

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Community Newsletter

Term 3 - Week 5  
22 - 26 August 2022

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### MINIBALL STARTS

The Miniball tournament will start in Week 6 on Tuesday, 30 August 2022. Uniforms will be handed to the students playing in the senior teams. The Junior teams will play in their school sports uniforms.



### RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT

This will be held on Friday, 2 September 2022. We would like to thank those who are willing to help out on the day and to coach the team/s. A notice will be sent home today with further details. Please ask your child for the information. Please contact the school if your child needs transport to Rugby Park, as per the notice.



### 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 due date for entries for our Ag Day is set for 30th September 2022 (last day of Term 3), but the children can get their animals at any time and we will take registrations up until the 20th October. We set the due date at 30 September as we just need an indication of numbers to plan the day.

The registration forms will be distributed soon.

The Ag Day Demo Day will be held at St Joseph's School on 29 September 2022. More information will be provided closer to the time.

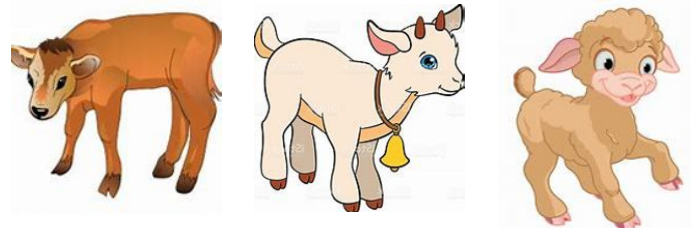
# DEMO

Please take note of the following dates:

**13 September - Judges Day (Kihikihi Domain at 11am)**

**28 October - Waikato A&P (Pre rego calves) 10 am start**

**2 November - Otorohanga Group Day**



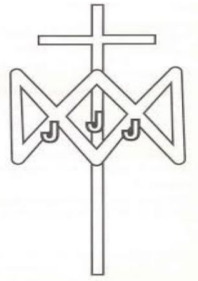
### WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

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

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

## FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK THIS WEEK

*If disappointed, don't say hard things. Only think a little, pray a little, and try to remember that God will bring about what is best in God's own time. (1873)*



Kia Ora Koutou e te Whanau

Sacramental Programme to start up again!!

About this time last year a group of our wonderful parents were in the basement ready to start preparing their children to receive the sacraments and a message arrived to say we were all going into lockdown at 12pm that night!

It is quite thought provoking when I think back to this evening and how keen the families were to be walking this journey with their children. Some of our families had committed their children to Baptism and this was interrupted as well. It is time to catch up!

Sacraments can be thought of as blessings that are received during an important ceremony. Catholic Christians acknowledge seven sacraments. We prepare the children for four during the programme - Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation, Communion



Anointing | Baptism | Communion | Confirmation | Holy Orders | Marriage | Reconciliation

These sacraments are all moments of grace where God becomes present to the children in a very special way.

👉 Tomorrow an invitation will be sent out to all children who have not yet received these sacraments. Please take the time to read and pray about offering this opportunity to your children. It probably is the most important thing you can do for their spiritual wellbeing.

👉 The proposed night and time is 6pm on Tuesdays for 1 hour only, at the school.

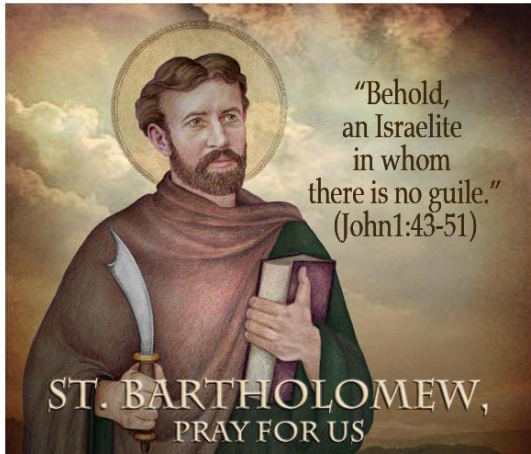
Grandparents Day!! How exciting is this!! The invitations have gone out yesterday. We do welcome anyone along who is a support person for your family. So if their Grandparents have died or are overseas or unavailable that day, please invite someone else to come along. It is a special day to honour our beloved Grandparents.

