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# St Joseph's Catholic School

"Excellent Education befitting our Catholic Character"



94 Seddon St, Pukekohe 2120

Term 2 Week 3 20 May 2021 Newsletter #8

# Principal's Message

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

Thank you to all of you that came with your children to our parent/child/teacher goal setting interviews over the last two weeks. It is really important for your children to see that mum and dad are interested in their learning and know their teachers. Teachers are very important people in the lives of a child. I hope you are able to implement the "help at home" strategies identified so that together we get the best outcomes for your child.

This week is Road Safety Week and you will be aware that the traffic is only getting heavier on Seddon St and Dublin St. One of our parents, Heather Leishout, is advocating for a raised pedestrian crossing on Seddon St to make drivers reduce their speed. We would like to hear of any incidents that you may know of to support our case. Our parent volunteers on morning crossing often retell stories of cars not slowing down as they pass the school. Our children's young lives are too precious for us not to take some action. You can help by not parking on the yellow lines at our gates. Cars stopping here obscure the vision of our road patrollers when they are looking to put their signs out for our children to cross safely.

I invite you to come and have a cup of coffee with me next Thursday 27 May from 2:00 - 2:45 pm in the staffroom. This is an opportunity for you to come in and chat and ask any questions that you may have. Hopefully, I can answer these for you. I can assure you that we are working very hard to provide the best possible educational programme for our children.

Next Friday 28 May is a Teacher Only Day. School will be closed for children on this day. Our teachers are joining other teachers in our South Auckland Catholic Kāhui Ako at St Anne's Manurewa. The theme of the day is "Together Inspiring Excellence". Each school is presenting a workshop of good practice from their setting. Our Within-school Lead Teachers, Lori Mravicich and Alan Surrey, will share how we are implementing STEAM and the new Digital Technology Curriculum into our school. We are looking forward to a very worthwhile day.

Our children are looking forward to the disco tomorrow night. I'm sure they will enjoy it. Sunday 30 May is Trinity Sunday and a school assisted 10am Mass. We hope you will bring your children to this special school celebration.

Stay safe and God bless.

Ursula Hall
Principal - Tumuaki

### **Key Dates**

### **Special Catholic Character**

Fri 21 May

Pink Shirt Day - Mufti (Gold Coin Donation) Rhythm Interactive Drum

Show School Disco

Tues 25 May

**Assembly** Ako 2 1.30 pm - 2.30pm

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.** Wear school uniforms. Bake-sale.

Tue 1 Jun

Franklin Soccer Yrs 3 & 4 Choir Rehearsal Day Epsom Yr 7 / 8 Snow Planet

Wed 2 Jun

Yr 7 / 8 Snow Planet Franklin Soccer Yrs 5 & 6 Steam Club 3pm - 4pm Franklin Pasifika Speech Competition

Thu 3 Jun

Franklin Soccer Yrs 7 & 8

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

Thurs 10 Jun

Assembly Aroha 2 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Thurs 24 June

Caritas Challenge in solidarity with victims of the Pandemic -Cultural Mufti Day

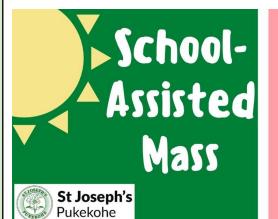
Fri 9 July

Grandparents Day & Māori Mass

#### Last day of term 2

Please note these dates are subject to change For further dates see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at:

www.stjosephs.co.nz



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday 30 May 10am St Patrick's Church

Tamariki: Wear school uniforms.



Arahi (Yr 7 / 8)
will be
doing a bake sale
after Mass
to fundraise
for SNOWCAMP.



"Let us open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, so as to be an active part of our communities"

Francis

#### YOU ARE INVITED! Fr Robert's 70th

Come join the fun and celebrate Fr's 70th birthday. Saturday 12th of June @ St Joseph's School Hall Gates open at 5pm – dinner at 5:45pm

A light meal will be provided, bring your own drinks and snacks.

Come dance to the live band and wear something beginning with R!

Tickets on sale from 23rd of May after all Masses. \$10 single, \$35 family

You can purchase tickets after 10am Mass for the next few Sundays

#### Values Awards Recipients, School Assembly 13 May

Leo Rowlatt, Simon Vicente, Max Agnew: Aroha - For the love they showed helping Liam learn to play basketball over the last few weeks.

Lachlan Hadley, Logan Stallworthy, Douglas Lemanu-Easthope, Phillipa-Lily Addis and Sienna Tohi: Aroha - For the kindness they showed to a member of Aroha by refilling his container when he had lost all his marbles.

#### **School Notices**

**New Students:** We extend a warm welcome to our newest students to join St Joseph's, Maxwell Dittmer and Amethyst Makimare-McIlroy.

**2022 Enrolments:** If you have a child or know of any child wishing to attend St Joseph's in 2022, including at the Year 7 & 8 level, please ensure an application for enrolment has been completed and returned to us. If your child is not returning to St Joseph's in 2022 could you please let the school office asap. We need to know numbers this year for staffing our school in 2022. Enrolment applications are available on our website or from the school office.

