

# St Joseph's Catholic School



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94 Seddon St, Pukekohe 2120

Term 1 Week 7

18 March 2021

Newsletter #4

## Principal's Message

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

Last week, while still in Covid Level 3, we were able to continue with our “Meet the Team” presentations, staggering the teams over the evening. We were really pleased to see so many of you attend. It is great you are interested in your children's learning and show them that by coming into their school; after all they spend a good part of their day here. I think many of the children enjoyed it also, playing on our new court space which had only just been opened up to them. I hope you found the evening useful. I was very proud of the quality of information you were given.

Another night last week, saw our staff staying until 8:00 pm to complete their First Aid Course; another thing cancelled last year because of Covid. We have a really dedicated staff here, who work hard to benefit your children.

Yesterday was St Patrick's Day, the feast day of our Parish patron. Many of us have Irish roots (especially Mrs Gallagher-Pile) and so our staff all tried to get in the mood and wear green. Luckily our children wear green every day!

There is great excitement as we prepare for tomorrow's opening of the Euphrasie Block. It is going to be a wonderful occasion where we can showcase our school. We have several visitors from the Diocese, including Bishop Michael, and from the Project Team coming from Auckland. As well as that, Sister Margaret, the Mission Sisters Provincial, is coming from Lower Hutt. The Official Opening is another memorable day in our school's history. If you are coming along, please make sure you have contacted the school office as we do need to know numbers. Special thanks to the parents who have offered to help with lunch supervision.

Tomorrow, I would like to see every child in the correct school uniform; particularly their footwear. Too many children are choosing to wear other shoes. We do have a uniform and if sandals have not lasted the distance, children should be wearing their winter shoes and school socks.

Our annual St Joseph's day tabloid sports will go ahead tomorrow afternoon (last year they were interrupted by Covid). St Joseph's Day is very much a fun day and an opportunity for our Year 8 students to display their leadership skills. We compete in our school Houses: Pompallier/red, Barbier/green, Chanel/blue, and Costello/yellow. Points are gained for skill and effort, and the overall winning House is awarded a cup at the end of the year. We are grateful to our PTA who always supply the children with a refreshing ice block at the end of the day.

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
Fri 19 Mar	St Joseph's Feast Day Official Opening of our new building Tabloid Sports	<p align="center"><b>You are invited to the Official Opening of our new building "Euphrasie" at 10:30 am on St Joseph's Day Friday 19th March 2021</b></p>  <p align="center"><b>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. Please let the school office know if you would like to attend.</b> <a href="mailto:stjoesoffice@stjosephs.co.nz">stjoesoffice@stjosephs.co.nz</a></p> <p align="center"><b><u>St. Patrick's Feast Day Parish Celebration</u></b> WHEN: This Saturday 20th March, 6pm - late WHERE: St. Joseph's School Hall Bring a plate and BYO! Music and dance performances are very welcome! Let's come together to celebrate St. Patrick and our Parish Community! For more info, contact Salote: 0210 292 0970</p>
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) <b>Movie Night</b> 6:30 - 8:30 in the hall	
Mon 29 Mar	<b>Palm Sunday Liturgy</b> - led by Ako 1	
Wed 31 Mar	Hotdog Lunch	
Fri 2 April	<b>Good Friday</b>	
Mon 5 April	<b>Easter Monday</b>	
Tue 6 April	<b>Easter Tuesday</b>	
Wed 7 Apr	Hotdog Lunch	
Fri 16 April	<b>End of Term 1</b>	
<b>Fri 28 May</b> <b>Fri 3 Sept</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day</b> <b>Teacher Only Day</b> <i>Please note these dates are subject to change</i> <i>For further dates see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at:</i> <a href="http://www.stjosephs.co.nz">www.stjosephs.co.nz</a>	

### Values Awards from Today's Assembly

**Azariah Stobart - Aroha:** Showing care for the environment. Jemimah is always willing to help clean up areas, even when the mess is not hers.

**Thomas Plimmer - Aroha:** Showing care for the environment. Without being asked, Thomas quietly will fix problems as he sees them. He often cares for the environment in this way.

**Jemimah Rwothomip - Aroha:** Showing care for the environment. Jemimah is always willing to help clean up areas, even when the mess is not hers.

**Tanga Teoro - Ako/To Learn:** Tanga has worked very hard to learn his sight words and is seeing the value of school and learning, showing positive behaviour in the classroom.

**Sydney Greaves - Piripono/Loyalty:** Sydney always shows courtesy and kindness when I speak with him. He forgives me for getting his name wrong and has a great sense of humour. Sydney brightens my day! Mrs Hall

**Ron Tytherleigh & Ashneil Kumar - Arahi/Leadership:** For their service in staying behind to help pack up after school practices and events. They show this initiative without being asked or reminded.

