

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. George's Parish Community Newsletter

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OUR SYMPATHY

Goes to Suzanne and her family after the passing of her father, David Wilton, during the school holidays. We hold you and your family in our prayers. May he rest in peace.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

We sent nomination forms home with your eldest and only students yesterday. We have a voters roll available in the school office if you would like to see it. Please see page 2 in the newsletter for more information.

Our Board of Trustees meet every last Thursday of the month at 5.30pm. In order to play a role in your child's learning, please join the board and add your voice and talents to enhance their education at our school. Please contact Christelle Penny, our current presiding member on 027 4225234 for more information and / or click on this link:

[Becoming a board member](#)



WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

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

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

WELCOME TO

Nathan Stockhoff in Kahikatea. Nathan joins us from Piopio College and is the son of Tobie and Annarien Stockhoff.

Kinsey Runciman join us in Rimu from Benneydale school. Kinsey is the son of Ben and Tania Runciman.

We hope you will enjoy learning with us!



UNIFORMS

Please take note: when you order uniform items from Elizabeth Michael, **you are welcome to have the items shipped to the school at 26 Seddon Street Te Kuiti for more reasonable courier costs.** You can also add this request into the "Comments" box on the order form and Elizabeth Michael will send it to the school address. **Students are now expected to wear winter uniform. Students should wear school socks and leather shoes instead of sandals with a back strap.**

AGRICULTURAL DAY

We will be hosting our annual Agricultural day in the first week of Term 4. Please see page 5 for more information. More information regarding a meeting this term will be provided at a later stage.



BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

What is a School Board?

Every state and state-integrated school/kura in New Zealand is governed by a school board (formerly known as a board of trustees). The school board is a crown entity – that is, an organisation that is part of the New Zealand public sector.

One of the board's primary objectives is making sure every child reaches their highest possible standard in educational achievement.

What do boards do?

The board has overall responsibility and accountability for the school/kura. School board's legal responsibilities are determined by the Education and Training Act 2020.

The Act sets out boards' four primary objectives. These are ensuring student achievement for all of its students, including for those of differing needs, making sure the school is a safe place for all, and giving effect to the Treaty of Waitangi.

As part of its focus on these four objectives, boards' responsibilities include:

- Setting the strategic direction for the school
- Protecting the school's values
- Monitoring and evaluating student learning outcomes
- Approving policies
- Financial stewardship
- Building community engagement and support

It's important to note that the board does **NOT** get involved in the day-to-day running of the school.

What skills do board members need?

Board members (formerly called 'trustees') are active leaders in their school/kura. People often think board members need to have a legal or business background - but that's not the case at all.

The most valuable skills board members can bring to the board table are:

- Work well as part of a team.
- Not afraid to ask challenging questions.
- Have good communication skills.
- Be connected to their community.

Who can become a board member?

Anyone in the community can become a board member. There are board members who are tradies, office workers, farmers, doctors, stay-at-home parents and caregivers, bus drivers and retired people.

It doesn't matter what you do – it matters that you care about education in your community and you want to make a difference. It's also really important for boards to reflect the diversity within their school community.

How do I become a board member?

Schools elect board members every three years ('triennial elections'). Some schools also run 'mid-term' elections (held every 18 months), and if a board member resigns during their 3-year term, the school may hold a by-election to fill the vacancy.

All parents, legal guardians and immediate caregivers of students enrolled full-time in a state, state-integrated school or kura can, and should, vote in the elections for parent representatives.

To find out when your school's next election is, get in touch with them or go to the school trustee elections website: www.trustee-election.co.nz

How are boards structured?

Boards are typically made up of between 3 and 7 members. It all depends on the size and structure of the school.

Boards also include a staff representative - voted in by staff, and schools with students in year 9 and above, have a student representative - voted in by students.

Everyone has equal standing on the board - that means an equal voice and opinion on the issues being discussed, an equal vote and equal accountability.

The Education and Training Act 2020 provides some discretion and flexibility around how boards can be structured. This is to ensure boards are able to attract candidates with the required skills to deliver good governance and also that they reflect the diversity within their community.

What help do board members get?

NZSTA provides free advice and support to all boards to help them do the very best for their students and community.

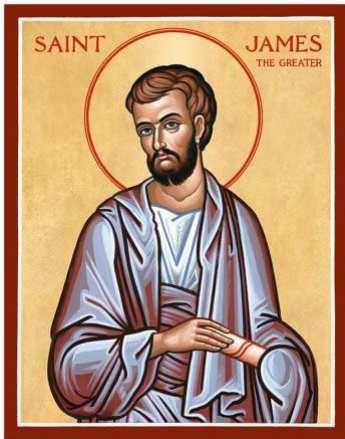
We have a dedicated team of advisors who help boards with governance and employment issues.

