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Community Newsletter

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CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - 13 NOVEMBER 2022



Head to our website via this link [Confirmation and First Holy Communion](#) to access more photos of this very special day.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

- 9 December - Leavers Mass, Nativity and we will have a farewell function for Mrs. Boroevich
- 13 December - The Amazing Race after school and the Leavers Dinner, which will be held at the Panorama Motor Inn
- 14 December - the bus service will stop on this day
- 14 December - our End of Year assembly will be held and the final reports for the students will be handed out on this day.

More information about these functions will be sent out closer to the time.



ATHLETICS

We held our athletics day on Monday 14 November and we were very blessed to have wonderful weather up until the last word was said.

Please follow this link to see the photos of those students who received certificates for their efforts.

[St Joseph's Athletics 2022](#)

Interschool Athletics will be held tomorrow at Piopio College. The event will start at 9:15 am and our students will head there as soon as the bus is available to pick them up after the morning bus run.

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

The word 'values' is often used to explain why people choose one thing or one system over another for children. Catholic education has at its heart the Gospel Values such as love, peace, justice, compassion, reconciliation, service and community to modern social problems. They are the lens through which our community need to pass our decision making. So how can we all apply these Gospel values? We apply the Gospel Values through the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Here is the second one and a great practical example of it being applied at St Joseph's.



Participation

Nāu te Rourou,
Nāku te Rourou



Everyone Has A Part To Play

Promoting participation means recognising we each have something unique and important to contribute to society. As human beings we live in community with others, growing together. We are called to be active members of our local, national and global communities to improve the well-being of all people.

The participation and involvement of students and parents in the Athletics Day on Monday certainly recognised that we each have something unique and important to contribute to society. We saw tenacity, resilience, joy, compassion, helping hands and respect. The staff would like to thank all of our community who pitched in to make the Athletics Day at 'our place' such a success. We enjoyed the fact that we had the events close to each other and that families could easily see their children participating in different events. Do you have any feedback? We would welcome your whakaaro.

Congratulations to: Jakob Espiritu, Macie Kearins, Derick Penny, Cyan Descallar, Fynce Laranjo, Iona Hutson, Oliver Tupou and Charlotte Holmes on receiving their First Holy Communion and Confirmation Sacraments last Sunday. The Mass was very special for the families and a kai celebration followed in the basement. The programme will run again next year. You may like to start considering if your child will participate. If this involves having some questions answered please contact Father Joseph, Suzanne Downey or Theresa D'Ath. Some photos are in this newsletter. Please continue to come to Mass and play your part in building our community.

Our participation in the Waitomo Association of Arts Exhibition: We have received some lovely comments about our contribution to the Art Exhibition last week. Thank you Mrs Laver for seeing the opportunity to display the children's work at this event. Thank you Rimu and Kahikatea for such creative designs!

Ma te Atua e manaaki
Suzanne





Religious Education



O JESUS, OUR ETERNAL KING, REIGN IN OUR HEARTS. O JESUS, MOST MERCIFUL KING, REIGN IN OUR HEARTS.

Sunday 20th November Feast of Christ the King

This is one of the most striking passages in scripture. In the conversation between Jesus and the two thieves, we reflect on what was going on in their minds. The central message of Jesus, eager to free us from our sins and grant us the gift of everlasting life, brings out the deep meaning of the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, which we celebrate today.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or the Feast of Christ the King, is a feast in the liturgical year which emphasises the true kingship of Christ. Celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year.



Photos from last Sunday's celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Communion 2022



Derick Penny
Cyan Descallar
Charlotte Holmes
Oliver Tupou
Fynce Laranjo
Jakob Espiritu
Macie Kearins
Iona Hutson



PARISH NEWS

SVDP BROWN BAG APPEAL

The annual SVDP Brown Bag appeal will begin next week on the First Sunday of Advent. Bags will be available at the back of the church also a box for random items.

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

Tuesday 29th November 11am, St Patrick's Te Awamutu. Followed by the blessing of the clergy graves at the Catholic Cemetery in Ohaupo. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord.

CONGRATULATIONS FERN!

"Kia Ora, my name is Fern Kersel - Stubbs and on Friday the 11th of November I competed in the 12 years and under National Swimming Championships also known as the Junior Festival. This is a swimming competition in Hamilton.

I competed in two races which were the 50 metres breaststroke and 100 metres backstroke. I came second in the 50m breaststroke and fourth in the 100m backstroke event. I'm pretty sure i came fourth in the 50m breaststroke out of New Zealand for the 12 year old girls event."

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

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.



SNAP SNAP!!

BOOK YOUR SESSION!

There are still time slots left for next Saturday, 26th November. Please contact Christelle Penny on 027 4225234 to reserve a spot!

Thank you very much to the families who have supported this fundraising 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



First Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 121 (122): 1-5

R: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

Second Reading

Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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Readings for next week: 1st Sunday of Advent

First reading Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Reading Romans 13:11-14

Psalm 121 (122):1-2,4-9

Gospel Matthew 24: 37-44

