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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, Powerpoint and entertainment in the basement and a visit to the classrooms. A shared lunch will follow after the visit to the classrooms.

We hope to see you there!!

We ask every family of the school community to please provide enough finger food for your family. We're asking for healthy choices when providing food. *We can heat up cooked food only, we are unable to cook food, thank you!*



PUBLIC HOLIDAY - 26 SEPTEMBER 2022

Please take note that Monday, 26 September 2022 has been declared a public holiday in New Zealand to accommodate the memorial services to be held with regards to the passing of our Queen, Elizabeth II. ***There will be no school on that day.***

We would like to advise that our Year 7 & 8 group will leave for their camp on Monday, 26 September as was previously decided.



COVID UPDATE:

An update letter from the Ministry of Education was sent out on Monday.

Masks are no longer strongly recommended in school settings. Those who continue to wear masks will be supported to do so.

Continuing protections include: *Free vaccinations, *Free boosters for eligible people, *Free P2/N95 masks for eligible people, *Free RATs (rapid antigen tests) and free antiviral medication for eligible people, including widening eligibility criteria to all New Zealanders 65 and over, all Māori and Pacific peoples aged 50 and over and those with three high-risk medication conditions.

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



Ko te wiki o te reo Māori, has been a week to celebrate the taonga we have in Aotearoa and the opportunities we have to learn Te Reo. Each learning space has challenged themselves to extend their use of te reo both in and outside of the classroom. Personally I chose 'time', challenging myself to be able to tell the time in te reo. I'm actually doing ok as I write this at rima mēniti mai i te tahi karaka. Have you learnt a new word or phrase this wiki?

Our Speech and Poem kaupapa

St Joseph's have oral language and presenting highly placed in our local curriculum. The kaupapa of writing, preparing, practicing and delivering individually organised thoughts in a public domain we see as skills that will have life long benefits over our graduates lives.

That is why it was very encouraging to see our parent community supporting this kaupapa so well for both our Junior and Senior presentations. Thank you for coming. Thank you for inviting others in our community to come, see and hear our confident speakers from New Entrants to Year eight. We were able to gather together without restrictions which signalled a return of these types of events for our students.

Included in this newsletter are the results of the Senior Finalists. I also want to acknowledge Harry Matthews and Hollie Kirkland who represented their year group at the Regional Finals in Ohaupo on Monday. Both students certainly spoke with confidence and commitment to their topics and can be very proud of their achievements.

We had some special judges for the Senior speeches and the article below was written by Caroline Collie for the Sacred Heart newsletter. Having these exceptional young women take the time to model to our students the next stage of catholic education was a gift. I have written to the Principal to acknowledge their professional approach and commitment to helping judge for us. Caroline prepared five of our students for an impromptu speech "If I could change one thing in the world for the better I would....." to which they had to include the Mary MacKillop quote "Never see a need without doing something about it". We had some hilarious approaches to this topic. The courage each student showed to confidently present an impromptu speech after only ten minutes of preparation was fantastic. Ka Rawe!

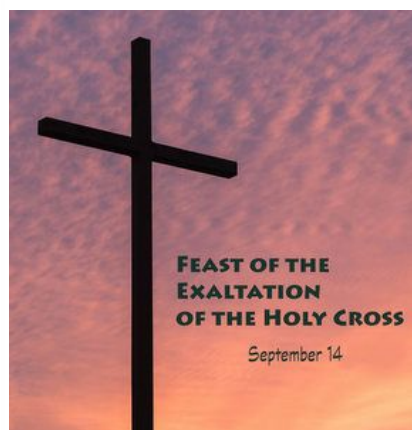


Having represented Sacred Heart at the Chanel Shield competition held earlier this year in Gisborne, Mia Gaier, Kira Schmidt, and Otobina Bio leapt at the chance to give back by using their time and talents in an evening of service, connection, and intense judging at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Te Kuiti. Kira presented her speech on Miha Maori as a showcase in the evening. All three students worked together to judge three different categories of speeches before delivering the results along with generous and encouraging feedback. The visit to St Joseph's school was a memorable experience for Otobina as this was her former primary school. The girls also had the opportunity to speak with some students who are considering attending Sacred Heart in 2023. Ka mau te wehi!

