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WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL!!

We would like to welcome the following students to our school:

New Entrants:

- *Fergus Were is the son of Rebecca and David Were and younger brother to Madelyn in Rimu,
- *McKenna Kearins is the daughter of Kristin and Paul Kearins and younger sister to Macie in Rimu,
- *Feagiaga Tanielu Lava is the daughter of Greenlane and Tanielu Lava and younger sister to Endeavour in Rimu and Alapae and Eti in Kahikatea,
- *Zkaiya Tata Goldsmith is the son of Samantha Tata and Ahron Goldsmith and younger brother to Blayz in Rimu,
- *Jacob Homes is the son of Oralee and Nathan Holmes and younger brother to Charlotte in Kahikatea and Dominic in Rimu.

We also welcome Harrison Matthews in Kahikatea - Harrison is the son of Shelley and Alton Matthews. Harrison is in Year 7 this year.

Last week we made mention in the newsletter of Mrs. Rachael Laver joining our staff.

We hope you will enjoy learning and working with us!

THANK YOU TO MR. TREVOR PILTON

We would like to extend our thanks to Mr. Trevor Pilton for the very generous donation made to the school. We appreciate it very much and be assured it will be used to the benefit of the students. Our traditional fundraising efforts seem to need an overhaul due to COVID - 19 and receiving a donation is much appreciated. This will alleviate some of the pressure the school feels in these uncertain times.



WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

PLEASE HEAD TO OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE VIA THIS LINK

<https://www.stjosephk.school.nz/calendar/>

FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK ...

TAKE FRESH COURAGE...

Kia Ora e te Whanau

The staff have this week set up Google Meets with parents. Rimu held theirs last night, Kahikatea have theirs tonight and Nikau will be next week.

Usually at this time of the year the school offers the opportunity to parents to come and meet your child/rens teacher. These parent/teacher meetings provided opportunities to learn more about each other and our tamariki. Expectations and goals for the year's learning were also discussed. We have always had a high percentage of parents attend these meetings.

We are offering the google meets so that you can speak as a group with the teachers. They also have another purpose - that of gathering parents of your child's year group together to keep connected.

Some of us don't know each other. To be a community we need to - even so we know who our children are talking about when they come home!

In order to not leave anyone behind, the gmeets have been recorded and will be sent out to each Year Group's parents.

We will continue to offer Google Meets.

Please note that the teachers are available anytime except from 6pm - 7am, to speak with you about your child's learning. Appointments may be made through the office or with the teacher directly.

Thank you.

Our students are really enjoying the swimming sessions that we have at the pools either 2 or 3 times a week.

The students have their togs and we have not called homes to bring them in! So that is great!

Mrs Laver is an experienced swimming coach and it is great to have her skills on our team.

The staff are planning our swim sports day - which will look quite different as it seems likely that that will include no parents at the pools.

Next week we will have more details about swimming sports day. The Waitomo Interschool swimming sports has been cancelled.

Manuia le aso (have a good day)
Suzanne



PLEASE TAKE NOTE



CONGRATULATIONS TO

The Penny family on the birth of their baby, Lucas on 16 February 2022. May he bring you much happiness and we wish all of you only the best blessings for the future!



THANK YOU TO

Thank you to Maree and Paul Jones who have donated a weaned calf to the school and to Tom and Shaina Downey for offering to graze it for the school. Thank you also to Shannon and Nicola van Groenedaal who are also grazing a calf for our school.

Our traditional fundraising abilities have been thwarted by the pandemic, so we are needing to 'think outside the box' to bring in some extra funds for the school. So, thank you again to those who are grazing or have donated animals.



DOGS ON THE SCHOOL PROPERTY

Dogs are not permitted to run loose on the school property. There has been a need for constant checking of our grounds after weekends. Signage will be going up shortly. If you see any stray dogs loose on the property during non school hours, please contact the school so we can follow up with the people who are allowing their dogs to regularly 'soil' our grounds.



REMINDER: BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Our Board of Trustees will meet next week Thursday, 24 February 2022 at the school.

WHEELS THIS FRIDAY, 18 FEBRUARY

Bring your wheels this Friday, 18 February. Children are permitted to ride their own (non motorised) wheels only and must wear a helmet and shoes when doing so. It is preferable that the wheels go home at the end of the day. Please contact the school to arrange for your child's wheels to be stored at school if you are unable to pick it up, to avoid having to take it home on the school bus.



