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Term 2 Week 1

06 May 2021

Newsletter #07

Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Katoa

Talofa Lava

Kamusta

Malo e lelei

Mauri

Hello Everyone

Welcome back to our new term. We are hoping it is a bit quieter than our last one with fewer interruptions.

The construction of our new prayer space has been completed this week (the gardens are yet to be developed). It is a small nook where children can go to be reflective and pray in their own time. The focus is the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes which came from the Mission Sisters' old convent, and stood in their grounds from 1928. So, in a sense, it is a taonga to be treasured as part of our school history and our founding order as we race toward our own school's 100th Jubilee in 2023. Come and take a look the next time you are in our school grounds. It is very special.

This term we farewell Mrs Briar Shackleton as she leaves us to join her children's school closer to home. Briar has served St Joseph's on and off over many years and more recently was employed as a part-time teacher and reliever. Her contribution to our school life as part of our staff/family has been greatly valued and we wish her well as she moves on in her career.

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their winter uniforms. This is part of school pride. Just a reminder that wearing our correct school uniform is part of the agreement you signed when enrolling your child at St Joseph's School. I would like to emphasize that the correct footwear (waterproof shoes for wet weather and totally black) must be worn. There should be no alternate colours included. We have several options for keeping warm: woollen jerseys, fleecy jumpers and vests, as well as an optional school jacket. No other tops should be worn to school. If, for any reason, this is not possible for a short time, a note must be sent to the classroom teacher. We have many items in our second-hand uniform shop if needed.

Tomorrow, your child will bring home their interim reports. These reports identify where your child is achieving against the NZ Curriculum Levels at the end of Term 1, and identify their next learning goals. We ask that you bring this report with you to our Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences over the next two weeks and that you attend this interview with your child. Booking information for these interviews is included in this newsletter. Parents who do not book in will be sent home an interview time. You may wish to contact your child's teacher for an alternative time if necessary but we would like to see all of our parents.

Just a reminder that we are participating in a combined South Auckland Catholic Schools Community of Learning Teacher Only Day on Friday 28th May - Week 4. The school will be closed on this day, however, there is a school-assisted Mass at 10:00 am on that Sunday 30th May (Trinity Sunday) which we ask all school families to attend.

Stay well 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 7 May	No Friday Mass for Ākonga Interim reports go home	<div>Our New Prayer Garden</div>  <p>The prayer garden is almost completed but we still have some planting to do. The statue of Our Lady of Lourdes was put in place on Tuesday and it is a very special treasure/taonga for our school.</p> <div>School-Assisted Mass Sunday 30 May</div> <p>Save the date Trinity Sunday 30 May for School-Assisted Mass at St Patrick’s Church 10am Mass. Students will wear school uniform to this Mass and sit in reserved seating. Several students will have Arahi, our Year 7 / 8 students will be doing a bake sale after Mass to fundraise for Snow Camp. We look forward to celebrating this special Mass with our school whanau and parish community.</p> <div>Stewardship of Creation</div> <p>Our school inquiry question for our special character this year is “How can we be Kaitiaki(Guardians) of God’s Creation?” Students are invited to participate in the Caritas “Kaitiaki to Share” competition. This is an opportunity for them to share their ideas about how to care for God’s Creation. They can do a story, poem, art, a plan/diagram or a video. Closing date is Friday 21 May, entries to be handed into Mrs Gallagher-Pile.</p>
Tue 11 May	Franklin Zone Orienteering	
Wed 12 May	Tiny Joes Year 7&8 Tech @ Pukekohe Intermediate 8.40 - 11.30 Steam Club 3pm - 4pm Hot Dog Lunch	
Thu 13 May	Parent/Child Teacher Conferences 3pm - 8pm	
Fri 14 May	Mass for Aroha 2 (J Wilcox & N Sarginson) & all Ārahi	
Tue 18 May	Parent/Child Teacher Conferences 3pm - 8pm	
Wed 19 May	Steam Club 3pm - 4pm BOT Meeting 7pm	
Fri 21 May	No Friday Mass for Ākonga Pink Shirt Day - Mufti (Gold Coin Donation) Rhythm Interactive Drum Show School Disco	
Fri 28 May	Teacher Only Day- NO SCHOOL	
Mon 7 Jun	QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL	
Fri 9 July	Grandparents Day Māori Mass Last day of term 2	
Fri 3 Sept	Teacher Only Day - NO SCHOOL Please note these dates are subject to change For further dates see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at: www.stjosephs.co.nz	
School Notices		

New Students: Welcome to the following students who have joined our school this week: Kingston Blundell, Pamela-Velvet Bhana, Daniel Kovati-Waru and David Waru.

