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YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR GRANDPARENTS DAY!

To All Grandparents in the School and Parish Community!
Please join us for our Grandparents' Mass to be held
On Thursday, 22 September 2022 starting at 11.30am.

The programme for the day is as follows:

11:30 Mass at St George's Church, visit classrooms, Powerpoint and entertainment in the basement.

A shared lunch will follow after the powerpoint and singing.

See you there!!

We ask every family of the school community to please provide enough food for your family. We're asking for healthy choices when providing food. *We can heat up cooked food only, we are not able to cook food, thank you!*



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

Kia Ora Koutou e te Whanau



Caritas is the Catholic agency for justice, peace and development.

They are guided by the Gospels of Jesus and Catholic Social Teachings (CST).

Catholic Social Teaching promotes the dignity of each and every person along with their responsibilities, regardless of culture, ethnicity gender or religion.

Each year Caritas have Social Justice Week. This year the theme is **“Say No to Racism We are one in Christ”**

The Gospel where Jesus calls us to be a good neighbour, challenges and disrupts our thinking. It is counter cultural in its time and still is today. A good neighbour stops and helps the injured, does not hesitate to accept the responsibility to heal relationships.

We are called to act like Jesus- to wake up, to stand up and to speak when we see racism. We are invited to love our neighbour and write a new parable of justice for our time. **How are we becoming one in Christ??**

Safety Drills

Schools are required to have safety drills as part of the Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters, and Crisis policy.

Over the past two weeks the school has held a Fire Drill and a Lockdown Drill (some call this a reverse evacuation drill). Both drills were carried out successfully. The students were informed that there was going to be a drill at sometime during that day. Drills are logged in our property compliance folder and the emergency layout plans are linked to the Police emergency plans.

So what communication goes out to parents ?

Our Communication During an Emergency Disaster or Crisis policy states that:

- The school, using emergency contact details provided, will inform the school community via
 - txt /phoning
 - school website and Kiwi Schools app or any social media accounts.

A message may read “there is potential danger in the area and police and ministry have deemed it appropriate the schools go into lockdown”

- Regular updates will be provided.

What is expected of parents?

- Parents/Caregivers must follow any instructions issued by the school including not coming to the school to see or collect their children if advised.

Further information regarding the Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters and Crisis policy, can be found at

<https://stjosephk.schooldocs.co.nz/> username: stjosephk password: catholic

There is a green speech bubble at the top right of each policy where your thoughts and comments can be lodged.

Senior Speech Finals: These are tonight at 6.30pm in the school basement. **Please come along and support our students.** We have three Sacred Heart College students coming to help with the judging, and one is an ex pupil! One of the girls will also be sharing her winning speech with us. We are very grateful for their willingness to support our school.

Ma te Wa

Suzanne.





Religious Education

Sunday 11th September 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

What are the key lessons Jesus is teaching us with the parable of the prodigal son? The son who initially seems selfish was actually the one who saw beyond himself; the self-centred one turns out to be the one who seemed dutiful but who had a false image of himself, his father and his brother. We ask God to let us glimpse and celebrate the good in the hearts of those around us.