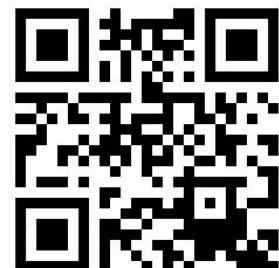
REMINDER: UNIFORMS

Our school uniforms are now available from Elizabeth Michael Uniforms in Auckland. We've added the link to their website to our school website (<https://www.stjosephsk.school.nz/>). Please register with them to buy your uniforms from them. Should you experience any issues with their website please contact Catherine or Martin on 09 358 1680 or email them at uniforms@elizabethmichael.com.nz



KIWISCHOOLS APP ADVERTISE AGAIN + QR CODE

We have an app connected to our website. Receive notifications relating to the school via this app. Find it in the App store or Play store on your phone or scan the QR code.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE (continue)

STUDENT ABSENCE

Thank you very much for contacting the school in the case of your child being absent. Please continue to do so if your child is not going to be at school for **ANY REASON**, please call 878 8190 and choose from the available options - please leave a message, e mail, text on 027 878 8190 or send through an absence notice from the website. Thank you.



PLEASE UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

It is imperative that we should be able to contact all parents/caregivers in case of an emergency or an unreported absence. Please email us your new details on office@stjosephtk.school.nz



YUMMY STICKERS

We were able to buy sports equipment in the amount of \$148.00 last year with the number of stickers we collected. Please keep on collecting those Yummy Stickers! Sticker charts can be printed off from the Yummy website, should you need more. Find the sticker charts at <http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schoolstickerpromo>



SCHOOL LUNCHES

The lunches are provided by New World Te Kuiti and will be collected from them.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

- **Lunch orders will only be available on TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS.**

Order forms will be distributed every Monday and Thursday.

- Orders must be handed into the office by 9am.

No late orders please.

- The order form and cash amount is to be sent to the office in an envelope or zip lock bag.

- We are unable to offer lunch orders on credit— If you wish to pay via internet banking for the lunches, this transaction has to be done the night before, in order for us to recognise the funds in our account on the day the order is placed.



VISION AND HEARING TESTS

The Vision and Hearing Technician will be at our school on **Thursday 03 March 2022 at approximately 10:30 am** to do some testing. Students who will be tested are catch up screening for children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check, children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up, in special circumstances. Parents, teachers or others may request a vision or hearing check. New immigrants and all Year 7 students will be tested for vision only.

The Vision Hearing Technician will notify parents of all test results and enter results on the Ministry of Education's database (Enrol). If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing impairment, they should let the school know.

