

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Community Newsletter

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### WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

This week we welcome two new students to Mrs. Boroevich's class.

Riley Knight started this week. Riley is the daughter of Ryan Knight and Sheryl Knight is Riley's grandmother.

Sandy Lo Tam started this week with Riley and she is the daughter of Monica Leafa. Her grandmother is Lilimoana Leafa.

We trust you will enjoy learning at our school!



### AGRICULTURAL DAY 2022

Our Ag Day (Pet Day) will be held on Thursday, 20 October 2022. That is the first week in Term 4. The Group Day Committee had their AGM on 16 June.

***The St Joseph's Ag Day meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16th August at the school at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.***



### YEAR 7&8 TECHNOLOGY TASKS



### WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

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

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

### NETBALL 2022

Our netball girls, a combined team of students from St Joseph's and Rangitoto School, won the B grade competition over the weekend and also won the trophy for most goals in the B grade, 119 goals in total.

We are all very proud of them!!



***Absent in the photo: Charlotte Holmes***

## FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK THIS WEEK

Kia Ora Koutou e te Whanau

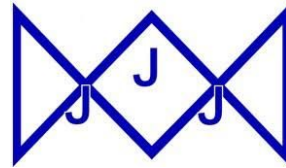
# Never see a need without doing something about it

The children spent Monday afternoon unpacking the charism of our school and learning more about the Sisters of St Joseph who first came to teach here. St Mary MacKillop was their leader. The seniors worked on a timeline of St Mary's journey to New Zealand, Rimu unpacked the St Mary MacKillop Icon and Nikau examined some of her sayings. The staff have been taking a saying each day and reflecting on it at our prayer meetings that we have each morning at 8am. This learning is part of knowing our local curriculum



"I know that she was in NZ because I can see the Southern Cross and a Nikau tree" Maddie

"Also the barn in the background is the stable she taught in which shows she is a teacher" James



"Joseph, Jesus, John the Baptist were on her emblem. J J J"

### **We do have some needs within our school for service.**

The **Board** need to have one more person to serve the community. This person can be added by selection. Come forward if you can and offer your wonderful skills to our Board.

The **PSG** are due to have the Annual General Meeting. It would be fair to say that this group have struggled through over Covid. It is called a **Parent Support Group** for a reason and it is time to have a good look at what this means for our school going forward. A date has not been set for the meeting yet - I am simply asking that each family consider serving on this group at least for one year during their time at St Joseph's.

Being part of a team, whether the **Board or Parent Support Group** will help us get to know each other better and build our school parent community. Times have been difficult in this regard and we have not been gathering as a community at church, for shared lunches, grandparent days etc as we used to.

Can we make a commitment to strengthen and rebuild connections and relationships? What opportunities can you suggest that would help us? "Let us teach more by example than word" "Greet one another" MMK

### **July/August is Mid-Year Data time.**

The finance committee have a mid-year review of the budget today. The Board receive learning data next week and Sports Waikato have presented us with the results of the Voice of Tamariki (VoT) survey that you gave permission for the children to be part of earlier in the year.

Here are some of the whole school results: Others will be published next week.

Mathematics -

Progress and Achievement Tests -

Six Year Groups have achieved at or above the National New Zealand Mean  
75% of all students are At or Above their curriculum level.

Writing -

74% of all students are At or Above their curriculum level.

Reading -

Progress and Achievement Tests -

Six Year Groups have achieved at or above the National New Zealand Mean

Have a great weekend - Suzanne.



# Religious Education



## Sunday 14th August Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast of

the Assumption commemorates the belief that when Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, died, her body was "assumed" into heaven to be reunited with her soul, instead of going through the natural process of physical decay upon death. It is one of four Marian feast in the Liturgical year. It is the Patronal Feast for Aotearoa New Zealand as declared by Bishop Jean Baptiste Pompallier after the first Mass celebrated here on 13th January 1838 in Hokianga. The Gospel is taken from the song that Mary proclaimed at her visit with Elizabeth.

### 8th august St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

In 1866 Mary MacKillop founded Australia's first order of nuns, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, and also established St. Joseph's Schools all over Australia and New Zealand including our school St Joseph's Catholic school Te Kuiti. On 17th October 2021 she was declared the first Saint of Australia by Pope Benedict XVI

## Mary's Song

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Luke 1:46 (NIV)

Words are taken from Luke 1:46-55 (NIV).



J Q F E A R B W R P H B N O E  
 R Y W W G X O J I R U H E R J  
 Y K C T W L U Y C O S O Z T H  
 I Y G H W B O L H U Y L T M U  
 Y M E S R E U R M D X Y H U N  
 B D E E W O J Z I E D Q R B G  
 L S O R S K Y Q D F V F O E R  
 E S T V C U N F E B I J N S Y  
 S P W A R Y D E E D S E E D K  
 S I F N M I G H T Y T C S E S  
 E R C T H I N G S T I N L R E  
 D I F V Q P E V A O P B E M F  
 Z T H M W G H E J N M L A C Y  
 G O G Y I R R E F U U N H Q S  
 N H C F R G R F H R J M T S C

blessed	great	mercy	rejoices	soul
deeds	holy	mighty	rich	spirit
fear	humble	name	rulers	things
glorifies	hungry	proud	servant	thrones

## PARISH NEWS

### Directed Silent Ignatian Retreats with Fr Richard Shortall SJ

A silent directed retreat consists of individual spiritual direction each day (roughly 30 mins). Retreatants will be directed by Fr Richard Shortall SJ. The remainder of the day is at your disposal for prayer/spiritual reading/relaxation/leisure. The retreats are fully catered and include individual accommodation. To register [cdh.org.nz/retreats](http://cdh.org.nz/retreats).

