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Term 2 Week 9

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Newsletter #11

Principal's Message

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

Congratulations to everyone for your contribution to a very successful Caritas activity last week. The children did well to raise so much for Caritas. Today we are halfway through the 2021 year - it is disappearing quickly.

Two weeks ago I was fortunate to attend the NZ Catholic Primary Principals Conference in Wellington; sneaking in and out before COVID levels changed. This conference was postponed from 2020 and we felt grateful that coming together was possible again. The theme was “Reimagine, Renew and Rejoice” which I personally found very worthwhile. I was also very grateful to be able to leave St Joseph's in such good hands. I am proud to have such an excellent senior leadership team and staff who contribute so positively to our Catholic school, and such a supportive school community.

Next week we farewell Mrs Maree Clark who plans to enjoy her semi-retirement by enjoying the great outdoors and as a busy grandmother. Maree has been at St Joseph's for the past 10 years and, if you have had a child taught by her, you will know what a great sense of wonder Maree has gifted our students. Maree has always been an example to our children of care for creation and as a positive example of our Catholic faith and we are grateful for the love of prayer that she has shared with us. We hope that we will continue to see Maree at school as a relief teacher.

Next week we also celebrate Matariki and the week is full of activities for our children to experience te ao Māori. It will culminate with our Grandparents' Day on Friday morning, and our Mass with a Maori focus at 11:30am with Father Rodney. Special thanks to Mrs Burns, Mrs Gallagher-Pile, and our PTA parents and friends who are organising Friday's morning tea.

As we approach our winter holidays, I wish you all a happy and safe time with your whānau. Harikoa matariki!

Stay safe 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.*



Key Dates

Special Catholic Character

Thurs 1 July
Choir Rehearsal Day
Point Chevalier Primary
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)

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
Grandparents Day
& Māori Mass 11:30
Last day of term 2

Mon 26 Jul
First day of Term 3

Fri 3 Sept
Teacher Only Day

Fri 1 Oct
Last day of Term 3

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

Caritas Challenge

Last Thursday our tamariki came to school in cultural mufti as an act of solidarity with those around the world so badly affected by the Pandemic. We also participated in the STOP IT! Caritas Challenge by not using digital technology for the day. This was a wonderful sacrifice by our students, to go without, like so many do around the World each day. Te Rōpu Arahi opened our afternoon assembly with an engaging presentation and song about Solidarity, followed by Pope Francis' Five Finger Prayer for those affected by the Pandemic. Thank you for the mufti gold-coin donations and to the ākonga from Years 4-8 who returned their sponsorship forms and money for the STOP IT! Challenge.

We are very excited to announce that the total amount raised was **\$1,698.70**. Our efforts show that we are a community of Jesus' disciples.

Thank you so much for your tremendous support.



We also wish to acknowledge these three students who raised the most sponsorship money for the STOP IT! Challenge and received a Caritas T-shirt & School Values Award:

Anika Dickson - \$160

Byron De Veill - \$150

Erwann Gabriel Vincent - \$130

This year every dollar donated will be matched by the New Zealand Aid Programme and become \$4. Here are some examples of how your donations will be used to provide **A NEW WAY FORWARD...**

In Fiji... training youth to become self-sufficient

In Kiribati... nutrition courses for women and youth

In Papua New Guinea... new water system to help access clean drinking water

In Solomon Islands... skills and training for unemployed youth

In Tonga... new supplies for future emergencies

In Cambodia... rice mills, tractors, seed stores and training for rural farmers

In Timor-Leste... food processing equipment for rural women





United in Solidarity we pray,

God of the oppressed, Protector of the poor, Your light guides all who promote a world of aroha - love, rangimarie - peace and tika - justice. Help us to appreciate that we are all one human family in this World, created by You God. Give new hope to those who have lost so much in this global pandemic, Covid-19. Melt our hearts with compassion for their plight. Give us a generosity of spirit, so that with open arms and willing hearts, we may walk alongside them as brothers and sisters, just as Jesus taught us, and that they may find a new way forward. Amen.

