

# St Joseph's Catholic School

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Term 2 Week 7

17 June 2021

Newsletter #10

## Principal's Message

*Tena Koutou Katoa*

*Talofa Lava*

*Kamusta*

*Malo e lelei*

*Mauri*

*Hello Everyone*

I hope you all enjoyed your long Queen's Birthday weekend.

I wish to thank those families who supported our Year 7&8 Information evening. Mrs Burns had a great promotional presentation to share and I am sure it would have been very informative and reassuring to all that attended, that St Joseph's continues to offer excellent learning and leadership opportunities for the intermediate years. We continue to strive to provide excellent education opportunities at our Catholic school.

Last Thursday, we had a special 70th birthday morning tea for Father Robert followed by a special assembly led by our youngest children in Aroha 2. He was delighted and the children enjoyed celebrating the occasion with him.

The children are enjoying our new playground markings which are almost completed. It is great to see our space shared by all of our children from 5 - 13 years. Our rugby post has been replaced and our boys are eager to be on the fields. Just a reminder that now that the wet winter weather has arrived, children need to bring a change of old clothes to play on the fields at lunch time, and a flannel to clean their feet afterwards before going back into class.

Yesterday, we farewelled Mrs Helen Farrell from our staff. Helen has been a teacher aide with us for 12 years and more recently our receptionist. Helen had a special pastoral role here, helping our children/whanau with uniforms and lunches. She has a caring heart and has made a wonderful contribution to our school and will be missed. We wish her many blessings in her future endeavours.

This week I am attending the NZ Catholic Principals Conference in Wellington. The theme is "Reimagine, Renew, Rejoice". This conference was postponed in 2020 due to COVID so it is nice that it can now go ahead. We are so lucky to be living in New Zealand.

Wishing you and your family many warm blessings.

*Ursula Hall -*

**Principal - Tumuaki**



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*"Let the most gentle charity reign among you and take great care of the health of each other."*

*Do not feel obliged to work too much, but give both body and soul plenty of rest"*

Key Dates		Special Catholic Character
Wed 16 Jun	Steam Club 3pm - 4pm	<p align="center"><b><u>Baptism of Children Over 8 Years Old</u></b></p> <p>Has your school child been baptised? Father is preparing a Baptism Course for older children. Please contact Fr Robert or Margaret at the parish office for more information. <a href="mailto:robert.s.steele@gmail.com">robert.s.steele@gmail.com</a></p>
Fri 18 Jun	<b>Mass for Aroha 1</b> (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	<p align="center"><b><u>Caritas Challenge 2021 - STOP IT!</u></b></p> <p>Next week on Thursday 24th of June, we will be doing the Caritas Challenge in solidarity with victims of the Pandemic. To do this we encourage students to <b>bring a gold coin donation and to dress in cultural mufti</b>. We ask that they try to wear something that represents another country as we want to show solidarity with those overseas who have suffered so much through the Covid-19 Pandemic.</p> <p>For the <b>STOP IT! Challenge</b> we are asking students to <b>"Stop it" and not use any technology for the whole day</b>; no Chromebooks or iPads, no phones for the older tamariki. We encourage them to not watch TV that day for the whole day either, to empathise with all of the people around the world that go without so much and are suffering greatly. We hope this will enable our tamariki to realise how lucky we are to have all that we do.</p> <p>Older students from Years 4-8 are encouraged to seek some sponsorship for their STOP IT! Challenge to help raise as much funds as we can for Caritas' relief work in those poorer parts of the World so badly affected by the Pandemic. Paper copies have been sent home and here is the link to the <a href="#">sponsorship form</a>.</p> <p>Caritas is supporting communities around the world to find <b>A NEW WAY FORWARD</b> despite both existing challenges and those caused by the pandemic. This year every dollar donated will be matched by the New Zealand Aid Programme and become \$4.</p> <p>Please support your Tamariki to "stop it!" for the Caritas Challenge. God Bless Mairead Gallagher-Pile</p> <p align="center"><b><u>Values Awards from Assembly Week 6</u></b></p> <p><b>Velolini Puamau, Mata Lesevua, Irene Sebastian, Areeya Bernabe &amp; Jenna Enriquez</b> for Arahi / Leadership: Thank you for your beautiful solo singing at School-Assisted Mass.</p> <p><b>Liki Tafa</b> Ako / Learning: It was wonderful to see your great progress and natural ability on the ski field at Snow Planet.</p> <p><b>Erika Villejo</b> Ako / Learning: Your outstanding artwork in RE tasks and the Kaitiaki2Share canvas that you painted. It's wonderful to see you use your God-given gifts and talents so beautifully to share your learning.</p> <p><b>Gavin Israel</b> Arahi / Leadership: Thank you for making Fr. Robert's birthday video. You have done excellent video-making, communicating and assisting teams with AV recently.</p>
Thurs 24 Jun	Caritas Challenge in solidarity with victims of the Pandemic - <b>Cultural Mufti Day &amp; STOP IT! CHALLENGE</b>	
Wed 30 Jun	Hot Dog Day - \$2.50 each	
Thurs 1 July	Choir Rehearsal Day Point Chevalier Primary School Speech Competition Yrs 5-8	
Fri 9 July	Grandparents Day & Māori Mass <b>Last day of term 2</b> <i>Please note these dates are subject to change For further dates see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at: <a href="http://www.stjosephs.co.nz">www.stjosephs.co.nz</a></i>	