We also run a comprehensive programme of professional development workshops – most of which are free to attend. They will help you understand your role as a board member and you will gain valuable knowledge and skills.

You can find out more about our workshops and online modules by visiting our Knowledge Hub website: www.nzstaknowledgehub.org.nz



Religious Education



Sunday 31st July 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus speaks to his followers 2000 years ago, yet this is the parable for our times, where most of us seem obsessed with the idea of accumulating more and more possessions, as if the value of our life depends on how much we possess. I might not be the greedy person who is ready to trample over others to get more things, but we need to ask ourselves to what extent do I place my security in material things. The Dalai Lama reminds us that "We are human beings, not human doings". Let us today ask for light and for more inner freedom.

25th July St James the Apostle

Also known as St James the Great. A son of Zebedee and brother to St John the Apostle. James is known for being one of Jesus' closest friends. He was one of the earliest disciples called by Jesus and was present at the Transfiguration. He was the first of the apostles to be martyred.

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SHARE	FRIEND	JUDGE
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PARISH NEWS

CARING SUNDAY

31st July. Common Good Foundation (Catholic Care in action) is asking for your support on Caring Sunday so we may help all people in our community who may be struggling. It is hoped that some Parish-based support initiatives may be set up in support of this outreach. As usual, we will endeavour to fund applications received from all community groups across the Diocese. Please look out for our appeal letters in your parish or if you are on our donor base, in the post. Online donations are always gratefully received at <https://www.commongood.org.nz/donate>

ADAM JAMES KIRKEBY - ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

All are welcome. Saturday 6th August, 11am at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT FESTIVALS <https://cdh-youth.squarespace.com/>

Heaven Come (5-7 Aug) - A weekend for young adults ages 18-35 to encounter Jesus, grow in faith, and grow together as a community. Whatever stage of life you find yourself in, this festival has something to offer you.

Set Free (9-11 Sept) Years 10-13. Fantastic speakers, the SF Band, great activities, sport, Mass, the Sacraments, and amazing community. Set Free is an opportunity for young people to encounter Jesus in a unique and personal way.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Just a reminder that our school lunch order form is available on our school website. Follow this link to print one off. Lunches can be ordered on Tuesdays and Fridays.

[School lunch order form](#)



YUMMY STICKERS

Please keep on collecting the Yummy stickers as we are able to get free sports gear when we send the collected stickers to the Yummy Fruit Company.

The amount available to us to use, depends on the number of stickers and labels we collect during the year. The more stickers and labels we collect the more sports gear we get to order! We need to send the sticker and label sheets off in September every year, so get munching folks!



