

# St Joseph's Catholic School

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Term 1 Week 5

4 March 2021

Newsletter #3

## Principal's Message

**Tena Koutou Katoa**

**Talofa Lava**

**Kamusta**

**Malo e lelei**

**Mauri**

**Hello Everyone**

Here we are again in Covid Level 3! I know these times are unsettling for you all. Thank you all for supporting your children's learning at home this week. I know the teachers have contacted all of their families and I congratulate them on the work they have done this week.

There are no excuses for any child not to be involved in some learning each day either on the digital platform or through hard materials. We cannot be too complacent as we do not know what the year will bring. Remember to read with your children everyday. This alone will ensure their love of books and words, and build on their oral vocabulary which will help them become better writers. Baking together becomes maths as you measure and weigh. When all said and done, make the most of this time with your children if you can. We appreciate some of you are having to work from home as well as supervise your children, just as many of our staff are doing.

Several events were postponed this week: swimming sports, museum trips, the drum show, as well as professional development opportunities for staff. We don't know when or if these can all be made up but we will do our best.

If we are in Level 2 next week, we understand that our "Meet the Team" meeting, between 6-8pm on Tuesday, can go ahead as it is very unlikely that one hundred people will visit each session; although wouldn't that be amazing! This is an opportunity for you to meet the teachers of Aroha (6pm), Ako (6:40pm) and Ārahi (7:15pm) in those learning spaces, and find out about their learning programme. We have staggered the times so that you can attend more than one session. It is also a time for you to ask any questions you might have. You are welcome to walk through *Euphrasie*, our new building, and see what a wonderful facility we now have.

It is our intention, Covid Levels permitting, to go ahead with the opening of *Euphrasie*, our new building, by Bishop Michael Gielen on St Joseph's Day, Friday 19th March, starting with a liturgy at 10:30 am. You are also welcome to attend and we are hoping some of you might be able to cover playground duty at lunchtime so that our teachers can join our official guests for refreshments. Our St Joseph's Feast Day is always a great celebration for our children and our House Tabloid Sports will start at 12:50pm. It is one of our special fun days at school.

Hoping you all are well.

Stay safe and God bless.

*Ursula Hall*

**Principal - Tumuaki**

Pray for the  
Beatification  
of  
*Euphrasie Barbier*



*Loving God, the  
power of the  
Holy Spirit led  
Euphrasie  
Barbier 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.*



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Key Dates		Special Catholic Character
Wed 10 Mar	Year 7&8 Tech @ Pukekohe Intermediate 8.40 - 11.30 Year 7&8 Swimming Practice - Jubilee 12.00 - 1.00	<p><b>COVID LEVELS PERMITTING!</b></p> <p><b>You are invited to the Official Opening of our new building</b>  <b>“Euphrasie”</b>  <b>at 10:30 am on St Joseph’s Day</b>  <b>Friday 19th March 2021</b></p>  <p>The ceremony will begin with a Liturgy followed by the official opening by Bishop Michael Gielen, Auxiliary Bishop of Auckland, and some entertainment from our students.</p> <p>Please let the school office know if you would like to attend.  <a href="mailto:stjoesoffice@stjosephs.co.nz">stjoesoffice@stjosephs.co.nz</a></p> <p><b>WE NEED YOUR HELP!</b></p> <p>Are you able to help us on St Joseph’s Day: Friday 19 March?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can anyone lend us a gazebo to be set up at 9:00am before our opening?</li> <li>- Can anyone help cover playground duty 12:00 - 12:40pm?</li> <li>- Can anyone help supervise tabloid sports from 12:45 - 2:30pm?</li> </ul> <p>I look forward to hearing from you all! <a href="mailto:principal@stjosephs.co.nz">principal@stjosephs.co.nz</a></p> <p><b><u>FORMED - THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND</u></b></p> <p>You may not be aware, but we have a parish subscription to Formed (which means its completely free for anyone to register and use!) and it's absolutely chock full of great information, resources and formation for kids (and parents and teachers!).  <a href="https://leaders.formed.org/religious-ed-and-catholic-schools/">https://leaders.formed.org/religious-ed-and-catholic-schools/</a></p> <p>Click here to watch the little Formed trailer which helps you get an idea of what it's all about:  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkbOLjSdzlw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkbOLjSdzlw</a>  Cheryl Surrey - Parish Council Secretary</p>
Fri 12 Mar	<b>Mass for Aroha 1</b> (L Wallace, C Farrell & S Hawke) & all Ārahi	
Wed 17 Mar	<b>St Patrick’s Day</b> BOT Meeting 7 pm	
Thu 18 Mar	Assembly: Aroha 1 @ 1.45	
Fri 19 Mar	<b>St Joseph’s Feast Day</b> <b>Official Opening of our new building</b> <b>Tabloid Sports</b>	
Wed 24 Mar	Year 7&8 Tech @ Pukekohe Intermediate 8.40 - 11.30	
Fri 26 Mar	<b>Mass for Ako 1</b> (L Sokimi, A Surrey & S Hartnett)	
Mon 29 Mar	<b>Palm Sunday Liturgy</b> - led by Ako 1	
Fri 2 April	<b>Good Friday</b>	
Mon 5 April	<b>Easter Monday</b>	
Tue 6 April	<b>Easter Tuesday</b>	<p><b>Teacher Only Day</b>  <b>Teacher Only Day</b>  <i>Please note these dates are subject to change</i>  For further dates see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at:  <a href="http://www.stjosephs.co.nz">www.stjosephs.co.nz</a></p>
Fri 16 April	<b>End of Term 1</b>	
<b>Fri 28 May</b>		
<b>Fri 3 Sept</b>		

