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Community Newsletter

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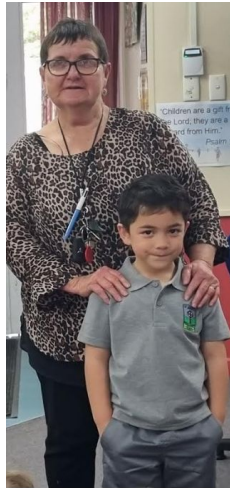
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WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL!

We would like to welcome Anthony Law to our school this week.

Anthony is the younger brother of Sophia in Rimu, and the son of Serafi and Gerard Law.

We hope you will enjoy learning with us, Anthony!!



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JESSICA HUTSON

Every day Jess Hutson is at school as part of the Breakfast in Schools programme. Jess sets up and feeds breakfast with Milo to any student who comes along. I personally want to thank Jess for her commitment to ensuring that students begin the day well fed. Along with the breakfast is always a lot of morning chatter and relationship building - so that is great too!

Thank you Jess for helping out at St Joseph's in this way.



PAID UNION MEETINGS: TEACHERS

Teachers in our school will be attending paid union meetings in the weeks of 14-25 November to discuss the progress of negotiations for their collective employment agreements, the proposed unified public service pay offer and their Wāwāhi Tahā | Time 4 Tamariki campaign.

Please see more information on this further into the newsletter.

WAITOMO TRAIL RUN FUNDRAISER THIS WEEKEND

We would like to thank those who offered to help this Saturday at this fundraising event.

We appreciate your support and that you are prepared to give up your time for our school.



UNIFORM

Thank you for getting back to us regarding our offer to order in hats. We've submitted the order and expect them to arrive soon.



CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The day for this celebration as a Parish is Sunday November 13th 2022 9.30am at St George's Church. Put it in your diary and come along and celebrate this special Mass with the children and their families. These students will be confirmed and take part in their first holy communion:

Jakob Espiritu
Macie Kearins
Derick Penny
Cyan Descallar
Fynce Laranjo
Iona Hutson



Congratulations to all of you!

WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

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

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

FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK THIS WEEK

Kia Ora Koutou e te Whanau

All Souls Day November 2nd follows All Saints Day, and begins the month where the church prayed for the faithful departed. We learn so much about life when we remember and pray for our loved ones. The children at school wrote the names of their loved ones on a card and placed it in the memorial box at the back of the church. Each time Mass is said this box will be placed on the altar and their loved ones prayed for. This happens every year at this time in our parish. Our All Souls Day Mass was very special. The school then visited the Te Kuiti cemetery with an abundance of flowers, and after they were blessed, very respectfully they placed them on the graves of their family members, friends, past parishioners or any other grave they felt needed some flowers. Thank you to the parents and parishioners who came along. Thank you for helping the children find the graves of their family members or for sending notes for us to help them. It was very special to be able to return this event into our curriculum calendar this year. Continue to pray throughout November for those who have died. May They Rest In Peace.



Regeneration

Year 7 and 8 students travelled to St John's in Hamilton on Monday to an event called Regeneration. The Youth Team in the Diocese run this annual event, which is retreat like in nature. It begins with Mass and ends with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Catholic schools in our Diocese attended and the many games and activities saw our students mixing alongside other Catholic students.



We continue our Athletics Skills practice, Progressive and Achievement Tests begin. We have our annual visit from the auditor, the board finance meet with the accountant to prepare the draft budget for 2023 and the staff attend a swimming professional development afternoon at Te Kuiti pools. On Sunday 13th our students make their First Holy Communion - if you want to see what happens - come along at 9.15am to St George's.

Enjoy the Disco !

Thank you so much to the team who initiated this evening for our students.

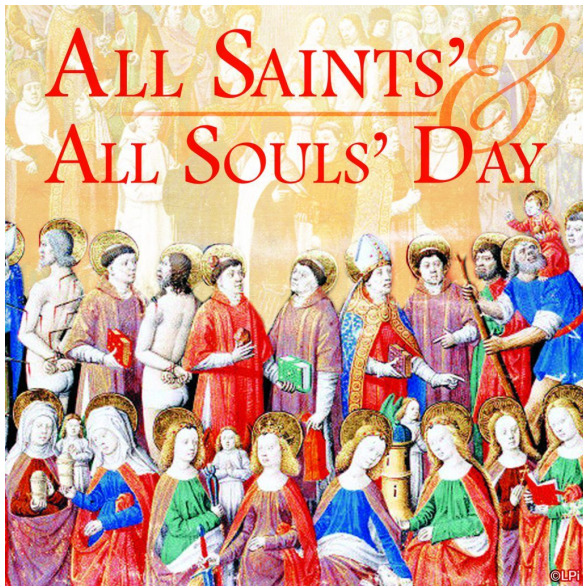
They sort approval, are well organised and above all motivated to give the students a great time!

