

First Reading 1 Chronicles 36: 14-16,19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

They burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "the Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

The word of the Lord

Psalm 136 (137): 1-6

R: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord

Gospel John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.



Readings for next week 5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 50 (51):3-4,12-15; 2nd Reading Hebrews 5:7-9; Gospel John 12:20-33

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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

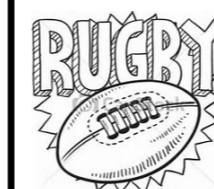


WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL!!

This week we welcome Maroniti Taie to Mrs. Boroevich's class. Maroniti is the younger brother of Tawita and Angel who is in Rimu Hub this year. Maroniti is the son of Taie Teriuea and Tiua Taie. We hope you will enjoy learning with us Maroniti!!

IMMUNISATIONS

Immunisations will be administered on the 16th March 2021. Local nurses from the Waikato DHB will come to school and the immunisations will be done based on the consent forms they've received.



2021 RUGBY REGISTRATION FORMS

Please remember to complete and return the 2021 Rugby Registration forms sent home earlier this week, **even if your child does not intend on playing rugby** this year. We will be running rugby skills sessions on our Winter Sports taster day and require this form to be completed for all our students.

WAITOMO SWIMMING SPORTS PERMISSION SLIPS

Please remember to complete and sign the Waitomo swimming sports permission slips and send them back to us. The swimming sports will be held on 19 March 2021 at the Te Kuiti Aquatic Centre.



NUMICON PARENT EVENING - 15 MARCH 2021

We would like to remind you about this event due to take place next week Monday, 15 March 2021. We sent a flyer home last week with the newsletter and it contains all the information you need. **We have also put the flyer on our website, so please go and have a look at it and join us for a fun evening talking Mathematics with Numicon.**

WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

MARCH 2021

- 15: NUMICON INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS
- 16: IMMUNISATIONS - YR 7 / 8
- 17: ST JOSEPH'S TRIATHLON
- 19: WAITOMO SWIMMING SPORTS
- 23: TRYATHLON POSTPONEMENT DATE

APRIL 2021

- 02: GOOD FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL
- 05: EASTER MONDAY - NO SCHOOL
- 06: EASTER TUESDAY - NO SCHOOL

Whanaungatanga

Together we are more

Kia Ora, St Joseph's Whaanau

'Together. On the Journey. No longer living for ourselves but for Christ (2 Cor 5:15)

Last night the Catholic schools in the Hamilton Diocese came together for the annual Schools' Commissioning Mass. Postponed because of COVID it was great to be able to offer this again to the Staff, Board, Parents and Senior Students. This was the first year that all of our Year 8's had been able to attend - and our presence was noted. Thank you to the parents of our Year 8's for supporting your child's attendance at such a special event. I spoke last week about 'mountain experiences'. This evening was just that for the students. The comments they had about the Mass afterwards showed that they had been touched in a special way and certainly felt the presence of Jesus.

The van trip and the meal on the way home was 'icing on the cake!' Bella Larsen, Flormina Fuentes and Peter Kum Kee had specific roles in the Mass. Thank you for your willingness to contribute. Bishop Steve presented the phrase above and unpacked it using the context of Dame Whina Cooper's whikoi to Wellington. Dame Whina was a Katorika Maori - strong in her faith committed to her journey.



St Joseph's Journey using the Numicon approach to teach Mathematics:

This Professional Development Evening for Parents is on **MONDAY NIGHT 15th March**. A reminder and outline of the evening will be sent home by Friday. We are expecting at least a member from each household to come along and build a clearer picture of how mathematics is at St Joseph's and how you as whaanau can support mathematics at home everyday too. I look forward to seeing you all!

Bike Week

A huge paki up to everyone for contributing to the success of this week! It is a highlight of my year - even more so this year as the story of me falling off my bike probably has been in every home since Wednesday night!! I certainly was not left on the road like the traveller but had plenty of concerned Samaritans!