Values Awards from Last Week's Assembly

Emily Stallworthy & Areeya Bernabe: Piripono - for excellence in all of your commitments.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion Mass

All are encouraged to join with Bishop Michael in welcoming Group A candidates to Mass of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on **Saturday, 3 July at 12noon**. All are most welcome! We at St Joseph's offer our blessings and prayers for those students from our school receiving these Sacraments.

St Pat's Kids' Choir

If your child would like to join the St Patrick's Church Kids' Choir, please come to a short meeting at the Church at 3:15 this Friday 2 July.

Baptism of Children Over 8 Years Old

Please see Father Robert or contact the office if you have a child over the age of 8 in need of Baptism

Love your Neighbour, Get Vaccinated!

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops are urging people to get vaccinated to protect themselves, their whanau, and the community. In getting the vaccine, you will also be protecting those who cannot receive the vaccination, such as those with underlying health conditions and young children.

The Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective, and it has been given to hundreds of millions of people worldwide.

At the request of the Bishops, Te Kupenga Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics has created a collection of resources about the vaccine which answer some commonly asked practical, scientific, and religious questions about it.

These resources, brought together under the title "**Love Your Neighbour As Yourself - Get Vaccinated**" include:

- A **one-page FAQ pamphlet** available in English, Samoan, and Tongan that answers twelve frequently asked questions about the vaccine
- A **website** with more detailed answers to each of these twelve questions
- A **short video** introduced by Bishop Patrick Dunn, involving various members of the Catholic community, about the vaccine

All the information, including the video, is available at <http://www.get-vaccinated-catholic.co.nz/>

School Holiday Office Hours:

On Wednesday 21st July the school office will be open from 10am-2pm for enrolments and the second hand uniform shop.

Help with Reading:

We would love some volunteers to come into school to help read, talk and listen with our younger kids. Please let Miss Sarginson or Mrs Wilcox know if you would like to help or you can leave a message at the office 092387745.

SteamClub and Little Steamers:

We are now taking names for any students that would like to sign up for Term 3's Steam Club for students in years 3-8 and our Little Steamers for students in years 0-2. These clubs expose students to projects around STEAM subjects such as science, technology and engineering.

Please email Mrs Mravicich (lorim@stjosephs.co.nz) if you would like your child to participate on a Wednesday after school from 3-4pm. Please note; there is a \$20 cost per term for our Steam Club (not Little Steamers) to help cover the cost of consumables. Students already attending either club will still need to re-enrol their child for Term 3. First in, first on the list, thank you.

Samosa Fundraiser:

Please accept our apologies regarding Samosa orders, there has been a delay in production. They will be ready on July 28th which is the first Wednesday after Term 3 begins.

Thank you for your patience.

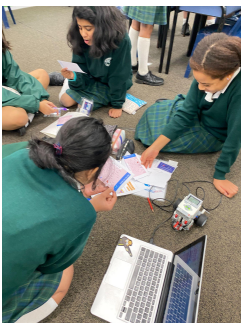
Lost Property:

The Lost Property box is full of mainly older children's unnamed shoes, jackets and jerseys. Please come and check for your child's items THIS Friday 2nd July at morning tea (10.40am -11.20am). They will be displayed then given to the uniform shop if not claimed.

School Events

School Speech Competition:

Well done to our Yr 5-8 students who will be competing tonight in our School Speech Competition. The winner from Yr 5 & 6 and Yr 7 & 8 will go on to represent our school at the Franklin Speech Competitions to be held next week. Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 finalists: Simon Vicente, Sawyer Mravicich, Rupert Archer, Annabelle Shields and Marcuz Eugenio and our Year 7 and 8 finalists: David Waru, Pipa Dykes, Lydia Lynch, Emily Stallworthy, and Jorja Moloney.

