

St Joseph's Catholic School



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Term 2 Week 5

3 June 2021

Newsletter #09

Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Katoa

Talofa Lava

Kamusta

Malo e lelei

Mauri

Hello Everyone

Many thanks to all of you who came with your families to our school assisted Mass last Sunday. It was a really lovely Trinity Mass with Father Robert and, our newly ordained, Father Thomas concelebrating, and the presence of so many of our school children made it so special. I understand it is a blessing to attend a Mass of a new priest. The children's contribution was excellent, and I'm sure you will agree that those children who had individual roles carried them out beautifully. Thank you to Mairéad Gallagher-Pile, our DRS, and teachers who prepared them so well. We were very proud of our school.

Our South Auckland Catholic Schools Kahui Ako (COL) Day on Friday at St Anne's, Manurewa, began with a Mass. Father Peter compared our COL to the southern deanery making a link between our priests and our schools. He said that parishes were blessed to have Catholic schools attached to them, and we feel blessed to be part of St Patrick's Parish here in Pukekohe. Father Robert comes to have morning tea with the staff most Thursdays and we feel we have a special relationship with him.

The teacher only day was a great success bringing the staff of nine South Auckland Catholic schools together for a combined professional development day. Our speakers, Nick Tuitasi and Manuel Beazley, were inspiring, and our COL Within School lead teachers presented workshops on good practice happening across our schools. I wish to congratulate Lori Mravicich and Alan Surrey who presented our school's digital technology journey on our behalf. It was very well received.

It's all go here this week! As part of Samoan Language Week, our Pasifika group performed for an ECE, we have soccer competitions for Year 3-8 and Year 5-6 children, our Year 7&8 students are visiting Snow Planet in preparation for their winter camp, our choir have gone through to Auckland this week to practise as part of the APPA choir, some of our children competed in the Franklin Pasifika Speech Competition, and we have had a group of teachers from Kedgley School come in to observe our inquiry maths practice. There are great things happening.

We are pleased to welcome Suit-Keen Waru onto our staff. Suit-Keen is teaching in Aroha 1 and her two boys started at our school at the beginning of the term. We are delighted to have them all as members of our St Joseph's School family. I also want to acknowledge Helen Farrell, our receptionist/teacher aide, who (in two weeks time) is moving on to a full time position. Helen has worked at St Joseph's for the last 12 years and will be especially missed because of her pastoral care of our families. We wish her all the best as she moves into a new career.

Next Tuesday evening, we invite our Year 5&6 parents to come to an information evening to hear why Ārahi, our Year 7&8 classes, are a good option for your child's intermediate years. If you know of other families that may be interested in a Year 7&8 education at our school, please bring them along. St Ignatius College will open in 2024 and these children will be the first students to attend.

I am sure you are looking forward to the long weekend ahead. Stay safe!

Ursula Hall - Principal - Tumuaki

Sunday 6 June

**Feast of
The Most
Holy Body
and Blood of
Christ**



"Truly, truly,
I say to you,
unless you eat
the flesh of the
Son of man
and drink
His blood,
you have no
life in you;
he who eats
My flesh and
drinks My
blood has
eternal life,
and
I will raise
him up
at the last
day."

John 6:53, 54

Key Dates

Special Catholic Character

Mon 7 Jun	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
Wed 9 Jun	Tiny Joes Hot Dog Day - \$2.50 each Year 7&8 Tech @ Pukekohe Intermediate 8.40 - 11.30 Steam Club 3pm - 4pm
Thurs 10 Jun	Assembly Aroha 2 1.30pm - 2.30pm
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 Waru)
Wed 23 Jun	Tiny Joes Year 7&8 Tech @ Pukekohe Intermediate 8.40 - 11.30 Hot Dog Day - \$2.50 each Steam Club 3pm - 4pm BOT Meeting 7pm
Thurs 24 June	Caritas Challenge in solidarity with victims of the Pandemic - Cultural Mufti Day
Thurs 1 July	Choir Rehearsal Day Point Chevalier Primary
Fri 9 July	Grandparents Day & Māori Mass Last day of term 2 <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>

This Sunday the Catholic church celebrates the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, traditionally known by its Latin name 'Corpus Christi'.

School-Assisted Mass

Thank you to all of the ākonga and whanau who attended Mass last Sunday. It was a great turnout and we were very proud of all of our tamariki who looked so smart in their school uniforms and participated so well for this Trinity Sunday celebration of Eucharist. Also thanks for the support for our Arahi Bake Sale after Mass. They raised \$838 towards their Snow Camp.