## School Notices

### Coming Back to School at Covid Level 2:

During Covid Level 2, parents/adults please do not enter our school grounds unless absolutely necessary. Someone will be at the gates to greet your children in the morning.

**School gates will not be opened until 8:00 am - do not send your children to school earlier than this time.**

### What does Level 2 look like for us at St Joseph's School:

- At schools there is no longer an expectation for children to maintain physical distancing.
- Children will need to bring their own filled water bottles.
- Children should continue to wear their summer uniforms.
- If children arrive late to school, they are to go directly to their classrooms - they are not to come into the office area for pink slips.
- Parents who need to pick up a child early or for an appointment, need to notify the office that you are coming, and we will bring the child out to you.
- We discourage parents from entering the school grounds. If you do so, we need you to sign our tracking and tracing log kept at the front door. **No parents/visitors are to enter the school buildings.**
- Assemblies: Parents will not be able to attend assemblies during Alert Level 2.
- Changing sheds will only be used by one class at a time; thus limiting numbers changing for swimming.

**At the end of the day**, we again would like to limit the number of parents coming on to the school grounds. Therefore, teachers will walk younger children to the gates and they will be passed on to you. Parents waiting outside the gates are asked to keep their distance.

**Thank you.**

**Sick students:** A reminder that if your children are sick, please do not send them to school. Under Covid Level 2 if they are unwell we will be sending unwell children straight home. Thank you.

**QR Code:** Please use our QR code and scan if you are coming into our school - this helps to keep everyone safe.

### ***No Hat - Play in the shade!***

**Sunsafe:** Please make sure your children bring their hat to school everyday during this term as it is too hot.

**Junior STEAMclub:** We are very excited to announce that due to overwhelming interest, we are now going to be offering a Little Steamers club for students from Years 0-2 that will run from 3-4pm on Wednesday afternoons alongside our usual Steamclub. Lead by Mr Elroy Muller, this club will explore the introduction of computational thinking skills using tools such as our BeeBots, Mice, Lego, and Makey Makey systems. We are only taking a limited number to start so please get your names in quickly to Mrs Mravicich if you are interested in your child participating. Email [lorim@stjosephs.co.nz](mailto:lorim@stjosephs.co.nz)

### **Board of Trustees Notice:**

With the resignation of a board member at the end of 2020, we now find we have a casual vacancy for a parent representative on the board. At our recent board meeting, it was proposed that we fill this position through a selection process. If you object to this decision, you have 28 days from the 18th February (your first notification) to write to the board deputy chair Sandra Hawke [sandrah@stjosephs.co.nz](mailto:sandrah@stjosephs.co.nz)

At the same time, we wish to invite someone to fill this position on our board. We will be considering skills we already have on the board and some that we might lack. If you are interested or can suggest a candidate, please contact the principal, Mrs Hall [principal@stjosephs.co.nz](mailto:principal@stjosephs.co.nz)

## Community Notices



# Term 1 Activities

02nd February - 16th April 2021

ASC | 2:45pm to 6:00pm / 2:45pm to 4:00pm

<b>Week 1 &amp; 2</b> Welcome Back / Waitangi Day! 	<b>Week 3</b> Valentines Cupid 	<b>Week 4</b> Fairy Houses 	<b>Week 5</b> Wear a Bow Tie Like a Boss! 	<b>Week 6</b> Jewel Week 
<b>Week 7</b> Disney Week 	<b>Week 8</b> All Time Sports 	<b>Week 9</b> Happy Easter 	<b>Week 10</b> Bubble 	<b>Week 11</b> End of Term Prize Giving 

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