Ma te Wa. I look forward to seeing all the Grandparents next Thursday at 11.30am!
Suzanne.



Religious Education



Sunday 11th September 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Readers are often perplexed with the parable Jesus gives us today. The point of this passage is in the commendation of the dishonest steward, not for the moral quality of his behaviour, but for his worldly prudence in using the things of this life to ensure his future in this life. Believers should behave with prudence to ensure their eternal future. One might reflect on how diligently people work for the goods which pass while neglecting the goods that are eternal. Then reflect on oneself.

14th September Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Unlike Good Friday which focuses on the Crucifixion of Christ on the cross. This feast celebrates the cross itself as the sign of salvation.

The Dishonest Manager

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." Luke 16:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 16:1-13 (NIV).



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WELCOME	WORLDLY	STRONG	HATE	MANAGER
LOVE	WEALTH	DIG	RICH	BEG
GAIN	PEOPLE	ACCOUNT	WASTING	MASTER
TRUST	MONEY	PROPERTY	DEBTORS	DISHONEST

KARAKIA

E te Atua Manaaki mai,
E te Atua Awhina mai,
E te Atua Aroha mai,
Ake! Ake! Amene

Lord guide us,
Lord support us,
Lord love us
Forever and ever
Amen



Māori Prayer

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 more 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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

We have 10 families coming along to this programme each Tuesday night at 6.30pm. If you would still like to join please contact Father Joseph on 07 878 6417 or Mrs Downey on 021877861 for further dates and times. The next sessions are September 20th and 27th at 6.30pm in the school basement. We break for the holidays.



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:

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've collected. The more stickers and labels we have, the more sports gear we get to order! Thank you for your sterling effort this year!!!



THANK YOU:

Thank you to Matheus van Groenedaal who has donated his old bike helmet to the school for others to use for wheels day and/or bike week.

Matheus thank you for thinking up this idea independently of others. Ka Rawe!



NIKAU PARENT HUI LAST NIGHT:

How has your child transitioned from early childhood to school?

What does good learning and teaching look like?

These were a couple of questions that were discussed over a 3pm kuputī.

The purpose for the gathering was to introduce our New Entrant parents to one another and to start an learning community that will continue to grow as your children grow through our school.

Mrs Boroevich will hold another one in Week 2 of Term 4

Wednesday 26th of October. Each gathering will

have some curriculum sharing element to it. We want our community to learn alongside us and together shape the learning of our tamariki. Watch out for the next one! We hope to make them fun, informative and low key!



SPEECHES

Our school hosted the Senior speech finals last week, as you read about in Suzanne's comments for the week on page 2 in this newsletter.



Here are the results for a very successful evening:

Year 8

- 1st John Vianney Hutson - Why we should read paper books
- 2nd Sky O'Toole Parry - Why we should learn independently
- 3rd Ben Morris-Wilson - Why we should not wear uniform



Year 7

- 1st Harrison Matthews - The Cook Islands
- 2nd Hollie Kirkland - Electric Vehicles
- 3rd Zoe Hitchen - Space

Year 6

- 1st Thanya Pandian - Advertising
- 2nd Diohan Davao - Soccer Players
- 3rd Ivy Larsen - Why your parents should let you play video games



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

Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over
so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the scales,
we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord

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

R.: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers
offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and
thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in
authority, so that we may be able to live religious and
reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and
will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved
and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one
God, and there is only one mediator between God and
mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed
himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this,
sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a
herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no
lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up
reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples:

'There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced
to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for
the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me
up an account of your stewardship because you are not to
be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to
himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship
from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go
begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will
do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office
there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the
first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One
hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said,
"Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write
fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you
owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply.
The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his
astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute
in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win
you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they
will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who
can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the
man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in
great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that
tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And
if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will
give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will
either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first
with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the
slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord



Readings for next week: 27th September

First reading Amos 6:1,4-7

Psalm 145 (146): 7-10

Second Reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