Positive and/or Close Case Outside the School

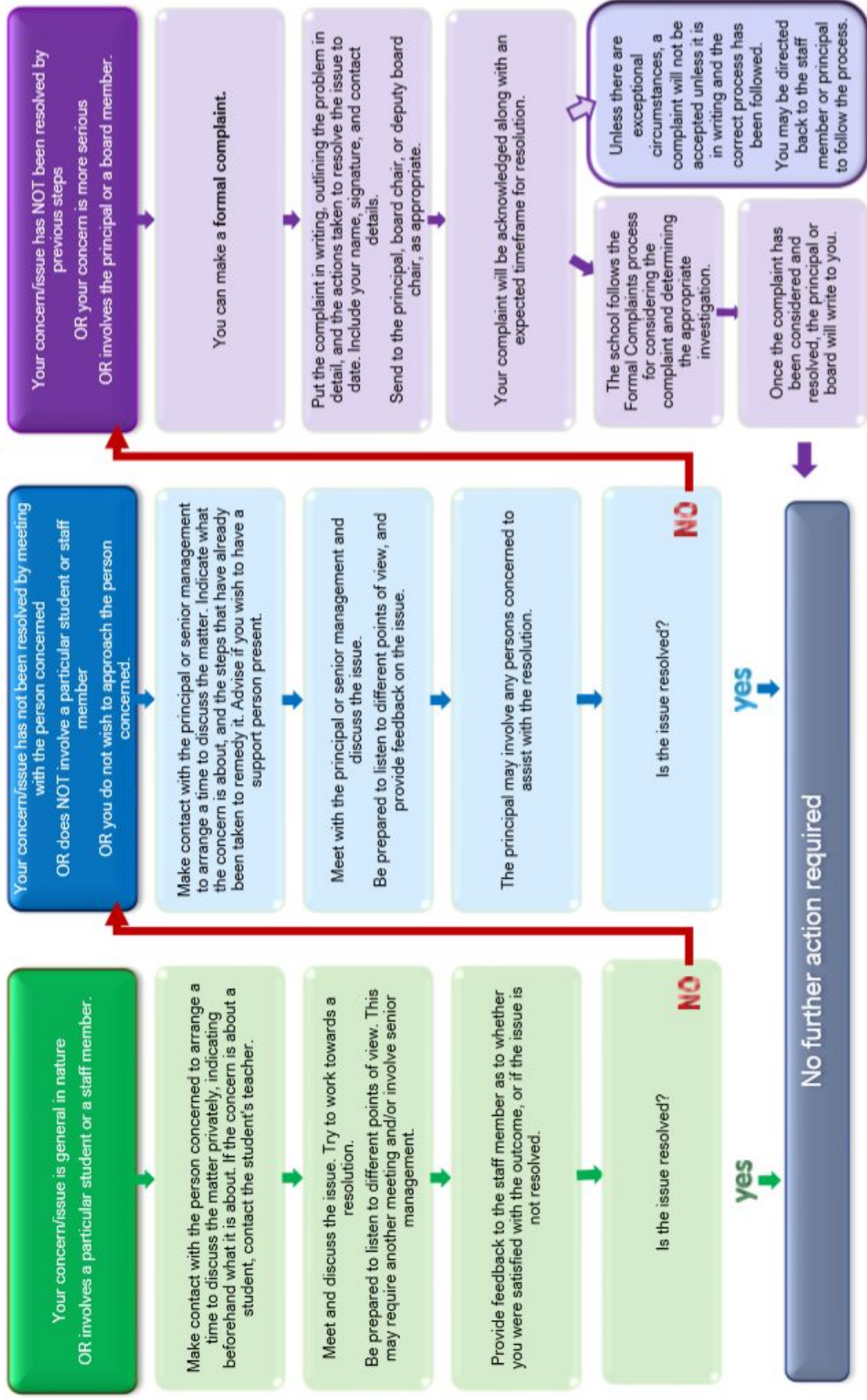


Positive and /or Close Case While at School



Concerns and Complaints Process

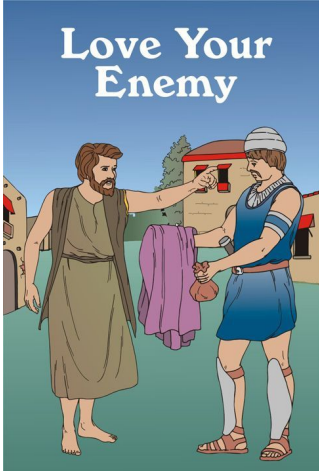
Most concerns can be resolved informally by discussions with the people concerned.



This flowchart aligns with the school's Concerns and Complaints policy and procedures.



Religious Education



20th February 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus gives us one of his more challenging instructions. As we read this challenging passage, we should always have in the back of our minds two further Scripture passages. The first is the words of Jesus recorded by St John: "without me, you can do nothing". No situation will ever arise in our life when Jesus is not by our side helping us to do what is for God's glory and our own good. Didn't he promise at the Ascension to be with us always to the end of time. The second passage comes from the Acts of the Apostles and is attributed to St Paul, " I can do all things in him who strengthens me". So let us carry on confidently, courageously and cheerfully.

Who was St Valentine ?

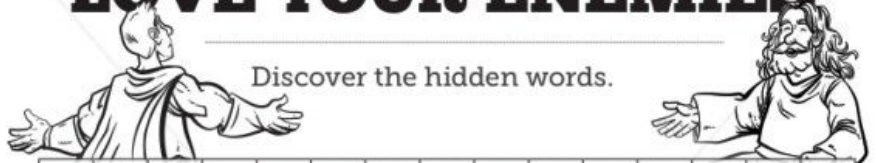
Feast day 14th February

Accounts are vague but he is believed to be one or two early Christian martyrs named St Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love. Likely a Roman priest and physician who suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Christians by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus about 270. He married Christian couples in secret as marriage was illegal so single men would join the army. Surprisingly not the patron saint of florists!!



LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Discover the hidden words.



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Word Bank

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| PERSECUTE | ENEMY | DISCIPLES |
| DIED | CURSE | CHRIST |
| SON | EVIL | GOD |
| SERVE | JESUS | LOVE |

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First Reading

Ezekiel 2: 2 - 5

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord

Psalm 102 (103): 1-4,8,10,12-13

R: The Lord Lord is kind and merciful

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 15: 45-49**

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord

'Pray for those who treat you badly'



Readings for next week:

1st Reading Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Psalm 91 (92): 2-3,13-16

Gospel Luke 6:39-45