Thank you so much to Belinda Cammock for organising the week in conjunction with "Youthtown". This was their first ever Bike Event and one that I'm told they will repeat. Two passionate people came each day with a programme that built the riding skills of our students and their ability to ride safely. The games were great and very competitive for all ages.



Keep Riding those b

ikes from this week on. Let the students ride them to school each day if they can! It is a great sport and worthy of supporting.

Enjoy the weekend riding those parihara!

WAITOMO SEVENS

This tournament will take place on Wednesday 31 March 2021 at Rugby Park in Te Kuiti.

Thank you for returning the forms. Please contact the school if you still need to be considered for the teams. The team lists will be out tomorrow FRIDAY 12th March. We will need adults to prepare the students for this tournament please.

DEVELOPMENT HOCKEY 2021 MUSTER - KING COUNTRY JUNIOR HOCKEY

All interested Year 7 to 8 players wanting to join the King Country Development Hockey Squad to further develop their skills and experience full field hockey should come to our muster.

Coach is required for the Development Hockey Team please contact Trudy Denzie: vanbeekdesigns@gmail.com

Muster Dates - held at Te Kuiti High School

▷ Thursday 8th April 2021 at 3.45pm

▷ Another Muster to be confirmed

What to bring: Mouth guard, shin guards and hockey stick.

The Development Squad practice once a week on a Sunday and play games in the Waikato Competition in Hamilton on Friday nights, times vary.

Any year 5 and 6 interested in improving their hockey skills are welcome to attend the muster and trainings. Competition starts on Friday 14th May and runs through until Friday 27th August. For more information please contact Trudy Denize on vanbeekdesigns@gmail.com

WAITOMO RUGBY SEVENS TOURNAMENT

Wednesday 31st March
Rugby Park, Te Kuiti

Years 5 – 6 and Years 7 – 8
All schools welcome
Teams Registration in by Friday 19th March 2020

Contact Sarah McElroy for more information or registration forms
sarahmc@tekuiti.school.nz



PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent at St George's Church at 6.15pm. Deacon Brian Whitlow will be taking Stations of the Cross. Why not make it part of your Lenten journey to attend at least once. Come along and join others in the parish as well as supporting Deacon Brian.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR LENT

Wednesday 23 March at 7pm at St Georges church Te Kuiti. Visiting priests in attendance.

THE SHINE TV MASS RETURNS

Shine TV will broadcast Mass at 2pm on free-to-air TV Channel 25 and Sky Channel 201, for those unable to attend Mass for any reason. .



St Joseph's School TRYathlon

Wednesday 17th March 2021



Start Time: 10am
Race order: Students will race in year groups starting with year 1
Finish: Approximately 2pm
Where: Waitomo Aquatics Centre - Te Kuiti
Postponement date: 23.3.2021 - please note this change

Wednesday morning: Students need to come to school in their sports uniform. Once at school they may change into their togs and put their St Joseph's fitness shirt on, girls will need to wear their black shorts. We will be walking down to the Pools, leaving school by 9.15am.

What to pack: Togs, small towel, socks and sneakers, goggles, drink bottle and a packed lunch. These items will be taken down to the pool in a bag.

Bikes on Wednesday morning: Please drop your child's bikes off at the Te Kuiti Pools from 8.30am. Belinda Cammock will be there to meet you.

Marshalls needed: We need parent helpers for the Senior races, please let the office know if you are able to help marshal the course. There will be a briefing at 9.45am.

BBQ lunch: Rimu Hub will be running a bbq/ juices and bake sale. Juices will be available for \$1.50, a sausage and bread for \$2.00 and baking from \$1.00.



