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Term 1 Week 9

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Newsletter #5

Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Katoa

Talofa Lava

Kamusta

Malo e lelei

Mauri

Hello Everyone

This morning we had a lovely liturgy for The Stations of the Cross led by Te Roopu Ārahi. What wonderful role models for our younger children to witness our older students being so reverent when recreating such an important event in our Christian story. It was a very touching experience

We also had a lovely celebration for the opening of our new building, Euphrasie, on St Joseph's Day, Friday 19th March. Thank you to all of you who attended and contributed in making it such a special occasion. Our children made us so proud as they participated in many aspects of the liturgy and blessing, and entertained our visitors. We were blessed for the opening to go ahead in these uncertain times and to be able to host friends of the school who have been involved with our school in the past and in the development of our new building. We especially thank Bishop Michael, Father Robert and representatives from the Mission Sisters who joined us on the day.

We were very pleased with the number of parents who attended last Monday night's Maths Information Evening with Dr Bobby Hunter and Trevor Bills (Massey University) about our current maths programme. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

It is with regret that I inform you that Mrs Sharon Hawke will officially leave us at the end of this term. Sharon has been on leave for some time and now we are able to look for someone to replace her. Tracey Nazareth also leaves us as a teacher aide as she moves on to extend her work in special education. Both of these ladies have had important parts to play in their time with us at St Joseph's School and we wish them well for their futures.

It has been some years since Easter fell within the school term and so we remind you that all schools are closed Easter Friday, and Easter Monday and Tuesday. We will see you all back at school next Wednesday 7th April.

Wishing you and your family a blessed and safe Easter break!

Ursula Hall

Principal - Tumuaki

Key Dates

Special Catholic Character

Thur 1 Apr	Holy Thursday - Stations of the Cross in the hall
Fri 2 April	Good Friday
Mon 5 April	Easter Monday
Tue 6 April	Easter Tuesday
Thu 8 Apr	Easter Liturgy - led by Aroha 1.45pm
Fri 9 Apr	Mass for Ako 2(T Farrell/K McArthur, M Clark) & Aroha 2 (J Wilcox & N Sarginson)
Sat 10 Apr	Franklin Cultural Festival
Wed 14 Apr	Year 7&8 Tech @ Pukekohe Intermediate 8.40 - 11.30 Ako 2 Museum Trip Y5 - 8 Orienteering
Thu 15 Apr	Assembly: Aroha 2 @ 1.45 Ako 1 Museum Trip
Fri 16 Apr	Mass for Aroha 1 (L Wallace, C Farrell & S Hawke) & all Ārahi End of Term 1
Fri 28 May	Teacher Only Day <i>Please note these dates are subject to change For further dates see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at: www.stjosephs.co.nz</i>

HOLY WEEK AT ST PATRICK'S PARISH



Holy Week and Easter Reflection

Thank you to Te Roopu Ako and their ākonga for leading our Palm Sunday Liturgy on Monday afternoon. Our Ārahi students in Year 7 / 8 worked hard to prepare a moving and reverent Stations of the Cross pilgrimage for today. Special thanks to Bridget Hartland for her organisation.

During his Palm Sunday Mass, here is some of what Pope Francis said:
"During this Holy Week, let us lift our eyes to the cross, in order to receive the grace of amazement,"
He continued: "Why all this humiliation? Why, Lord, did you wish to endure all this? Jesus did it for us, to plumb the depths of our human experience, our entire existence, all our evil. To draw near to us and not abandon us in our suffering and our death. To redeem us, to save us. Jesus was lifted high on the cross in order to descend to the abyss of our suffering."

As we finish our Lenten journey of sacrifice and reflect on the suffering of Jesus on the cross, we are also reminded of our own suffering; the crosses we all bear in life. There are times of light and times of darkness which we all face. We can draw comfort and strength from Jesus in those darker times of suffering. We also thank God for those happier, more hopeful times of light, especially as we begin our Easter season next week. It's quite fitting that the sun will rise one hour earlier this Easter Sunday! Have a blessed weekend with your whanau.

Mairéad Gallagher-Pile
 Director of Religious Studies



Euphrasie Building Opening

On our St Joseph's Feast Day, 19 March, we celebrated the opening of our new building, Euphrasie. God's face shone upon us with beautiful sunshine. There were a number of invited guests from Catholic education, those involved in the construction project and our school community. It was particularly special to have some of our Mission Sisters in attendance, Mrs Hall's sister, Sr Margaret Monaghan, being one of those. Margaret was principal here at St Joseph's from 1977 to 1979.

