school grounds, starting at 9am. It is a full day with girls starting on field events and boys on track. They change over around 11.30. Finishing with relays at 2.15. Look out for the teachers who are determined to beat the boys relay teams this year! Students will participate in running events - sprints and distance, high jump, long jump, shot put and discus.

If it is wet our athletics day will be moved to Thursday 29th October.

We will require parent assistance for this event to run smoothly. Please let Mrs McCort or the school office know if you can help.

**This is a whole school house colour mufti day - no gold coin donation necessary**

**Individual/Sibling photos:** Masterpiece Photography are coming to school on Wednesday 21st October to take individual and/or sibling photos. You should have received an envelope to place your order at the beginning of the week. All orders and payments must be in by **Wednesday 21st October**. If you haven't paid by that date your child will not get their photo taken. No exemptions. A reminder individual photos are optional not a requirement.



**Last Camp Fundraiser:** Dominos Pizzas - Everyone's favourite. **Next Wednesday 21 October** from **5-8pm**. For every pizza sold during these 3 hours, Dominos will give us a percentage. Tell your family, friends and neighbours to go buy some, good to pop in the freezer for those lazy evenings.

### **Pasifika Day:**

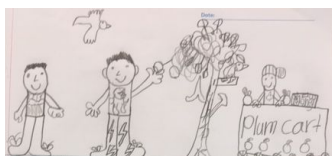
We had a wonderful last day of Term 3 with a huge Pasifika Assembly. Our Pasifika boys and girls performance groups were able to showcase all the new dances they have been working on, we had a House Trivia Challenge that ended with a nail-biter tie between Costello and Chanel that ended with a teacher dance challenge tie breaker. A special thanks to Mrs Ali who choreographs and works with our students each week. Also, a very special thank you to all the parents that helped on the day to prepare our chop suey/otai lunch; Simone and Malakai Tohi, Losa Helu, Nan Cameron and Elvie Barrington. It was nice to end the term on a positive note.




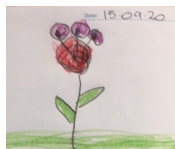


**Ako Motat Steam Cell Visit:** Tuesday the Middle Team were able to experience an on site session in Technology and simple machines from Motat. It was wonderful to see the children having so many hands on experiences with technology and very entertaining watching the children use the old telephones.



**Garden Club update:** At the end of last term we gave away 3 spot prizes. Children had to describe their favourite fruit, vegetable or flower. Congratulations Arjun (Piripono), Desyre (Aroha) and Ella (Ako). I received some beautiful stories and poems as entries. Below are just some of the great writing happening at school.



<p>My all time favourite flower is a hibiscus, It is red and pretty. Red is my favourite colour. I like and love Samoa.</p> <p><b>Desyre: Room 8</b></p>	<p>My favourite fruit is a plum. Plums are my favourite fruit because they have the biggest seeds. They are the juiciest fruit I have ever had. Everyday I have them I spit the seed out and I get another plum then I do it all over again. That's why they are my favourite fruit in the world.</p> <p><b>Mickey: Room 8</b></p>	<p>My favourite fruit is a watermelon because they are delicious. The juice goes down my hands then my hands get really sticky. They are very big. My sister Emily is growing watermelons, she named them Linda, Keev and Dave (I forgot the other two).</p> <p><b>Gwen: Room 8</b></p>	<p>My favourite fruit is an orange because they are like an orange dog. I love oranges because I like to pretend it's orange juice. I like how they make some lines so we know where to cut. The orange is sweet so it's like a candy cane. It's like you can make it so you can fill up a water bottle.</p> <p><b>Shircel: Room 8</b></p>
 <p>My favourite fruit is an orange because it is juicy. I eat the seeds.</p> <p><b>Charlie: Room 8</b></p>	 <p>My all time favourite flower is a daffodil. It has an amazing smell and it makes my mouth water.</p> <p><b>Tessa: Room 8</b></p>	 <p>I like flowers because they smell like perfume and are pretty.</p> <p><b>Maritina Room 8</b></p>	 <p>My favourite flower is a rose. I like roses because they spin when they grow.</p> <p><b>Rene: Room 8</b></p>