🙏 Keep in your prayers this week the Matthews family. Blake has a heart operation on Friday.

Have a great weekend  
Suzanne



# Religious Education



## Sunday 28th August 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today we are reminded that pride and self-importance are underlying attitudes to much of human failure. We hear that it is nice to be nice and everybody likes to be liked, but at what cost? Scripture refers to bringing down the powerful from their thrones and lifting up the lowly (Luke 1:52). Jesus help us to recognise these tendencies in ourselves, so that we may turn to you for the help we need to imitate you more fully in humble living and service.

## 24th August St Bartholomew

Bartholomew was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. Also known as Nathaniel. He is said to have been martyred for having converted Polymius, King of Armenia, to Christianity. Jesus said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile!"

## The Great Feast (Luke 14:16-24)

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

apologies	blind	crippled	dinner	excuses
feast	field	full	house	invited
lame	lanes	married	master	order
oxen	parable	poor	roads	room
servant				

### Prayer for a new Bishop

*Praise to You, Lord our God,  
 our eternal Shepherd and Guide.  
 In your faithfulness,  
 grant to the Diocese of Hamilton  
 a Shepherd whose watchful care and  
 kindly zeal  
 will continue the good work of his  
 predecessors.  
 In your love for us,  
 give us as Shepherd one who will lead us  
 in being Christ's heart of mercy,  
 voice of hope and face of compassion  
 for our world today.  
 Help him to fill our minds and hearts  
 with the truth of the Gospel,  
 the power of the sacraments  
 and the desire to build your holy church.  
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ  
 Your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 God for ever and ever. Amen.*

### PARISH NEWS

#### Mass for Healing - 12 Sept, 7pm Cathedral of the Bl. Virgin Mary

Heal negative family traits, pray for loved ones (living and deceased), help future generations experience freedom and transformation. Come for Mass and Healing of the Family Tree. For further information: Bill & Christine 0212313020, Emotionally Free Inner Healing Ministry.

Click [Healing of the Family Tree](#) for promotion in your parish.





## PLEASE TAKE NOTE

### PHOTOLIFE - LAST DAY FOR FREE DELIVERY!

Photolife advised us that your child's unique Key Code was emailed to you directly, to purchase the 2022 school / sports photos. The cut off to received these photos Via free delivery will be on Sunday 11 September 2022.

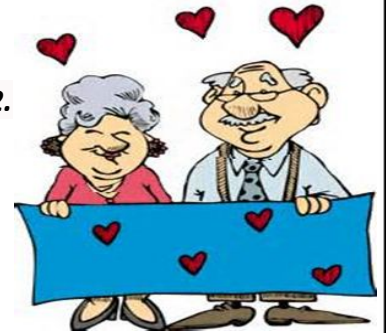
# PhotoLife

### GRANDPARENTS DAY 2022 - DATE CHANGE!!!

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** We will have our celebration on **Thursday, 22 September 2022.**

The programme is as follows:

11:30 - Mass at St George's Parish, followed by a visit to the classrooms, a Powerpoint presentation and other entertainment in the basement and a shared lunch.



### 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](#)



### 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



### 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.



### 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 the 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.



**First Reading Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31**

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.  
 The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord;  
 for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble.  
 There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him.  
 The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

*The word of the Lord*

**Psalm 67 (68):4-7,10-11**

**R: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

**Second Reading Hebrews 12:18-19,21-22**

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a blood for purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

*The word of the Lord*

**Gospel**

**Luke 14:1,7-14**

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

***'Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, who humbles himself will be exalted'***



**Readings for next week: 4th September**

First reading Wisdom 9:13-18

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

Second Reading Philemon 9-10,12-17

Gospel Luke 14:25-33

