

First Reading Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!
— at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 78 (79):2-3, 15-16, 18-19
R: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading I Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.
I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord

Readings for next week: 2nd Sunday of Advent
First reading Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; Psalm 84(85):9-14 Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel Mark 1: 1-8

Gospel Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord

What I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!



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Together we will provide a quality all round education, developing valuable contributors to society who reflect the teachings of Jesus Christ

FLOAT FOR TE KUITI CHRISTMAS PARADE TOMORROW, FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2020

Thank you to the parents who have offered to help decorate the school float for the Christmas parade. If you are able to help, even for just 1 hour, please meet at 9am on Friday at school.



If your child would like to go on the float in the parade please contact Nic Van Groenedaal 021 244 0551

END OF YEAR EVENT PLANNING

We invite you all to take specific note of the dates for the following functions: **End of Year Mass, Nativity Play, End of Year Assembly, Amazing Race, Year 8 Leavers Dinner and Year 8 Final Retreat.**

These are the 'big functions' that complete our academic year and it will be fantastic to have our community supporting them. Thank you in anticipation, as we know many of you will need to juggle work/family commitments to attend. We also invite families around these events to come in and have a look at our new learning environments - Rimu and Kahikatea. We have not been able to bless and open these spaces yet but do welcome your visits.

You're Invited!

WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

NOVEMBER 2020

27: CHRISTMAS PARADE

30: YEAR 8 IMMUNISATIONS

DECEMBER 2020

8 - 9: RIMU CAMP - STUBBS FARM

10: YEAR 5 & 6 BIG DAY OUT

11: END OF YEAR MASS & NATIVITY PLAY; PSG DISCO

14: END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY

15: WATER SAFETY ; AMAZING RACE AND LEAVERS DINNER

16: LAST DAY OF TERM 4

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Each family has these electronically and as a hard copy. Please return them into the boxes in the basement and beside the lift before the end of November 2020. Filling them out will help with the BOT strategic direction for 2021.

STUDENT STATIONERY FOR 2021

Our lists are now available from Officemax online. Select the year group your child is going to be in next year and purchase their stationery.

The link to use is:

<https://www.myschool.co.nz/stjosephsk>



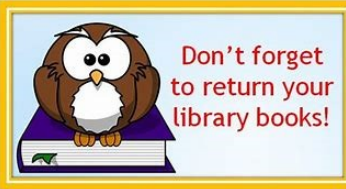
MINIBALL UNIFORMS

Thank you to those students who have returned their Miniball singlets to us. If you still have your singlet at home, please wash and bring it back to school as soon as possible.



LIBRARY BOOKS

Please be so kind as to return all school library books to our library by 11 December 2020, especially those students leaving St Joseph's at the end of this year. We need to do some weeding, repairing and cleaning with the books for the new school year.



IMMUNISATIONS FOR YEAR 8'S

These will be done on Monday 30 November 2020 after morning tea.

PHOTOLIFE

We have followed up with Photolife regarding our photos, and as soon as we have had feedback from them we will let you know what they said.

PhotoLife

FROM MRS. DOWNEY’S DESK ...

To all Parents/Caregivers Talofa, Naumai Haere Mai

What a thrill to see the happy faces of our Year 7/8 students yesterday, as they returned from camp. The photos on facebook say it all! We are very grateful to the parents who accompanied the students and supported them through their activity programme. Nigel Neustroski, Abi Rawles, Kylie Leineweber and Kelly Williams. Thank you!

Finlay Park management were fantastic - and so accommodating of our small group. We were very spoiled to have the place to ourselves!

Thank you Mrs Kirsten Erasmus for organising the trip. Kirsten had planned and pre-booked the Wellington trip which did not go ahead, and then turned around to find and plan Finlay Park. Kirsten put a huge amount of time and energy into making this event successful for our students. Thank you Kirsten.

Lastly, the students - you all embraced the opportunity to enjoy a new space and try new things. You are all amazing young people and I know the Board of Trustees and myself were extremely positive about ensuring that after such a challenging year - you had a blast!



Education Outdoors New Zealand is the national professional body who support EOTC in Aotearoa - they say;
“The establishment of positive relationships with teachers and peers in places of significance can foster a sense of belonging to communities and environments that is essential to on-going learning”

Te Kuiti Christmas Parade: TOMORROW !! The trailer is ready and waiting. Pip Kirkland and Nicola van Groenedaal have been planning its transformation! Come along on Friday and ride or walk with us. More information on the front page of this newsletter!