#### Diamante Poems from Piripono

<p><i>Orange</i> Juicy, sour, acidic Tropical, trees, citrus, Deluxe Bitter, Tangy, rich Big, petite Luxurious.</p> <p><b>Arjun: Room 14</b></p>	<p><i>Mango</i> Juicy, rich cut, eat, enjoy Dusty, luscious, sweet, tree Wet, pick, lick small, round Fruit</p> <p><b>Lucy: Room 14</b></p>	<p><i>Carrot</i> Orange long Taken seen used Dirt water sun field Wanted found paid Cold scrumptious Vegetable</p> <p><b>Callum: Room 14</b></p>	<p><i>Carrot</i> Orange, round Crunchy, crispy, crackling Supermarket, market, vegetable store Crunchy, crispy, crackling Carrot</p> <p><b>Sam: Room 14</b></p>
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#### NZ Shakeout

St Joseph's School participated in our national earthquake drill this morning. This week students have been reminded about what to do in case of an earthquake. Here some advice from one of our younger children.

Today we are going to talk about earthquakes. So some earthquakes are so small that you can't feel it but some earthquakes can be felt from one thousand miles away. Some earthquakes can bump, slide and also make a zone that gives birth to a new ocean floor. There are some ways to avoid earthquakes so don't be scared. We can stay under tables but if you don't have any space staying under the tables you can go under the door. Also if you are outside be like a turtle in its shell. The proper name for the pieces of rocks is called Tectonic plates. Also some earthquakes can make a giant wave that knocks out lots of things in its way. So do my rules and it's good to go. Bye bye.

Marius Vicente, Aged 6

## **T4 Key dates**

**These are subject to change - please check fortnightly newsletters for changes**

Mon 12 Oct	Term 4 Begins
Wed 14 Oct	ICAS - English
Fri 16 Oct	<b>Mass:</b> Te Rōpū Ārahi and Te Rōpū Aroha 1 ICAS - Maths
Mon 19 Oct	Assembly: Te Rōpū Ako Whole Team
Wed 21 Oct	Year 7&8 Tech Tiny Joes Masterpiece Individual/Sibling Photos BOT Meeting 7pm
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Fri 30 Oct	<b>Mass:</b> Te Rōpū Ārahi & Te Rōpū Aroha 2
Mon 2 Nov	Piripono Totara Springs Camp All Saints Liturgy/Assembly - Te Rōpū Aroha @ School Hall 1.40pm
Tue 3 Nov	New Parent Evening 6.30 - 7.30pm
Wed 4 Nov	Year 7&8 Tech Tiny Joes
Thu 5 Nov	Wero Trip - Ārahi
Fri 6 Nov	No Friday Mass Te Rōpū Aroha Cross Country
Sun 8 Nov	First Communion & Confirmation
Mon 9 Nov	Wero Trip Day 2 - Ārahi
Thu 12 Nov	NYLD
Fri 13 Nov	<b>Mass:</b> Te Rōpū Ako School Tabloid Sports/PTA Fun Day (late St Joseph's Day Celebrations)
Mon 16 Nov	Assembly: Te Rōpū Ārahi
Tue 17 Nov	North Group Athletics
Wed 18 Nov	Year 7&8 Tech Tiny Joes BOT Meeting 7pm



Thu 19 Nov	Zone Athletics
Fri 20 Nov	<b>Mass:</b> Te Rōpū Piripono Aroha Trip to MOTAT Big Foot Adventures EOTC Day - Ārahi
Sat 21 Nov	Jump Jam Tauranga
Fri 27 Nov	<b>Mission Day</b> Liturgy 10.00 am
Mon 30 Nov	Assembly: Piripono
Wed 2 Dec	Year 7&8 Tech Tiny Joes <b>Carol Service 6pm</b>
Thu 3 Dec	Pukekohe High School Orientation Visit
Fri 4 Dec	Rainbows End Trip
Tue 8 Dec	Year 8 Retreat @ Tyburn Monastery
Wed 9 Dec	Year 8 Graduation Dinner
Fri 11 Dec	<b>Prizegiving 11.30</b> * time TBC
Mon 14 Dec	Assembly: Final Year 8
Tue 15 Dec	Gifts for the Elderly - Gift Giving
Wed 16 Dec	<b>End of Year Mass/Leavers Mass</b> - time TBC BOT Meeting 7pm
Thu 17 Dec	<b>End of Term 1.15pm Finish</b>

#### **Term Dates for 2020/21**

Term 4 Monday 12 October	2020	Thursday 17 December 2020
Term 1 Tuesday 2 February	2021	Friday 16 April 2021

## Community Notices

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