ATTENDANCE

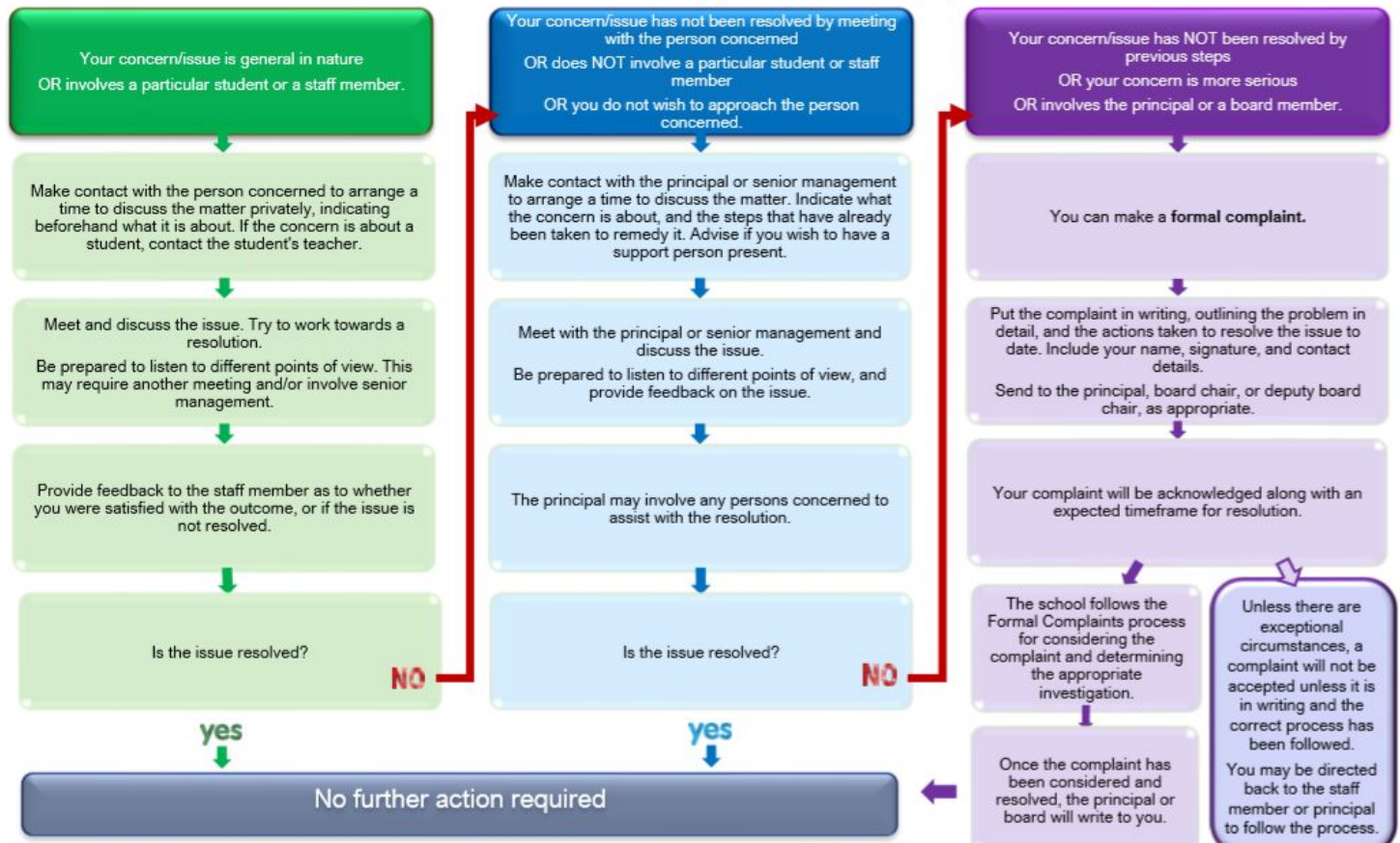
Thank you very much for contacting the school in the case of your child being absent. Please continue to do so if your child is not going to be at school for **ANY REASON**, please call 878 8190 and choose from the available options - please leave a message, email the office, text on 027 878 8190 or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



CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS PROCESS

Concerns and Complaints Process

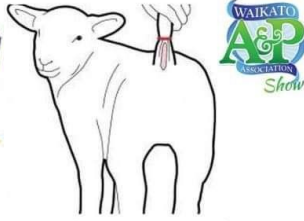
Most concerns can be resolved informally by discussions with the people concerned.



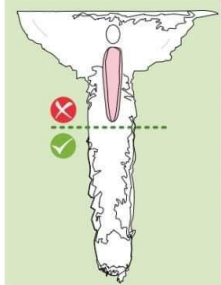
This flowchart aligns with the school's Concerns and Complaints policy and procedures.

AGRICULTURAL DAY

ATTENTION!



Heads Up On Lamb Tail Docking!



Tail-docking can be done for cleanliness and to reduce the risk of flystrike. It's important to leave enough length to ensure the welfare of your sheep.

As of May 2021 MPI new requirement that the length of the docked tail must be no shorter than the end of the caudal fold – the fold of skin that runs from the underside of the tail to either side of the anus.

Waikato A&P Boys & Girls Agricultural Club



Friday 28th
October 2022
10am Start
Claudelands Show
Grounds



Time to think
about getting
your pet, lots
of beautiful
babies getting
born!



All
Welcome!

WAIKATO JUDGES DAYS



With the judging season just around the corner
Please join us for a few hours of sharing and learning

Kihikihi (at the Domain)

Tuesday 13th Sept - 11am

Matamata (Netball Courts)

Thursday 15th Sept - 11am

Hamilton (Horsham Downs School)

Saturday 17th Sept - 11am



**Pet calf, lamb and kid goat
on site for our training
and discussions**

We look forward to seeing you there!

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 89 (90):3-6,12-14,17

R: In every age, O Lord you have been our refuge

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

'this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?'



Readings for next week: 19th July

First reading Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalm 32 (33): 1,12,18-20,22

Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Gospel Luke 12: 32-48