Weekend Retreats - Fee \$118:

12-14 August Cluny Retreat Centre, Tauranga

21-23 October - Cluny Retreat Centre, Tauranga

18-20 November - Cluny Retreat Centre, Tauranga

Weekday Retreats - Fee \$220:

14-19 August Cluny Retreat Centre, Tauranga

23-28 October - Cluny Retreat Centre, Tauranga

20-25 November - Cluny Retreat Centre,

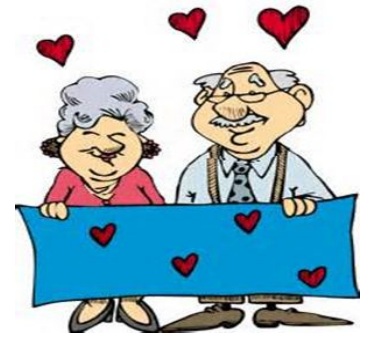
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## PLEASE TAKE NOTE

### GRANDPARENTS DAY 2022!!

We are very happy to be able to celebrate with our Grandparents this year, after an absence of 2 years. We will have our celebration on **Thursday, 29 September 2022 (last week of Term 3)**. **The festivities will start at 11:30 with a liturgy in the church followed by a shared lunch.**

We will give more information closer to the time.



### RUGBY AND NETBALL SPORTS UNIFORMS

We would like to thank you for the uniforms that has been returned. If you still have one of these sports uniforms at home please return it as soon as possible after the last game of the Winter Sports competition has been played.

Please ensure that they are returned in a neat and tidy condition. Thank you



### BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

If you would like to serve as a board member, new members can be added via a by - election or selection by the current members.

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 our students' 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](#)



### 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. The amount available to us to use depends on the number of stickers and labels we collect. More stickers and labels means, more sports gear we get to order!

Thank you for your sterling effort this year. We will be able to put in our order for this year, soon.



### 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.



## TUTSUNO CULTURAL EXCHANGE

***Yr 6 & 7 students from all the schools within the Waitomo District (in 2022) are invited to be part of the Waitomo Sister City Cultural Exchange happening in 2023.***

There will be an information session to be held at the Lyceum Club on August 12th @ 5:30pm for those students and whaanau who are interested.

Whaanau will need to register so more information can be sent directly to them. Please email the parents name and child's name to [waitomosistercity@gmail.com](mailto:waitomosistercity@gmail.com)

The last trip to Tatsuno Japan involved a total of 8 students from 5 x different schools. A great mix of boys and girls. They had an incredible experience that they will never forget.

It would be brilliant to again have students from a wide range of our kura attending. They will be representing their whaanau, kura and the Waitomo District Region. There are no limits on the number of students from one particular kura attending the information hui. Just be in the Yr 6 & 7 criteria in 2022.



## Waitomo Sister City Cultural Exchange



We are inviting current (2022) Year 6 & 7 students, their families and interested people to an information evening about our proposed cultural exchange to Tatsuno in June 2023. Come along to find out more. **No commitment.** Let us know you'd like to come and for more information email us at [waitomosistercity@gmail.com](mailto:waitomosistercity@gmail.com) by 29 July 2022.



The establishment of our sister city relationship began when two fighter pilots – one from Tatsuno, Japan, Professor Kinase and Squadron Leader Les Munro, from Waitomo, meet at a World War II reunion. The two former enemies realised that both towns had several commonalities between them, the foremost of which is their fireflies and our glow worms, together with their shared war experience.

The first delegation came to Waitomo in March 1993 for informal discussions. On March 30, 1995 an agreement was officially signed at a ceremony held at the Te Kuiti Pa.

The agreement outlines key factors the promotion of friendship and goodwill together with the endeavour to encourage an understanding and awareness of the separate cultures and the exchange of ideas between our people and communities. This relationship has now celebrated 25 years.

## KIDS YOGA

The sessions in Te Kuiti will be held in the Basement at St Joseph's School.



Mondays - Oto  
3.30pm

Tuesdays - Piopio  
3.30pm

Fridays - Te Kuiti  
3.30pm



# YOGA FOR KIDS!

## 6 Week Program

Begins Week of Aug 22nd



Learn More At

<https://iamyoga.co.nz/kidsyoga/>



**First Reading**      **Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10**

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready.

Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire forever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

*The word of the Lord*

**Psalm 44 (45): 10-12,16**

**R: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

**Second Reading**      **1 Corinthians 15:20-26**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

*The word of the Lord*

**Gospel**      **Luke 12:13-21**

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord'**



**Readings for next week: 21st August**

First reading Isaiah 66: 18-21

Psalm 116 (117)

Second Reading Hebrews 12: 5-7,11-13

Gospel Luke 13: 22-30