Caritas Kaitiaki2Share Competition Results

I am very excited to announce the results of this competition, which is focussed on students' ideas about ways we can be "kaitiaki" (guardians) of God's Creation. There were 115 entries from Catholic schools around the country and 5 of our student entries made the top 10. This is quite an achievement for our school! See names below and click the links to see their amazing work. For more information see <https://caritas.org.nz/kaitiaki2share>

WINNERS: Received \$100 each and a tree planted on their behalf.

Annabelle Shields Yr 6 - [Video about Packaging at McDonalds](#)

Gavin Israel and Toby Van Der Gulik Yr 8 - [Video about Travel to School](#)

Irene Sebastian Yr 7 - [Carbon Footprint Artwork](#)

FINALISTS

Erika Villejo Yr 8 - [Save all Life Artwork](#)

Emily Stallworthy Yr 8 - [Care for the Earth Artwork](#)

NOTABLE EFFORT

Deanna Fermin Yr 5 - [Artwork on Caring for Creation](#)

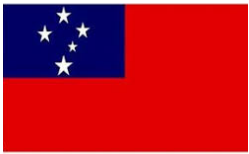
Well done to all of our students who entered this competition. Your work has highlighted the need for us to be kaitiaki of God's creation, in keeping with the charism of our Mission Sisters, as well as Māori Spirituality (caring for Te Whenua Tapu) and Pope Francis' Laudato Si Encyclical. I do hope this competition will have even more entries next year as it is so worthwhile.

Mairéad Gallagher-Pile,
Director of Religious Studies.

Values Awards Week 4 Assembly

Rangi Hawkins - for displaying ārahi, leadership to his classmates by taking the time to help and support others when logging in to their online tests. He was patient and kind to all those needing support.

School Notices



Talofa. This is Samoa Language Week - Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa. We celebrate the third most spoken language in New Zealand from Sunday 30 May to Saturday 5 June. The Samoa Language Week theme for 2021 is: Poupou le lotoifale. Ola manuia le anofale - Strengthen the posts of your house, for all to thrive.

New Students: Welcome to our most recent students to join us: Joepira Arake and Alex Arake.

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 so if you have a child turning 4 this year, come in and see us. Enrolment applications are available on our website or from the school office.

Thank you: A big thank you to Tracey and Andy Farrell (Farrell Nurseries) for kindly sponsoring our last two Hot Dog lunch fundraisers for Year7 & 8 Camp! Also, thank you Tracey and Andy for lending one of your vans to transport students to the Choir Rehearsal Day on Tuesday, as well as Year 3 / 4 Soccer Tournament and National Young Leaders Day.

Medication: If your child requires medication such as an Asthma inhaler or antihistamines/ epipen, please send it to school labelled with their name so that we can have it available should we need to administer it.



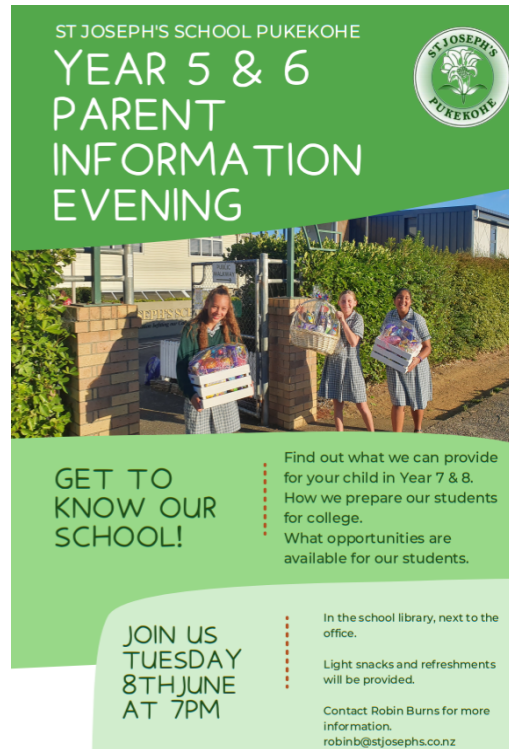
Skool Loop App - Keep in touch with what is happening at school through the Skool Loop app. It's **free** to download! Parents can easily access school notices, newsletters and alerts. SMS the school about absences through the app. In a school emergency if we need to contact parents this is the quickest way to get a message to you.

