

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## St. George's Parish Community Newsletter

Term 2 - Week 1  
02 - 06 May 2022

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### WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL!

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

Evangeline Joseph is the daughter of Joseph & Victoria,

Mars Read - Bloomfield is the son of Jessica and Tom - younger brother to Ptolemy in Kahikatea.

We hope you will enjoy learning with us!!



### TEACHER ONLY DAY TERM TWO - WEEK TWO

The Board of Trustees have approved a Teacher Only Day on **THURSDAY 12th of MAY**.

All the staff will be attending professional development in Rotorua on the new Religious Education Curriculum.

This Teacher Only Day is on Thursday of Week 2.

Please ensure that you have made provision for child care on this day. Thank you



### WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

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

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

### PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

If you have a fantastic fundraising idea please let the PSG know. It's so important that we raise funds for the school so that extra resources can be purchased for your child/ren.

### MAORI AND PACIFIC ISLAND CONSULTATION

The Board of Trustees of St Joseph's School is hosting a consultation evening for our Maori and Pasifika parents to discuss and review the learning of their tamariki at our school. This is to be held on **Thursday, 12th May 2022 in the school basement at 6pm.**

Refreshments will be available.

Please contact Christelle Penny on 0274225234 for catering purposes.

Thank you

### UNIFORMS

Please take note that when you are ordering uniform items from Elizabeth Michael, **you are welcome to have the items shipped to the school at 26 Seddon Street Te Kuiti.** You can also add this request into the "Comments" box on the order form and Elizabeth Michael

will send it to the school address. If delivery is made

in the holidays, the items will be sent home once term starts again, as the office will not be open during the school holidays. Students start wearing winter uniform after Queen's birthday weekend. Please ensure you purchase what you need in good time.

**ElizabethMichael**  
UNIFORMS

## FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK

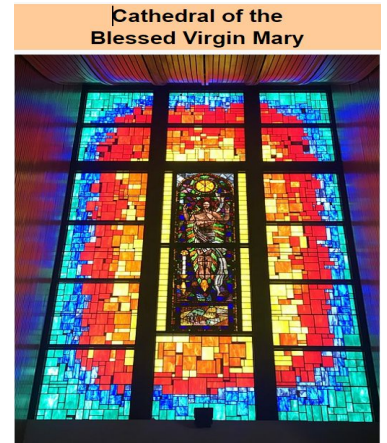
### **"TAKE FRESH COURAGE"**

Kia Ora e te Whanau - Welcome back into school!!

This phrase takes on a whole new meaning, when one side of our community of learning triangle has not been able to come on site for so long. Welcome back - to physically being able to be present for your children. I had a local teaching colleague visit the school this week and have a look around. She was stunned at the hidden beauty of our classrooms - reality struck, as I realised that so many of our parent community have not physically been on site since the refurbishment of our classrooms started back in October 2019! Come on in!

He is Risen! Alleluia! The image is Resurrection window at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Cathedral in Hamilton. It speaks to us of the grace, joy and blessings that are waiting us from our Resurrected Jesus. Eastertide is the period of 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. Each Sunday is treated as a Sunday of Easter!

Thank you to all the children and families who attended the beautiful Easter Services. Thank you to the parishioners and Father Joseph who prepared each liturgy with love and care. Thank you to our school altar servers who did an amazing job!! Bless you.



This week's happenings:

As part of our 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' programme, a Girls Self Defence Course for Year 6-8. The course offered each student the opportunity to take a positive step to reinforce their ability to think confidently, speak strongly and use their physical skills when necessary.

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Mrs Matthews also organised Football skills sessions for the school, and a special coaches session for the students who have put their hands up to help coach one of our junior football team's.

Our out of school sports team's get underway this week. Special thank you and acknowledgement to Mrs Matthews for organising the coaches/managers and gear ready for each code to start. Thank you to all of our parents who have offered to coach or manage teams we really appreciate your time and skills. Thank you also to Rangitoto school for collaborating with us to help give every child who wants to play sport - an opportunity to do so.



Ma te Wa - Have a great weekend.

Suzanne.

## **PLEASE TAKE NOTE:**

### **ATTENDANCE**

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, email the office, text on 027 878 8190 or send through an absence notice from the website.



### **THANK YOU TO NORTHFUELS**

We would like to say thank you to the families who have signed our school up to receive rewards from the NorthFuels rewards programme. We are able to order from their range of goods available to schools this term.



### **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

Just a reminder that our school lunch order form is available on our website. If your student/s did not receive one during the week, you're welcome to print one off and send it to school on a Tuesday and / or a Friday with the correct cash to place an order.



### **CLASS AND INDIVIDUAL PORTRAITS**

Photolife has been at our school today. We will provide you with the unique code to access your student/s photos on the Photolife website as soon as we receive it.