End of Year Events Planning: Please put these on your calendar!! They are on our new website calendar too. The Nativity characters are practicing so hard!

Brown Paper Bag Appeal: The supermarket trolley is waiting for some food we can share with those less fortunate than ourselves this Christmas. Please give what you can to help.

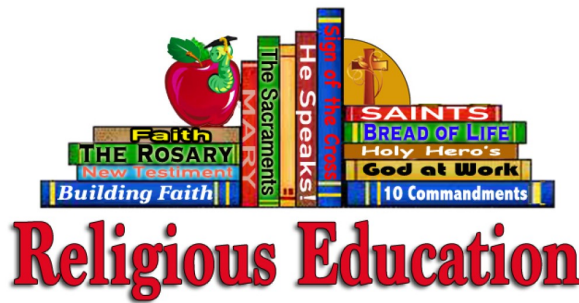
Digital Technology: On December 3rd, 4th and 7th Digital Ignition (who partner with MOE) deliver a face to face digital technology education programme to our students. Each year group will have three fun and engaging workshops that help teachers and students navigate teaching and learning Digital Technologies. Kahikatea have been engaged in some STEM activities that will fit with these days perfectly.



Welcome Tara Macrae: If you see another person in Nikau (Year 0-1 Room) Tara Macrae has the position given by ACC to assist with Chloe Finn. Welcome Tara - I hope this experience helps with your next steps towards teaching.

Take Care
God Bless you all
Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki

Suzanne.



First Week of Advent

Jesus, be our hope this Advent.

Leader:
Our hope is in the coming
of the Lord.
All:
May hope and love
dwell in our hearts this
first Week of Advent.



SVDP Brown Bag Appeal

We need to fill our shopping trolley kindly lent to us by New World. Thanks to those who have already donated items.



PARISH NEWS

HILLVIEW

It is St Georges’ turn to do the church service in December we will only do 3 as Christmas and New Years eve fall on a Thursday. We meet at 4pm in the main lounge, all are welcome. We need as many singers as we can!

RIMBROOK AND FERNHALL MEDIEVAL SUMMER CAMP 2021

Where: MiCamp Taupo, 100 Rawhira Road, Tauranga Taupo 3382

When: 3 pm Tuesday, January 19th 2021 to 10 am Friday, January 22nd 2021.

Cost: Earlybird \$200 pp (Registration + payment due by the 10th of December). Full price \$250 pp (registration after the 10th of December). Costs payable by Direct Debit to Bank Account: 020 536 032 5858 09 Further information is available at

<http://www.rimbroom.org/camp> Please email us at nzsummercamps@gmail.com if you have any questions.

29 November 1st Sunday of Advent

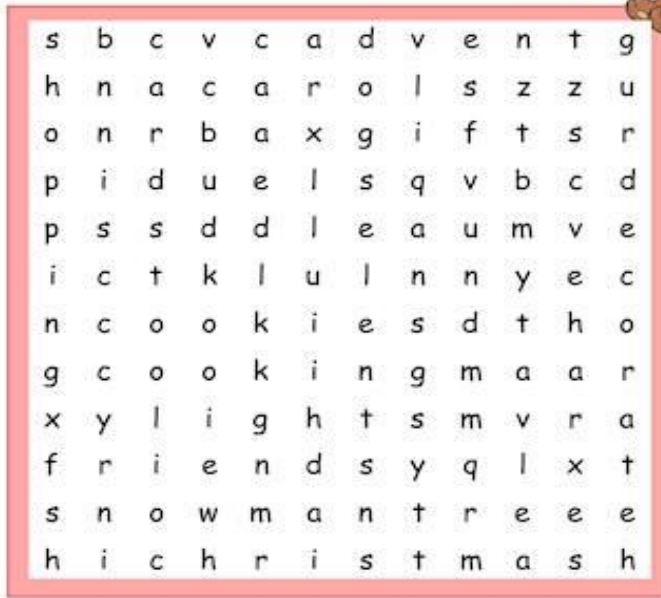
Mark 13:33-37 Jesus exhorts his followers to be vigilant and to always be in anticipation of him. Despite the expectation of the Jews at the time of Jesus’ birth, God did not come among them in a dramatic way. God continues to enter our lives in unexpected ways. If we are watchful for the presence of Christ each day, we will recognise him.

The first Sunday of Advent we light the candle of hope.

Advent Word Search Puzzle



See if you can find the Advent words in the puzzle below!



advent	christmas	gifts	calendar
decorate	cards	shopping	cooking
cookies	friends	snowman	santa
tree	lights	bells	carols

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