## Board of Trustees News

### Greetings from your school Board.

At our March meeting, Simon Dykes was elected as our new Board Chair, Sandra Hawke as Deputy Chair, Losa Helu as our Treasurer, and Elvira Balle as our Board Secretary. Other Board Members are Michelle Hall, Nikki Tarapa, Fr Robert Stelle, and Mike Noble, as well as Lori Mravivich (staff representative) and our principal, Ursula Hall. An additional parent representative will be asked to join our Board via a selection process before our next meeting.

## School Notices

**Welcome to our new students:** A warm welcome to our new students joining us at St Joseph's. Welcome Bruce Ramoni, Benny Chan, Paula Stefano, John-Mefi Sau-Mclaren, Anthony Helu, Mikaela Natura, Miguel Natura, Isaac Galang, Kingston Perese, Naomi Logan, Lesina Masoe, Matthew Stallworthy.

***A big THANKYOU to FARRELL NURSERIES for sponsoring our first Hot Dog Fundraiser for Year 7&8 Snow Camp!!***

### **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference 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/acfl-attendance-dues-financial-assistance/>

**Franklin Zone Swimming:** Congratulations to our Yr 5&6 students who will represent St Joseph's and North Group at the Franklin Zone Swimming competition this Thursday at the Waiuku Pools. Well done to Annabelle Shields, Jack Rowlatt, Kerry McMahon, Sawyer Mravivich and Alyssa Plimmer. Good luck!

**Fulton Swimming Lessons:** Are coming to a close this week. This year our swimming lessons have been funded by a community grant and the Ministry of Education donation scheme. Our children have enjoyed ten lessons which have been designed to teach them at their swimming levels as well as teach them the importance of water safety.



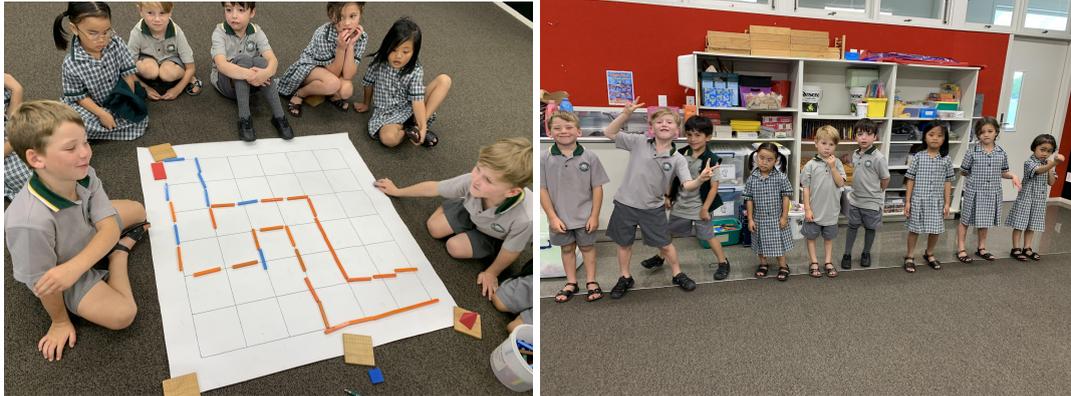
***"We can float!"***



***"Safety first!"***

**Sewing Machines:** Does anyone have a sewing machine they are not currently using? Or that they wouldn't mind lending out for a term? We have a very lovely parent who has offered to come into school to offer a sewing club. They will be creating items that can be used for fundraising throughout the year and learning an important skill as well. To do this, we need some sewing machines. Please contact the school office if you can help us out.

**Little Steamers:** We started our Little Steamers club last week and it was amazing to see how far Mr Muller was able to extend the students in just one session. We can't wait to see what they will do in the coming weeks.



**Pasifika Fono Meeting:** This Wednesday the 24th of March after school at 3pm in the Staffroom

**Māori Whanau Hui:** Please mark your calendars. Wednesday 31st March after school at 3pm in the Staffroom.

### 2021 Snow Camp Fundraisers

As I am sure you have noticed, Te Roopu Arahi have been hard at work getting their 2021 fundraisers underway for our Snow Camp at Mt Ruapehu. In August, we will be venturing down for the bi-annual trip to the snow. This is such an exciting opportunity, as many of us have not seen the snow or the thermal activity around the central plateau. We wish to give a very warm thank you to everyone who has supported us thus far and continue to support our fundraising efforts. Please keep an eye out for newsletters with more information about Movie night and the next hot dog dates.

**ST JOE'S**  
**MOVIE NIGHT!**  
FRIDAY 26 MARCH  
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**TE ROOPU ARAHI**  
**HOT DOG DAYS**  
WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH  
&  
WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL  
**\$2.50 each**  
KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE NEXT ORDER FORM



## Community Notices



Pompallier Catholic College will be celebrating 50 years since the College was opened in 1971.

All past pupils, families, benefactors and staff are warmly welcome to be part of the celebrations.

Go to the College website: [www.pompalliercollege.school.nz](http://www.pompalliercollege.school.nz), and click "Jubilee" for further information and to register.

We look forward to celebrating with you.

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