### **HPV IMMUNISATION FORMS**

If your student is in Year 7 or 8 please return the immunisation forms handed out to them earlier This year to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.



### **ST JOHN TE KUITI YOUTH**

The St John Youth Program is open to young people from the ages of 6 to 18 years of age. Our program teaches young people about First Aid, Drill, and many other life skills. Young people can also be involved in Competitions, Camps and Community events like ANZAC Parades. We encourage all young people to come along and see if they like the St John lifestyle. Wednesday at 5.45 at St Luke's Church in Te Kuiti. We would be pleased to see you there. All enquiries can be directed to Stephen Allen Divisional Youth Manager Ph 021533854/[Stephen.Allen@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:Stephen.Allen@stjohn.org.nz)



### **ACCOMODATION NEEDED**

We have a family from our school community who is looking to rent accommodation in Te Kuiti. We would appreciate it if our community could assist with this matter. Please contact Rhana Stannard on 027 3005200 for further information.



### **PRE LOVED SPORTS SHOES AVAILABLE**

Muffy has pre loved sports shoes available at the local Police station and there are also shoes available at the Netball Centre at Centennial Park.

### **REMEMBER TO KEEP AN EYE ON OUR CALENDAR:**

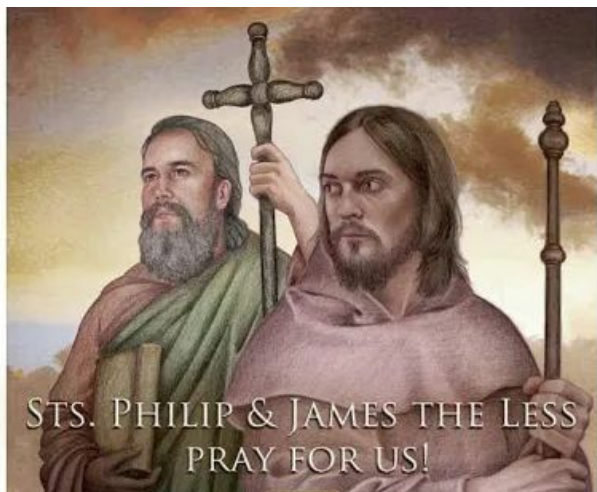
Please follow this link to keep updated to what is happening at school: [Calendar](#)







# Religious Education



## Sunday 8th April 4th Sunday of Easter

Jesus reminds us he is our protector and Shepherd who guards and guides, who feeds and protects us from the dangers of life and defends us from anyone who tries to take us away from him. We are assured of this gift as we stay connected to hearing his voice.

Sometimes it is not easy to listen: we get distracted by things around us or we are focused on what we want to say, that it is hard to have the openness to listen someone else. It also takes time and we may be in a hurry. Are there people we should be giving time to listen to?

### May 4th Saints Philip & James

Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida. Jesus called him directly, whereupon he sought out Nathanael and told him of the "one about whom Moses wrote." James, Son of Alphaeus: We know nothing except his name, and that Jesus chose him to be one of the 12 pillars of his Church. He is not the James son of Clopas, brother of John. He is also known as James the Lesser. We see in James and Philip human men who became foundation stones of the Church, and we are reminded again that holiness and its consequent apostolate are entirely the gift of God, not a matter of human intellect or achievement.

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## PARISH NEWS

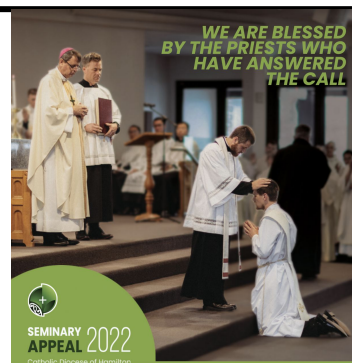
### SEMINARY APPEAL 2022

Sunday 8th May 2022 is the Day of Prayer for vocations. Your prayers and donations do make a difference! Giving by any of the following ways is greatly appreciated.

Through the parish collection. Internet banking on the account of RC Bishop of Hamilton 02 0342 0050008 003 (code : SA2022 | reference : your donor number if known).

Online at [www.seminaryappeal.cdh.nz](http://www.seminaryappeal.cdh.nz) (appeal information & secured donation page).

Calling our friendly Seminary Appeal Team at the Chanel Centre on 07 856 6989.



**First Reading**

**Acts 10: 34,37-43**

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

*The word of the Lord*

**Psalm 99(100): 1-35**

**R: We are his people, the sheep of his flock**

**Second Reading**

**Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17**

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

*The word of the Lord*

**Gospel**

**John 10: 27-30**

Jesus said:  
'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.  
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.  
The Father and I are one.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

***I know them and they follow me***



***Readings for next week:***

First reading Acts 14:21-27

Psalm 144 (145):8-13

Second Reading Apocalypse 21:1-5

Gospel John 13:31-35