Parent/Child/Teacher Goal-Setting Conferences:

Your child's Interim reports will be going home tomorrow, Friday May 7th, with your child.

We have scheduled our interview evenings for **Thursday May 13th from 3-8pm** and **Tuesday May 18th from 3-8pm**. Bookings will open this **FRIDAY beginning at 3pm** 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.

To book your appointment please sign in to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and click on **Make a Booking**.

The booking code for our school will be **kc57h** (case sensitive) and you will be able to make multiple bookings if you have more than one child at the school. Follow the instructions to choose a date and time that suits.

If you have any difficulties please contact the school office. We will also have a kiosk available in the school office for you to book on if you do not have access to the internet at home.

If you have not made a booking using our online portal www.schoolinterviews.co.nz by Wednesday the 12th, then a time slot will be allocated to you by your child's kaitiaki/teacher and sent home on Thursday. A reminder that we ensure that every parent is met to discuss your child's interim report and to set goals for the remainder of the year. If the allocated dates/times do not suit you, please contact your child's kaitiaki to set up an alternative time to meet.

Students in Aroha 1 Kaitiaki classes LW (Mrs Lesley Wallace) and SH(Mrs Sharon Hawke) will be having their parent/child/teacher conferences with Mrs Lesley Wallace. As it is not possible to fit all these conferences in the two afternoon / evening sessions, Tuesday 18 May has been opened up for the full day as well. If you are able to make your booking during the day, please select a time on this day. This would be much appreciated to ensure that all parents and students have an opportunity to meet with the teacher/team leader.

Second Hand Uniform: The second hand uniform shop is open on Monday afternoons from 2.30pm until 3.00pm. We are in desperate need of winter pinafores and skirts and large girls blouses and large boys shirts and shorts. Also large jumpers. If you have any tucked away could you please bring them into the office.

P.E. Uniforms: Students in **Years 3 - 8** are expected to wear school P.E. uniforms when doing P.E or taking part in sporting events. There is a limited amount available at the second hand uniform shop or they can be purchased from The Uniform Shoppe, 7C Glasgow Road, Pukekohe.

PTA AGM - Please come along next Tuesday the 11th at 7pm to our school's staffroom and join us for some conversation and nibbles as we talk about what we can do to support our children this year through PTA initiatives. Everyone welcome!

SchoolDocs: Policies and Procedures for parents to review:

Please click on this link to review: [Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement](#)

Instructions for reviewers

1. Follow the link to each policy in the table above.
2. Read the policy.
3. Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
4. Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.
5. Enter your name (optional).
6. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can easily provide you with printed copies of the policy and the review form.

Key Dates are attached to this newsletter

School Events

From Garden to Home! Hopope, Neil and Boston are looking very proud at their potato harvest from our raised vegetable gardens at the end of last term. The boys planted them earlier in the year. Mrs Irwin and Mr Jones make sure our vege gardens are well cared for and planted out each season.

Hot Dog Lunches Once again this term we will be running hot dog lunches. We will continue having our hot dogs on Wednesdays, even weeks of the term. The first hot dog day will be Wednesday 12 May and fortnightly after that. Be on the lookout for the yellow hot dog order form and return to your teacher. Hot dogs will continue to be \$2.50. Thank you very much to the parents who helped last term to make this happen.

School Disco It's almost time to get your boogie on! The school disco will be held at the Parish Hall on Friday 21 May. We have an exciting and entertaining DJ booked, games, spot prizes, food and drinks. Tickets will be sold outside Te Roopu Ārahi before and after school starting tomorrow. Food will be available to purchase on the night.

When: Friday 21 May 2021

Where: St Patrick's Parish Hall

Time: 4:30 - 6pm Years 0-4 and 6:30 - 8pm Years 5 - 8

Food - Pizza, popcorn, lollies

Drinks - Fizzy and water

Samosas The Year 7 and 8 students are selling Samosas as part of their fundraising for Snow Camp. If you would like to purchase some, there will be students selling outside the front entrance from Friday morning. Samosas have proven to be a popular food, if you know of other family members, friends or colleagues who may be interested, you may grab an order form to take with you. All orders and money must be brought back by 21st May and returned to Te Roopu Ārahi or the office.