**Drop Offs and Pick-Ups:** We are noticing a growing number of parents/caregivers that are entering our staff car park to drop children off in the morning, as well as blocking the entrance to our staff car park. This is very dangerous for students and cars pulling out and creates back-ups down the single lane driveway. The police are aware of this. We have parents who kindly work patrol in the morning to cross children on Seddon St and we have the Park and Walk options available as well. Please help keep our children safe and do not use our staff car park before or after school. Thank you.

**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. **Tomorrow is the last day to purchase.** All orders and money must be in by tomorrow, Friday 21 May. You may grab a form from the office as well.



#### Pink Shirt Mufti Day - Gold Coin Donation :

A reminder that this Friday 21 May is Pink Shirt Day. This is a day where we stand-up, stand together and stop bullying. 100% of the proceeds goes to Mental Health New Zealand to support safe and inclusive schools, workplaces and communities. Congratulations to our winners of the Pink Day T-Shirt Competition: Isileli Symons, (Ako 2), Ravneet Badhan (Arahi), Frankie Farrell (Aroha 2), Fatai Helu (Aroha 1). It was awesome to see so many children create

t-shirts with beautiful slogans and illustrations to support Pink Day and anti-bullying.

**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 continue to be sold outside Te Roopu Ārahi before and after school. 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, chippies, Iollies

**Drinks** - Fizzy and water (you may bring a named water bottle if you want)

# SchoolDocs: Policies and Procedures for parents to review: Please click on this link to review: Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement

#### <u>Instructions for reviewers</u>

- 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. \*\*

#### **School Events**



**FRANKLIN BULLS VISIT** Last Monday, we were so lucky to have the Franklin Bulls Basketball Team come in to visit at our morning tea time. We were able to ask questions from the players, compete to win a Bulls T-Shirt, get tips from the players and Theo Martinez was able to take on a Bull, and we all think Theo won the round!







**SJ Development Trust**: The St Joseph's Development Trust's AGM will be held at school at 6:30pm on Thursday 10th June in the boardroom. You are welcome to attend.

**Teacher Aides** Have you ever thought of becoming a teacher aide?

We are currently looking for someone for a fixed term project working with a child with special requirements. You would be required to work Monday-Friday but only for a limited time each day. This could coincide with school drop off. Interested? Contact Mrs Hall for more information. Ph 092387745.

## Parents: Introducing our new Cyber Safety Hub



#### Dear Parents,

We are delighted to introduce you to a new resource made available to you through our partnership with Family Zone - our new school **Cyber Safety Hub**.

As you may already be aware, our partnership provides your family with access to the Family Zone tools to use at home with your children if you wish. The purpose of the Cyber Safety Hub is to complement those tools with practical guidance and information to further support you in engaging with your children in their digital development. These tools and resources also allow the school and parent body to work together on creating a holistic approach to guiding each student's online journey.

You can access the Cyber Safety Hub using the link below:

### https://stjosephspukekohe.cybersafetyhub.nz/

#### **About the Parent Cyber Safety Hub**

The Cyber Safety Hub includes resources to help your family better understand the different Family Zone tools available to you and how to use them, plus access to regular cyber safety events to help you stay informed about the latest digital trends.

Also, the Cyber Safety Hub provides expert advice from leading cyber experts, ySafe, on the most pertinent issues and frequently asked questions around platforms like TikTok, Fortnite, Instagram, and more. There are app reviews with age and safety recommendations, along with a range of guides to help ensure healthy boundaries around screen-time & gaming, plus step-by-step instructions for using parental controls and filtering out inappropriate content.

We are very excited to be able to offer you this level of expertise and support in an area that we know has been challenging for many parents to manage. We look forward to working closely with you as we develop the cyber safety conversation within our school community.



#### HELP MAKE THE MAGIC HAPPEN!

We are seeking volunteers with a little time and motivation to be a part of our special world.

Being a volunteer at Riding for the Disabled is a magical way to give something to your community!

Regardless of your age, ethnicity, background or previous experience there is a role for you in our team
• no previous experience required!

Our work is always interesting, varied and rewarding. We have rides on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays.

Hours are flexible—from just one or two hours per week.

"The team at Drury have been so wonderful with our little man, we look forward to attending every week for our bit

"Our students anticipate RDA each week. They know exactly the day we are going as they love it so much."

"What a fabulous place for our children to engage in life experiences, to learn, to be heard and understood!"

"I see nothing but positives out of this experience and the many smiles that I see every week show how important this is for our additional needs children in a world which can be so challenging for them."

"It's like a warm friendly circle of care surrounding us each Thursday and I won't be stopping anytime soon."

Work with horses! Work with riders! Provide support through some other means!

There's a role for everyone at RDA!

What we do is special! But we need Volunteers to make it happen. With your help, we can reach even more riders and change even more lives.

We offer you training and support, the chance to make a positive difference in the lives of people with a disability, and the chance to make great friends and learn new skills.

Whether you're a horsey or non-horsey person there is a perfect role for you at your local RDA Group.

Get in touch today and find out about becoming a volunteer at South Auckland RDA. Send us a message via our Facebook page or email us at southauckland@rda.org.nz

- For H&S reasons volunteers must be over 14 years old.
- A NZ Police check in a mandatory part of the recruitment process
  - South Auckland RDA is based in Drury, Auckland





### Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5-15 years.

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

12 - 16 July 2021, 9 am – 4 pm daily Held at ACG Strathallan, Karaka

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