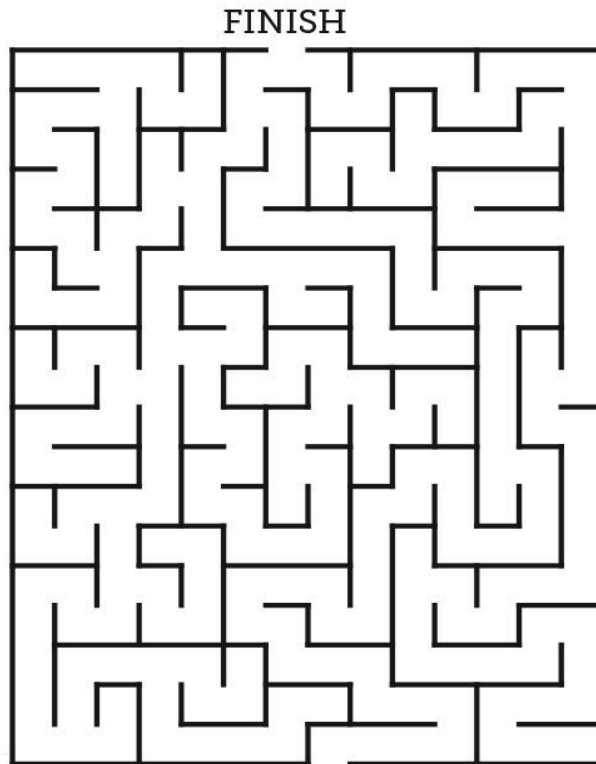
8th September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A Christian feast day celebrating the birth of Mary, mother of Jesus. The modern canon of scripture does not record Mary's birth; the celebration goes back to the 6th Century.



THE PRODIGAL SON

Lead the son to his loving father.



PARISH NEWS

Journey to the Holy Land | 5th March 2023 with Bishop Steve Lowe

Information sheet at the back of the church. Or email Anastasia James info@harvestjourneys.com for information.

Catholic Answers Tour with Tim Staples | 12th & 13th October

The Catholic Diocese of Hamilton and Evangelion are bringing Tim Staples of Catholic Answers to New Zealand this October! HAMILTON - 13th October, 6:30pm St Pius X Catholic Church, Melville "Why the Truth about Jesus Matters" & "Truth and Consequences"



PLEASE TAKE NOTE

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

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

*Oliver Law started at our school. Oliver is the son of Dylan and Katy Law.

*Alida Erasmus started at our school and she is the daughter of Guy and Kirsten Erasmus.

Both students are new entrants in Mrs. Boroevich's class.

We hope you will enjoy learning with us Oliver and Alida!!



TE KUITI HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 8 PARENT EVENING

Te Kuiti High School will be hosting a Year 8 Parent Evening on Tuesday, 13th September from 5pm - 6.30pm at Te Kūiti High School. Your Year 8 student have taken a notice home about this evening. The evening will consist of a presentation about Te Kūiti High School and questions and answers time will follow. Enrolment forms will also be available on this evening.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

6.30 - 7.30pm on Tuesdays for 1 hour only, at the school. This time may be set earlier once we have had a conversation with the parents.

Thank you for returning the forms so promptly.



AGRICULTURAL DAY 2022

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.

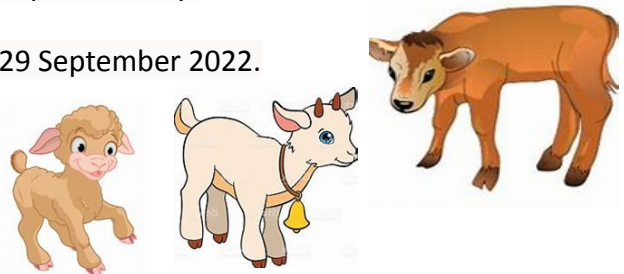
The Ag Day Demo Day will be held at St Joseph's School on 29 September 2022.

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



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please remember 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

The stickers and labels need to go to the Yummy Fruit Company at the end of the term. Please send your stickers / labels or sticker charts to school. The amount available to us to use to get sports gear depends on the number of stickers and labels we collect. The more stickers and labels we have, the more sports gear we get to order! Thank you for your sterling effort this year!!!



SPORTS NEWS

RIPPA RUGBY Tournament

10 of our students combined with Rangitoto to form two Rippa Rugby Team's.

Mrs Sarah Fagan managed the Year 5/6 team and Cullen Fagan coached. Mr and Mrs Bird coached and managed the Year 7/8 team.

The Year 5/6 team played in the quarter finals, losing against Otorohanga South. Special mention to the girls in each team who played every game! That was a sterling effort!