Pink Shirt Mufti Day - Gold Coin Donation

Friday 21 May is Pink Shirt Day. This is a day where we stand-up, stand together and stop bullying. The children will participate in anti-bullying activities and have the chance to win their own pink shirt through a T-Shirt Competition. T-Shirts must be handed into Mrs Burns by Wednesday 19 May. Winners will be announced on Friday 21 May. 100% of the proceeds goes to Mental Health New Zealand to support safe and inclusive schools, workplaces and communities.

Kapa Haka

The Kapa Haka group will continue to practise and have lessons on Wednesdays. We were blown away this Wednesday by the number of students who want to join this term. This is incredibly exciting and demonstrates the enthusiasm and commitment our students have towards learning about and showcasing Māori culture. Due to the number of students we will be running two groups; Years 6-8 and Years 0-5. We look forward to sharing our learning and performances with the community during our Matriki week celebrations in week 10 of this term.

T2 Key dates

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

Mon 3 May	Term 2 begins
Wed 5 May	Tiny Joes Steam Club 3pm - 4pm Snow Camp Parent Night 7pm - 8pm
Fri 7 May	No Friday Mass for Ākonga Interim reports go home
Tue 11 May	Franklin Zone Orienteering
Wed 12 May	Tiny Joes Year 7&8 Tech @ Pukekohe Intermediate 8.40 - 11.30 Steam Club 3pm - 4pm
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Fri 14 May	Mass for Aroha 2 (J Wilcox & N Sarginson) & all Ārahi
Tue 18 May	Parent/Child Teacher Conferences 3pm - 8pm
Wed 19 May	Steam Club 3pm - 4pm BOT Meeting 7pm
Fri 21 May	No Friday Mass for Ākonga Pink Shirt Day - Mufti (Gold Coin Donation) Rhythm Interactive Drum Show School Disco
Wed 26 May	Tiny Joes NYLD Steam Club 3pm - 4pm
Fri 28 May	TEACHER ONLY DAY - NO SCHOOL
Sun 30 May	School Assisted Mass 10.00 am
Tue 1 Jun	Franklin Soccer Yrs 3 & 4
Wed 2 Jun	Franklin Soccer Yrs 5 & 6 Steam Club 3pm - 4pm Franklin Pasifika Speech Competition
Thu 3 Jun	Franklin Soccer Yrs 7 & 8
Fri 4 Jun	No Friday Mass for Ākonga
Mon 7 Jun	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
Wed 9 Jun	Tiny Joes Year 7&8 Tech @ Pukekohe Intermediate 8.40 - 11.30 Steam Club 3pm - 4pm
Fri 11 Jun	Mass for Ako 1 (L Sokimi, A Surrey & S Hartnett) & Ako 2 (T Farrell/K McArthur, M Clark)
Wed 16 Jun	Steam Club 3pm - 4pm

Fri 18 Jun	Mass for Aroha 1 (L Wallace, C Farrell & S Kovati) & all Ārahi Movie Night
Tue 22 Jun	School Photos
Wed 23 Jun	Tiny Joes Year 7&8 Tech @ Pukekohe Intermediate 8.40 - 11.30 Steam Club 3pm - 4pm BOT Meeting 7 pm
Thu 24 Jun	Caritas Challenge - All Cultures Mufti (Gold Coin donation)
Fri 25 Jun	Mass for Ako 2 (T Farrell/K McArthur, M Clark) & Aroha 2 (J Wilcox & N Sarginson)
Wed 30 Jun	Steam Club
Thu 1 Jul	School speech Competition Yrs 5-8
Fri 2 Jul	Matariki Mass for Ako 1 (L Sokimi, A Surrey & S Hartnett) & Aroha 1 (L Wallace, C Farrell & S Kovati) Ārahi Museum Trip
Mon 5 Jul	Matariki
Tue 6 Jul	Matariki Franklin Yr 5 & 6 Speeches
Wed 7 Jul	Matariki Tiny Joes Year 7&8 Tech @ Pukekohe Intermediate 8.40 - 11.30 Steam Club 3pm - 4pm Franklin Yr 7 & 8 Speeches
Thu 8 Jul	Matariki
Fri 9 Jul	Matariki Grandparents Day No Friday Mass for Ākonga END OF TERM 2



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