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Community Newsletter

Term 2 - Week 6 07 - 11 June 2021

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ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL CENTENARY

The Date is set! Saturday 20th November 2021 **Next Meeting:** 14 JULY 7.30 pm in the school basement.

ALL WELCOME.

Come and contribute to this great milestone in our history!

Registrations Forms will be available on our facebook page and website on the 1st of July

We are looking for help with the following:

- Sponsorship for a <u>Feature Page</u> in the King Country News. The Feature Page will advertise the Centenary date, encourage registrations and inform the community about St Joseph's school history. To advertise your business and/or support this Feature Page will cost \$75.
 Please consider supporting the Centenary celebrations in this way.
- Anecdotes, photos, historical information about the school for a display
- Email addresses of past pupils. Our students would like to communicate with them about their time at St Joseph's.

If you can help with any of the above - Please call the office 07 8788190 or email principal@stjosephtk.school.nz or suzanne@stjosephtk.school.nz





ORIENTEERING TOMORROW - FRIDAY 11 JUNE

This is a reminder that our Year 4 to 8 students will be going to Brook Park for our school Orientering tomorrow. The event will start at 11.30 am. Students must come to school in school uniform and will change into sports gear at school before they leave. Please see the note that went home with your student.

THERE WILL BE NO SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT ORIENTEERING TOMORROW.

SOUP AND CLOTHING SWAP EVENING

Tuesday 22nd June
6.30pm in the Basement
Bring your preloved clothes
in and have a fun evening
swapping with others
Theresa D'Ath 0211832459

for enquiries
Save the Date!



WHAT ARE WE UP TO?

JUNE 2021

11: ORIENTEERING - MOTAKIORA (BROOK PARK)

18: ORIENTEERING: INTERSCHOOL AT ARIA

22: BAPTISM INFORMATION EVENING

FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK ...

Whanaungatanga Connections Together we are more No longer living for ourselves but for Christ (2 Cor 5:15)

Talofa, St Joseph's Whaanau

Fa'afetai to Eti and Alapae Tanielu Lava and their Mum Greenlane for the Samoan presentation on Friday. I heard comments: "It was amazing" "It gave me goosebumps", "Wow that was cool!" "I didn't know that about Eti and Alapae", "I want to learn that song". Fa'afetai for the kai that was brought along and shared for lunch

We all were building connections and practicing whanaungatanga.

Manaakitanga.

Thank you to all those who added to our care packages last week. The recipients were very grateful and very much appreciated our support.

Better Start - Evidence based Literacy Approach.

The Ministry is replacing the 'Ready to Read' books with the 'Phonics Plus early reader series. Better Start Literacy is the Ministry PLD that supports the implementation of the new reader series.

At the moment it is only for Year 0/1 and some of our Year 2 students.

All other students continue on the 'Ready to Read' colour wheel.

Whanau engagement is a critical component in the success of early literacy. Mrs Boroevich and Mrs Cammock organised a hui this week for parents.

Thank you to all those who attended, I understand we had 10-12 parents!! Tumeke.

Building this partnership really will maximise those opportunities for early literacy success.

Attendance/Lateness and Loco Parentis

The school is expected weekly to submit attendance data to the Ministry.

The BOT receives termly reports on attendance from 'Attendance Matters' showing graphs of our school figures, compared to national attendance figures.



Attendance really does matter! Punctuality also matters.

When you phone or email the office because of non-attendance, please tell Elmarie the reason for the non-attendance - otherwise it becomes an unjustified absence.

Loco Parentis is recognised in the legal system of NZ. It requires a teacher to exercise the same degree of care of the students in their charge as a sensible parent would.

Please know that as soon as your child arrives at school in the morning they are in our care. They will not be permitted to leave the grounds or classroom without permission.

The common requirement the school has with our community for any alternative arrangement is that an email/note or phone call is received by the teacher/principal or office manager.

Thank you for your attention to these matters

Manuia le aso (have a good day)

Suzanne



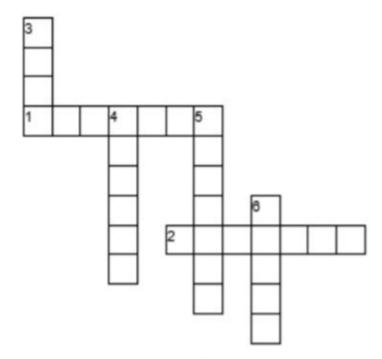
Religious Education

The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed growing into the biggest shrub

of all

Mark 4:26-34





THE WORD:

"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like?" asked Jesus. "What parable shall we use to explain it? It is like this. A man takes a mustard seed, the smallest seed in the world, and plants it in the ground. After a while it grows up and becomes the biggest of all plants. It puts out such large branches that the birds come and make their nests in its shade."



- Jesus taught the people about the _____ of God
- a type of story Jesus told to help people understand things about God

Down

- today's Gospel writer
- seeds are planted or scattered here
- a type of seed
- this is what the seeds represent in the Gospel

PRAYER SPACE

Our Father in heaven,

let your kingdom come.

Let it come in me and my family.

Let it come in my school and my church.

All over the world, Father,

Let your kingdom come





The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed

The seed in today's parable does not rely on a gardener's constant attention – it is quite capable of growing wonderfully on its own, simply because it is a living seed.

Whenever we sow the seed of God's love or God's Word in someone's heart, God will continue the work of growth there, using all the circumstances of that person's experience to develop the growing.

READINGS AND GOSPEL FOR SUNDAY 6 JUNE 2021

First Reading

Ezekiel 17: 22 24

I will plant a shoot on the high mountain of Israel

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one

who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord

Psalm 91 (92): 2 - 3; 13.-16

Second Reading

Hebrews 9: 11 - 15

We want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Mark 4: 26 - 34

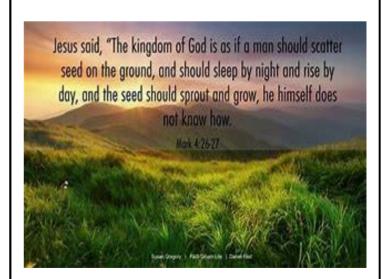
The kingdom of God is a mustard seed growing into the biggest shrub of all

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord



Readings for next week:

1st Reading Job 38:1,8-11 2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 4:14-17 Psalm 106 (107): 23-26, 28-32

Gospel Mark 4:35-41