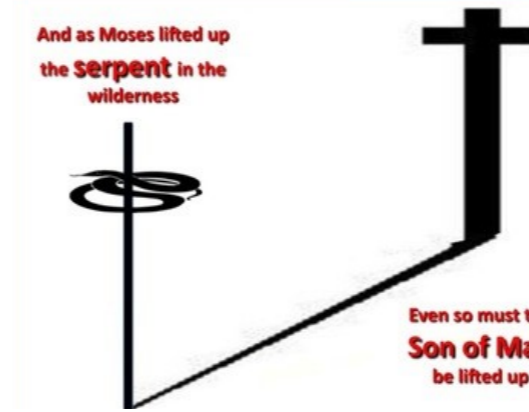
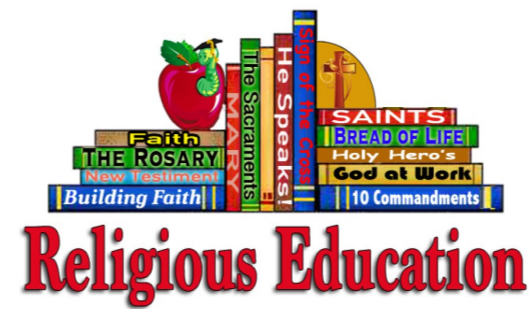
Parents: Please be aware that transition areas are for the students/teachers only during the race. We kindly ask that you avoid these areas to prevent getting in the way of participants.

At the End: You are welcome to take your child home after the race. Please let their teacher know.

At the end of the event, please take your child's bike home.

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 17th of March!

St Joseph's Staff



4th Sunday of Lent 14 March

John 3: 14-25. We are reminded in the Gospel, probably the most well known scripture by all denominations, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.' During this season of Lent may we humbly acknowledge the ways in which we have failed to respond to our Christian vocation. Doing so knowing God is rich in mercy and loving kindness, who sent his only son into the world not to condemn but to save. Acknowledging our failings and accepting healing and forgiveness from Christ prepares us to celebrate the feast of Easter with great joy.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

With Deacon Brian at St Georges Church every Friday of Lent at 6.15pm. Why not make it part of your Lenten Journey to attend at least once with others in the parish.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 23 March at 7pm at St Georges church Te Kuiti. Visiting priests in attendance.

God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 3:16-17



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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

BIKE WEEK!!



Limu Hub painted some sunflowers with Frau Woermer.



FROM OUR PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (PSG)

For those who are new parents/ whanau/ caregivers to our school, the PSG provides invaluable support in organising fundraising events to provide extra resources that are not otherwise funded. In recent years money raised has gone towards making improvements to our school playground, purchasing a new sound system, furnishing the school flexible learning environment rebuild, water fountains, buses to and from the pools for swimming lessons during the summer months, Astroturf, big screens and devices for classrooms as well as the running cost of Seesaw.

The PSG desperately need more helpers, if we do not get new members we won't be able to do fundraising events throughout the year, in effect your kids may miss out on valuable resources that the school cannot fund. We welcome any parents/ whanau/ caregivers who wish to come along to our meetings and/or join the group. Please Contact Pip Kirkland , Bidy Stubbs (0277661122) Kelly Williams, or Shaina Downey (0274257254) if you would like to join our team Currently we have a Messenger Chat set up and do organising this way, with occasional meetings as required

***** MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK *****

CURRENT FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR 2021

Please remember to bring your **HOT CROSS BUN** order forms back - you can bring cash or pay online. The order form is available on the school website, www.stjosephhk.school.nz if you've lost your hard copy sent home last week.



The Duck Race at The Muster 10th April 12.30pm A booklet of duck race tickets per family has been sent home this week. Each book has 10 tickets to sell at \$3 each.

Please return all sold ticket butts and money to Elmarie in the office by Wednesday the 24th of March.

Due to a number of books being lost in the past, we have decided that if you lose your book, you will still be expected to return the \$30 to the office.

If you are keen and your selling is going great please grab another book to sell from Elmarie at the Office.

On the day we will need volunteers... * to help ducks out of long grass along their journey using rakes from the river banks * to catch ducks at the TKP bridge using nets * Maybe a couple of kayakers in the river to help lost ducks

