

# St Joseph's Catholic School



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94 Seddon St, Pukekohe 2120

Term 1 Week 11

15 April 2021

Newsletter #06

## Principal's Message

*Tena Koutou Katoa*

*Talofa Lava*

*Kamusta*

*Malo e lelei*

*Mauri*

*Hello Everyone*

As we near the end of this very busy term, we can be grateful for so much.

This term has included Covid lockdowns, moving into our Euphrasie Block and its opening by Bishop Michael, the creation of our new playground space, sporting events including swimming sports and orienteering, fundraising activities for our Y7&8 camp, participation in our local cultural festival, trips to the museum, a parent information evening, our many prayerful liturgies during Lent and the Easter season, as well as, our ongoing professional development programme for our teachers. We are all ready for a rest!

Last week we had our Easter liturgy presented by Te Roopu Aroha, our youngest children, and it was delightful. Not only was the resurrection story retold in such a memorable way, the confidence and talent of those youngsters really shone through. We are so proud of all of our children.

On Saturday both our Kapa Haka and Pasifika boys and girls groups participated in the Franklin Multicultural Festival. What a performance! As usual, we were so proud of our children. The Pasifika group was awarded a trophy for audience involvement. It was wonderful seeing so many of our families supporting this weekend event.

This week we farewell Mrs Sharon Hawke and Mrs Tracey Nazereth from our staff and we wish them well in their future ventures. We also thank Mrs Ashley Clarke and Mrs Briar Shackleton who have covered Sharon during her absence. It is with regret that I inform you that Mrs Maree Clark is also preparing to leave us to enjoy semi-retirement as a busy grandmother, however, we are grateful that she will stay with us until an appointment can be made. Maree has been at St Joseph's for the last 10 years.

We wish you a wonderful holiday break with your children. When we return, I am hoping our new prayer space will be completed. The focus will be on the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes which we have inherited from the Mission Sisters' old convent. It will be a small nook where students can find a place of peace and contemplation. I hope it is well used.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday with your families.

*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

Fri 16 Apr	Mass for Aroha 1 (L Wallace, C Farrell & S Hawke) & all <b>Ārahi</b> END OF TERM 1
<b>Mon 3 May</b>	<b>START OF TERM 2</b>
Wed 5 May	Snow Camp Parents night
Tues 11 May	Franklin Orienteering
Wed 12 May	Y7&8 Tech
Thurs 13 May	Parent/child/Teacher Conferences 3pm-8pm
Tues 18 May	Parent/child/Teacher Conferences 3pm-8pm
<b>Fri 28 May</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day</b>
Mon 7 June	Queens Birthday
Tues 1 June	Yr 3 & 4 Franklin Soccer
Wed 2 June	Yr 5 & 6 Franklin Soccer
Thurs 3 June	Yr 7 & 8 Franklin Soccer
Tues 22 June	Franklin Rugby
<b>Fri 3 Sept</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day</b>

*Please note these dates are subject to change  
For further dates see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at:  
[www.stjosephs.co.nz](http://www.stjosephs.co.nz)*

## Special Catholic Character

### Easter Liturgy

Special thanks to Aroha 1 for leading our Easter Liturgy last week on Thursday, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus. They sang Easter songs with joy and performed a re-enactment of the Resurrection Event according to the Gospel of John. It was wonderful! The Easter season lasts for 50 days until Pentecost Sunday on 23 May.



### Living the Spirit of Easter

Living with a Spirit of Easter means to be joyful, fearless and renewed. The Easter spirit is a spirit of renewal that enables us to show up at school and work with a positive attitude, to renew relationships that have been taken for granted, and to express appreciation and affection to those closest to us. It means to see the world through new eyes - God's eyes.

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## School Notices

**New Students:** Welcome to our newest students, Isabella Burton and Anne-Sophie Cornu, both have joined us in the last couple of weeks!

### Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences:

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 using the same system as last year; by logging in to the website <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> where you will be able to book a time and date that suits.

**Attendance Dues:** Term 1 Attendance Dues should now be paid. Attendance Dues are compulsory. If any family is experiencing difficulty with paying their term/annual Attendance Dues due to financial hardship, please make an appointment with Mrs Hall to discuss the options available, or contact the Revenue Manager at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland on 09 360-3069. Financial assistance is not available for non-preference students.

**Second Hand Uniform:** The second hand uniform shop will be open on Thursday 29th 1pm - 3pm.

**Winter Uniform:** It is expected that all students will be in the correct winter school uniform for the start of Term 2. This includes plain black leather or waterproof shoes (with black laces).

## School Events

**Franklin Cultural Festival:** This past Saturday we had both our Pasifika and Kapa haka groups take the stage at the Franklin Cultural festival. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their talents outside the school community. There were over 30 different schools performing and we couldn't be prouder that our school were awarded the Champions trophy for their rousing Pasifika boys and girls performances. All the students brought so much energy, positivity and heart to their performances; we couldn't have been prouder. Thank you to Mrs Mravicich, Mrs Ali and Mrs Burns who work with our groups each week, and all the fabulous parents and staff that came along Saturday to help support and prepare our children.



**Orienteering:** This week our Year 5 - 8 students participated in our School Orienteering Competition in a challenging course down at Colin Lawrie Fields/Cape Hill. Orienteering is a great mix of stamina, intelligence and tenacity - and our wonderful students had all three! Thank you to the dedicated parents that came along to help us out - we would not be able to hold events such as this without you! The students had so much fun and notices will go out on Friday to the students who will be representing our school at Zone Orienteering in Week 2, Term 2.

**The Amazing Race:** This week the students from Te Roopu Arahi celebrated their term's learning by competing in an Amazing Race organised by their teachers. Our focus this term was on coming together as a team - "being part of the puzzle" and utilising all of our talents for everyone's success. Students had to complete all of their work to be a part of the celebration. They had to use brains, brawn and commonsense to figure out clues, overcome challenges and come together as a team. It was wonderful to see them all give it their best and help each other out. Mahi pai Te Roopu Arahi!!!

## Community Notices

**Past Pupil Breaks National Record!** Big congratulations to **James Harding** who has run 1:48.98 to break the U-18 men's 800m national record previously held by Nick Willis. Awesome achievement James.

**LEGO GROUP**

Wednesday 5th May 2021 3.30pm-4.30pm  
Pukekohe  
Ages 6-10 years  
See Connecting Together event info for location and pricing  
Group limited to 10 students  
Parents welcome  
6 week programme



The graphic for the LEGO Group includes a teal background with the title 'LEGO GROUP' in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, event details are listed in white text. To the right of the text is a 3D illustration of a red and yellow LEGO brick structure. Below the text is a circular icon containing a puzzle piece. At the bottom of the graphic are two photographs: one showing two children smiling and holding up colorful LEGO bricks, and another showing hands assembling a LEGO brick.

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“Come and join us next term for this great social skills group! The group will run each Wednesday after school for 6 weeks. This group therapy opportunity is run by a qualified Speech Language Therapist and Occupational Therapist. This method of teaching social and friendship skills is research based and fun!

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