### **Fr. Robert's 70th Birthday School Celebration**

Last Thursday we held a special birthday assembly for Fr Robert's 70th birthday. First he joined us for a special morning tea in the staff room. He was then escorted through to the hall where our Aroha students lead him to his special seat and offered some beautiful prayers for him. We sang to him and presented him with some lovely colourful birthday cards signed by all of our tamariki. Gavin Israel from Year 8 presented a lovely video which he had produced with the help of his classmate Toby Van der Gulik, where students were interviewed across the school. Click this [link](#) to watch the video. Fr. Robert felt very special and honoured and he wishes to pass on his thanks to all of us.



## **School Notices**

**New Students:** Welcome to Lariana Tapelu-Poe who has joined us this week!

**Grandparents Day:** On Friday 9th July we will be holding a very special Grandparents Day. We would like to invite all of our grandparents to come and enjoy a special morning with their grandchildren.

Please join us between 9-10am to participate with some activities that we have organised for our children. At 10am we will have a special Matariki performance held in our school hall led by our Kapa Haka. Following that, we will have a special morning tea in our school hall, provided by our PTA, to be enjoyed with your grandchild. Following morning tea, we invite all our grandparents to join us for a school Maori mass being held at 11:30am at St Patrick's Church.

Your child is most welcome to bring along another significant or special person in their life, if a grandparent is unavailable.

**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. 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. If your child is not returning to St Joseph's in 2022 could you please let the school office asap.

### **2021 Community Health Survey**

Section 60B of the Education Act requires the Board of Trustees to consult with the community to find out how our Health programme is being delivered in our school. The purpose is to consult with parents, caregivers and teachers about the health learning needs of the students at our school and to design programmes that will make a difference to their well-being. An email has been sent to all school families with a form complete. If you have more than one child attending our school you may fill out the form multiple times.

### **Pasifika Parent Consultation:**

This Tuesday 22 June, there is a special meeting for parents of Pasifika Year 5/6 boys with Magele Oloataua Fa'amamafa in our staffroom at 2:00 pm. Magele is a researcher from Auckland University doing her Masters on Pasifika boys learning in modern learning environments. Afternoon tea will be provided. Come and join us.



**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.

**Scholastic Book Club:** Scholastic Book Club Issue 4, brochures out on Thursday, orders due in by Monday 22 June. Thanks.

**Sewing Machines:** We are still looking for any sewing machines that you might be willing to lend the school for a Sewing Club that a lovely parent is offering to take for the school. Please contact Mrs Mravicich if you can help out.

## School Events

**Franklin Bulls Game:** Well done to all our Pasifika Boys Performance Group that entertained the crowd at the Franklin Bulls basketball game halftime show on June 4th. You were great representatives of our school and it was so special seeing you all on TV!



## Community Notices

**Job Vacancy:** The Catholic Caring Foundation is looking for a community-focused database/grants and administrator co-ordinator to join their busy team on a fixed term 11-month (August 2021 to July 2022) contract period for 20 hours per week.

The Foundation is the philanthropic trust of the Bishop of Auckland, and annually gives out grants to social service agencies who care for the poor, the marginalised and the vulnerable. To help us with our mission, we

need a co-ordinator who will make sure that our office runs smoothly and that our team are well supported in grant making, fundraising and donor care. You'll have great attention to detail, demonstrate excellent customer service, have experience of working with a CRM system, and have well-developed organisational skills to help us successfully connect with our donors and provide grants to our partner agencies.

Please visit our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz), Diocesan Services, Staff Vacancies for a full position description and how to apply.

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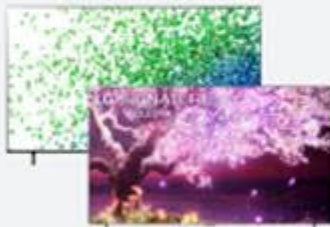
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