Thank you to Cameron Downey who helped Mrs Downey transport and put up the gazebo on the day. Your willingness to help Cameron was much appreciated.

Thanks to Dan Tasker who came to St Joseph's and Rangitoto to help build our skill levels.

All the best to the winning team's as they now head to Taupo for the next level of play.



SPEECHES

Our school hosted the Junior speech finals earlier today and we would like to thank Sue Wagstaff for judging the competition. Sue commented that the children presented their poems and speeches very well and going forward they could concentrate on making eye contact with their audience, as that makes a positive impact on their presentation. She enjoyed the topics which was spoken about and noted that all the students looked well presented. She offered congratulations to the students who placed in the finals.

The results are as follows:



Year 4

Kellan Dilley - First Place
Ava Murrell - Second Place
Elisha Rewi - Wetini - Third Place
Derick Penny - Third Place



Year 3

Macie Kearins - First Place
Madelyn Were - Second Place
James Bolger - Third Place



Year 2

Mason Walker - First Place
Sophia Law - Second Place
Brayden Ricket - Third Place



Year 1

Feagaiga Tanielu Lava - First Place
Evangeline Joseph - Second Place
Braedyn van Groenedaal - Third Place



What are the sacraments?



Sacraments

The sacraments are seven meeting points where God himself is present, waits for you, gives you a gift and leads you deeper into the community of the Church



Baptism

From this meeting point onwards, Christ accepts you into communion with himself and the entire Church for your whole life. You become a Christian



Reconciliation

A meeting point which God forgives all your sins and reconciles you with the community



Eucharist

A meeting point in which God gives himself to you as food; you receive the Body of Christ and become a part of the Body of Christ



Confirmation

A meeting point in which God strengthens you with his Holy Spirit for your service in the kingdom of God



Marriage

From this meeting point onwards, God unites the love of a man and a woman with his love



Holy Orders

A meeting point in which God equips men with authority and sends them out.



Anointing of the Sick

The meeting point in which God comes to the aid of those who are sick and have lost their strength

The sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation are offered in the Parish every year.

The sacramental programme is a Parish based programme for the Baptised or those preparing for Baptism as young children.

St Joseph's School is the place where the programme is held.

The programme finishes with a celebration Mass where the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion are conferred on the children by the Bishop of our Diocese.

Usually a meal together follows this celebration Mass in the school basement. It always has a celebration cake, photos and special gifts.

First Reading

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"' the Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: "I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever."'

So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 50:3-4,12-13,17,19

R: I will rise and go to my father

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

Gospel (shortened)

Luke 15:1-32

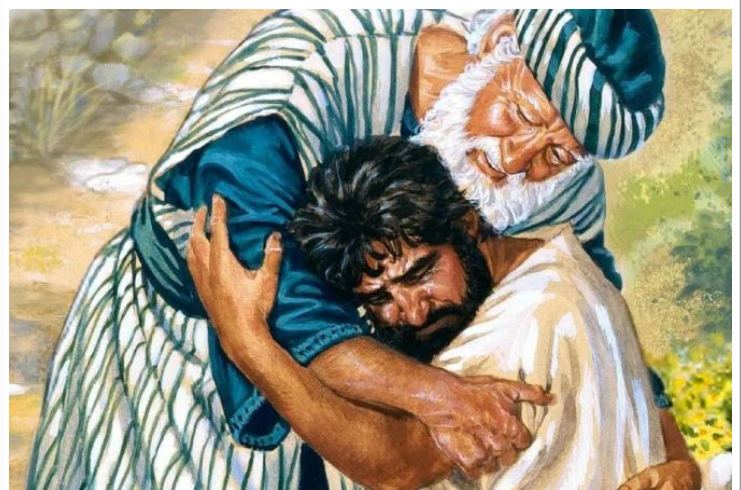
The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

The Gospel of the Lord

"rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found"



Readings for next week: 18th September

First reading Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 112 (113): 1-2,4-8

Second Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel Luke 16:1-13