Our School captains Tyson Ali and Emily Stallworthy were calm under pressure as MC's. The celebration started with greetings in other languages from our tamariki and the presentation of lei to a number of our invited guests. A special thank you to Losa Helu for making the Lei.

Bishop Michael Gielen was our celebrant for the liturgy and blessing of the building, with the help of Fr. Robert. During this liturgy, all of our tamariki sang beautifully and those who introduced and read prayers did so with excellence. Some ākonga carried symbols of our school's past and present to the prayer focus during the song Standing on the Shoulders.

We heard speeches from our BOT Chairperson - Simon Dykes, the Vicar of Education for the Auckland Catholic Diocese - Catherine Ryan and from our principal - Ursula Hall. There were some stunning performances from our Pasifika and Kapa Haka groups, Te Roopu Aroha (our Juniors) as well as some of our talented tamariki. Finally, our manuhiri enjoyed lunch in the hall and our ākonga spent the afternoon enjoying Tabloid Sports with tremendous house spirit.

It was a real team effort across school to put these celebrations together. This calls to mind our Taha Whanau theme for this term as follows:

Term 1 Taha Whanau

Our Whakatauki : Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, Engari he toa takitini

My strength is not my alone, It is drawn from the multitudes of those who have supported me

Corinthians 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Photos from the Euphrasie Building Opening



School Notices

Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences:

Please mark your calendars. Your child's Interim reports will be going home on Friday, May 7th; this is the last day of Week 1 at the start of Term 2. We have scheduled our interview evenings for **Thursday May 13th from 3-8pm** and **Tuesday May 18th from 3-8pm**. Bookings will open during the first week of Term 2. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Online Lunch orders: Anyone ordering Pita Pit from Lunches Online please change your child's room number before ordering.

Dangerous driving: Please **do not** do U turns by the crossings around the school as this is putting students and parents in danger before and after school



Easter Raffle: Congratulations to the following winners of Te Roopu Ārahi's Easter Raffle:

1st - Faustina Lewis **2nd** - Zara Tappenden **3rd** - Kelsi **4th** - Veronika Tewete

Spot Prizes : Mrs Chapman, Ezra Mary-Jijo, Shircel Nunez, Jason Lagah, Ron Tytherleigh, Alisa Cha, Charlia Tyers, Mrs Mravicich, Mrs Farrell, Mika Ramoni and Father Robert

Thank you to everyone that bought tickets. What a wonderful start towards our Snow Camp fundraising efforts!

**There is no school tomorrow (Good Friday), Easter Monday or Easter Tuesday
See you on Wednesday - Enjoy your long weekend!!**

School Events

Last week was particularly busy with sporting fixtures for our Year 5 - 8 students. On Tuesday the 23rd of March our Year 7 & 8 students competed in the Franklin Ultra Rip competition. We sent four teams along with a total of 42 students! All teams played fantastically well and demonstrated our school values by their demeanor both on and off the sports field. We are very proud of them.

Our Year 5 & 6 students also enjoyed a wonderful day at the Franklin Rippa Rugby Tournament on Wednesday, March 24th. We had two teams entered and for many of them it was their first time playing this game due to COVID cancellations last year. Both teams had a ball and represented our school well. We have a bright future on the sports field! A special thank you to Monte Lieshout and Oliver Farrell who coached and reffed our teams on the day.

Thursday March 25th was a wonderful day of school spirit and competition at the Jubilee Pools. We moved our annual swimming sports to this date as the original was set to occur during the last lockdown. We were blessed with a day of glorious sunshine! Thank you to all of the parents who came along to help us run the day. Not only does it make the running of the event possible, it is also lovely to share your children's successes with you. Congratulations to Chanel who won the School Swimming Relay. The winning house will be announced at our end of year prizegiving!

On Friday 26th March we had our school movie night to raise funds for Te Roopu Ārahi's snow camp. The tamariki had a blast hanging out with their friends in the school hall, eating treats, pizza and sausages. A huge thank you to all of the parents, children and teachers who supported this event. We raised approximately

Community Notices

We have both our Pasifika and Kapa haka groups performing at this year's Franklin Cultural Festival. Please come along and

show your support to our tamariki. Our Pasifika groups take the stage at 1pm and our Kapa Haka at 2pm. We hope you are able to attend and show your support for this wonderful event for the children of Franklin.

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