Drop Off & Pick Up: A few reminders as we are noticing more congestion around our school gates especially on Seddon St. **Please do not use our staff car park to drop off or pick up your children as this creates extra congestion and is not safe for our tamariki.** Also please do not park on the yellow lines outside our front gate as this blocks the view of our wonderful students doing Road Patrol. We want these students to have a clear view of the oncoming traffic so they are able to safely cross our students.

Park & Walk Drop Off Areas: This week a notice went home with our designated areas for our Drop & Walk areas. We would love to see more of our students using this option as it helps the congestion around our school gates around Pick Up & Drop Off times. Please try and use these zones & work together to make our school a safer place around Drop Off & Pick Up times.

Travelwise Competition: Over the next few weeks we are running a get active competition. Students who walk, bike, scooter or bus go in the draw to win prizes! Walking from one of our Park & Walk Zones gets you into the draw.

Parent Information Evening for Year 5&6: Parents of Years 5&6 students are invited to join us in the Library on Tuesday 8 June at 7pm to learn more about Ārahi, our Intermediate School programme. Snacks and refreshments will be provided



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL PUKEKOHE

YEAR 5 & 6 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

**GET TO
KNOW OUR
SCHOOL!**

- Find out what we can provide for your child in Year 7 & 8.
- How we prepare our students for college.
- What opportunities are available for our students.

**JOIN US
TUESDAY
8TH JUNE
AT 7PM**

- In the school library, next to the office.
- Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.
- Contact Robin Burns for more information.
robinb@stjosephs.co.nz

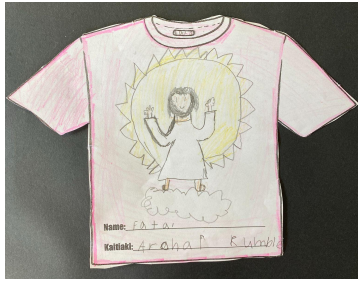
School Events

Playhouse Preschool Visit: This week was Samoan Language Week and our Pasifika Boys and Girls Performance Groups entertained over 40 preschoolers from the Playhouse Preschool on Monday. It was wonderful to see our older children show such care for the littlies visiting, and it was great to see everyone enjoying themselves while learning about Samoan culture. Malo lava!

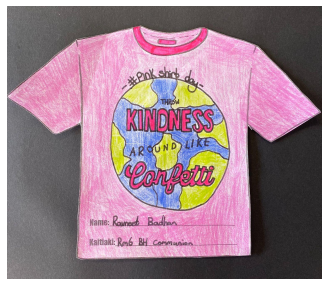


Pink Shirt Day: We had a wonderful anti-bullying day on 21 May, with over \$400 raised for the Mental Health Foundation. In total, schools across New Zealand raised a total amount of \$564,261. It was awesome to see everyone dressed up and talking about ways we can show kindness and love to everyone and especially those in need.

Here are our winning T-shirts for our Pink Day Competition.



Fatai Helu (Aroha 1)



Ravneet Badhan (Arahi)



Frankie Farrell (Aroha 2)



Isileli Mamatuki (Ako 2)

Pasifika Speech Competition: Last night we had 10 students compete at the Franklin Pasifika Speech Competition at Paerata School. Congratulations to Tyson Ali, Mere Lesavua, Mata Lesavua, Sienna Tohi, Peni Helu and Apenisa Lesavua who all finished first in their categories. We were so proud of the way you represented our school and your cultures.

Year 5 & 6 Soccer Tournament: We had a lovely day at the Year 5 & 6 Soccer Tournament yesterday. All of our St Joseph's children were fantastic, played well and showed great sportsmanship throughout the whole day. Thank you to our wonderful parents who were also amazing - transporting, coaching and supporting.

Choir Update: Well done to the Year 6, 7 & 8 students who attended our first Choir Rehearsal Day in Epsom on Tuesday. They worked hard to learn the songs and parts for our APPA Choir Festival later in the year. Special thanks to the parents who helped with transport. Their next rehearsal day is Thursday 1 June in Point Chevalier. These students also did a beautiful job leading the singing last Sunday for School-Assisted Mass and have been diligent in coming to choir practice on Thursday mornings at 8:20am. Tino pai!

Arahi Snow Planet Trip : Year 7 & 8 students had a wonderful time learning to ski at Snow Planet this week in preparation for Snow Camp this August!

Community Notices

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.

YOU ARE INVITED! Fr Robert's 70th

Come join the fun and celebrate Father'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 this Sunday

or see Jeanette Irwin here at school.

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