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SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

Head to our website for the results of our very successful swimming sports by following this link:

[Swimming Sports Results](#)

HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER 2022

Forms were sent home earlier this week with your oldest and only student at our school. Please assist us with this fundraising effort. It was very popular last year, and we hope to raise funds to assist our students in their learning this year.

Please follow this link to our website if you need another form to complete

[Hot Cross Buns 2022](#)

KS APP

Please go to the App/Play store and update the app to get the most out of the latest functionality. An update should be all that is required, but if you are still facing any issues then please uninstall and reinstall the app.

Here is a QR code that can be used for families that are yet to install the app.



WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

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

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

BIKE WEEK PHOTOS



WINTER SPORTS COACHES

It is that time of the year when we are starting to look for coaches to help with our Winter Sport teams. We need coaches for Rugby, Netball, Football and Hockey.

Please contact Shelley Matthews if you're able to help us this year.



FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK

"TAKE FRESH COURAGE"

Kia Ora e te Whanau

We were asked by Pope Francis to make Ash Wednesday a day of prayer for Ukraine. Our school offered these prayers.

*We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.*

*We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.*

**Called to Be
Peacemakers**

The Theme for Lent 2022 is 'Called to be Peacemakers - Building Dreams Together'

Pope Francis says

*"How important it is to dream together... By ourselves we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there.
Dreams, on the other hand are built together"*

As we navigate our way through Covid and the Ukraine crisis. I am reminded by our tamariki how important it is to have and build dreams with others - even in the face of adversity. If you are isolating or caring for others at this time. Know that we are praying for you and are here to help your children in any way possible.

Kia Kaha!

Bike week has been amazing! I put a few photos on facebook, and I know Seesaw has some too.

A big shout out to Shavaughn And Jake from Youthtown who played amazing bike games whilst supporting and teaching biking skills.

You may have heard that two bikes were taken from our basement on Wednesday afternoon before everything was locked and alarmed. The bikes have been found and returned to their owners. This was a positive outcome, but a timely reminder for us to be vigilant about locking up early - as staff were still on site as well.

Our 2022 Student Leaders!!

It was my pleasure on Monday at assembly to announce the Student Leaders for 2022. Participating in an online leadership seminar and delaying the announcement, has provided space for our students to get used how being Tuakana or the Kahikatea in the forest, actually is a role of service and one that provides protection to students in our community. The staff recognise the leadership journey of all students and welcome the opportunity to mentor them.

Congratulations to

Carta Macrae and Sky O'Toole Parry
(Head Students)

Charlotte Holmes and Adriel Camitan
(Catholic Character Leaders)

Ma te Wa - Suzanne





Sunday 13th March Second Sunday of Lent

Jesus reveals his glory to his closest disciples Peter, James and John. Up to this point they had heard the parables, seen the miracles, but not experienced the Kingdom Jesus taught so eagerly about. Now they are witnesses to its full meaning. Jesus is revealed in his glory to them along with the appearance of Moses and Elijah who represent the Law and the Prophets validating Jesus' statement that he is the completion of both.

Religious Education

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give



PARISH NEWS

SYNOD 21-23 FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

The next stage is in progress, come and have your say! For those wishing to participate there will be a meeting at St Patrick's Te Awamutu Tuesday March 15th at 10.30am and 7.00pm in the lounge. Pope Francis is inviting all to take part.

RECONCILIATION FOR LENT

Tuesday March 22 at St George's church 6-7pm. Visiting priests will be in attendance.



First Reading Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord

Psalm 26 (27): 1,7-9,13-14

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation

Second Reading Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord

***'This is my Son, the chosen one.
Listen to Him.'***



Readings for next week: 3rd Sunday of Lent

First reading Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

Psalm 102 (103): 1-4,6-8,11

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

Gospel Luke 13:1-9