**RoboGals:**

On Tuesday, students from the University of Auckland were able to offer workshops at school with a primary goal to introduce our Yr 5-8 girls to the idea of engineering. In the workshops, they taught the girls how to use Lego EV3 robots and introduced them to programming. They used a drag-and-drop software that let the girls build a code of instructions for the robots to solve a range of challenges. It was great to see our girls being exposed to future career opportunities.

Matariki

Ngā mihi o te tau hou! Happy new year! Matariki is one of the most important Māori celebrations. It signifies the start of the New Year in Māori culture. It's a time of renewal and celebration, a time to reflect, plan ahead and enjoy delicious meals with whānau and friends. At school next week we will be celebrating Matariki by working together with Arahi (Year 7 & 8 students) leading our younger students through a variety of activities. Some of

the activities we will be doing are: storytelling of myths and legends, weaving, kite making, cooking parāoa parai (Māori fried bread), poi, string games and te rākau. On Friday at 10am the Kapa Haka group will perform in the hall as part of our Grandparents day and we will all participate in a Māori mass at 11:30am in the church.



Drax Project T-Shirt Raffle

Our intermediate team are off to Snow Camp in six weeks. As one of our final fundraisers we are raffling off a signed Drax Project t-shirt and a basket of goodies. (rugby ball, gel pens, chocolates, lollies, headphones, notebooks and even a pop-it) Tickets are \$2 each and are on sale now until 9th July by the main gates. The draw will happen on the last day of term. Tell your friends and family!!

NZMSM 42nd Annual Music Competition 2021

Several piano and guitar students from St Joseph's took part in the NZ Modern School of Music's 42nd Annual Music Competition in Pukekohe on 25 and 26 June. It was a musical showcase with a huge range of performances, ages and instruments. Keyboard, piano, drums, guitar and ukulele performers competed over two days. Congratulations to all students who braved the stage and enjoyed performing. Annabelle Shields won the overall trophy for ten year old group - Piano, and Areeya Bernabe won the Ann Kennerley Trophy for Top Guitar 13 years and under. St Joseph's has some very hard working and talented musicians and this year the school also walked away with the Top School Musicianship Trophy - awarded to the school with the greatest contribution.

After many weeks of preparation, their dedication is reflected in the outstanding results.

Keyboard:

Restricted Keyboard 8 to 10 years: Thomas Plimmer: Bronze , Anika Dickson: VHC

Piano:

Classical Piano 10 Years :Annabelle Shields: 2 Gold, Alisa Cha :Gold, Silver and Bronze , Olivia Hadrup: VHC

Classical Piano 8 Years: Thomas Plimmer: Silver and HC, Klay Dela Pena: Bronze and VHC , Sophie Clark:HC

Classical Piano Restricted Piano Years 8 and under: Isla Shields: VHC

Classical Piano 9 Years: George Vaughn: 2 Silver, HC, Deanna Fermin: Bronze and VHC

Guitar

Areeya Bernabe: Gold, Silver and Yellow, 12 years Sight Reading Gold

Tiger Jay Bernabe: Silver, Bronze, Country Roads, and HC, 11 years Sight Reading VHC,

Alyssa Plimmer: Bronze and VHC, Trophy winner for the Hardstaff Trophy - Restricted Guitar 10 & 11 Years, and Sight Reading 11 years VHC.

*VHC – very highly commended

HC – Highly commended

A very special thanks to all the parents for your tremendous support. Well done- you are all awesome!

Community Notices

'Young at Art' offer Children's, Teens & Adult Art classes in Pukekohe. Our Holiday workshops are open for booking. These holidays we are offering Acrylic Pour Art, Papier mache, Puppet making, Print making, Canvas painting and Weaving, Term 3 ART ADVENTURES classes are open for booking in groups for children aged 6-9yrs, 9-12yrs and 13yrs+ on Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday's. If there is no space in your chosen class please email Anna to join the waiting list we often have an odd spot come up at the beginning of term. For more information or to book please check out:

<http://www.youngatart.co.nz/>, email: admin@youngatart.co.nz or phone: 0297 712 923. Bookings are essential as places are limited'

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