Ma te Atua e manaaki

Suzanne



Religious Education



Sunday 6th November 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Jesus words to the Sadducees are words of hope for us today. At the moment of death, life is changed, not ended. In Jesus' strong affirmation of eternal life, it is clear that new intimacies and joys will replace those of this life. In the new life, all live face to face and, in that relationship, all are bound together.

1st November Feast of All Saints

A Christian solemnity celebrated in honour of all the saints of the church, whether they are known or unknown.

2nd November All Souls Day

Also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed, which is observed by Roman Catholics and other Christian denominations.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Amen



St Joseph's School and St George's Parish annual trip to the cemetery for All Souls Day



PARISH NEWS

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2023

These are now available at the back of the church.

SVDP BROWN BAG APPEAL 2022

It's that time of year again, the annual SVDP Brown Bag appeal will begin on the first Sunday of Advent. All donations are given to local families in need.

4th November

5.30pm – 7pm

St Joseph's Catholic School Te Kūiti

SCHOOL DISCO

THEME:
Costume Party!

Optional to dress in
your favourite
costume

The Disco will be held in the school basement and students must stay in attendance until 6.30pm. Each child will receive a free sausage, popcorn and juicy, please bring own water bottles. Younger siblings are able to attend and must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver

Students walking home unaccompanied after the disco must have a permission slip returned by Wednesday 2nd November

PERMISSION SLIPS

Permission slips will be sent home to be completed if you'd like your student to be allowed to walk home after the event.



Mini Photo Sessions

St Joseph's Catholic School Fundraiser

Where: St Joseph's School Basement
26 Seddon Street
Te Kuiti

When: 9.30am – 2.30pm Saturday 19 November 2022
9.30am – 2.30pm Saturday 26 November 2022

Cost: \$10 per 5 minute session
Includes one free digital file (selected by Photographer)
Additional photos \$10 each
1 Session per child
1 group session can be booked for siblings (i.e. if you have 3 children this would cost \$40 for all sessions)

Info: Multiple scene sets to choose from
This mini photo sessions is for children only
Photos will be emailed within 2 weeks of shoot
Bookings will be confirmed upon payment

To book and for payment details please contact
Christelle Penny Christellepenny@gmail.com

Beyond The Shot Photography

SNAP SNAP!!

BOOK YOUR SESSION!

Time slots for the photo sessions are filling up fast.

Please contact Christelle on christellepenny@gmail.com to allocate a slot or two for your family to have their photos taken. Just in time for Christmas to be a great gift!!



PLEASE TAKE NOTE

TEACHERS PAID UNION MEETINGS

Teachers in our school will be attending paid union meetings in the weeks of **14-25 November** to discuss the progress of negotiations for their collective employment agreements, the proposed unified public service pay offer and their Wāwāhi Tahā | Time 4 Tamariki campaign.

This campaign aims to win smaller class sizes, more support for high needs students, better recognition of cultural skills, greater job security for our essential relievers and to fairly value and recognise the work of teachers.

There will be multiple options for meetings in the period of 14-25 November in order to minimise disruption to teaching and learning. Our school will aim to ensure the least disruption to children's learning while upholding the right of teachers to participate in their union meeting.

Please note that Pam and I will be looking after the school on this day. If parents would like to come and take their children home for the afternoon from 1.30pm, they have the option to do so.



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](#)



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

We've managed to collect over \$100.00 worth of sports gear from the Yummy Stickers we've sent off. Mrs. Matthews will be ordering some new sports gear soon. Thank you for your sterling effort this past year.

Please start collecting the Yummy stickers again as we are able to get free sports gear next year. The amount available to us to use depends on the number of stickers and labels we collect. The more stickers and labels we collect, the more sports gear we get to order!

Keep munching away everyone!!



First Reading

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the laws of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The word of the Lord

Psalm 16 (17):1,5-6,8-15

R: Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3.5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Luke 19:1-10

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

The Gospel of the Lord

'Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living'



Readings for next week: 13th November

First reading Malachi 3:19-20

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Psalm 97:5-9

Gospel Luke 21:5-19

