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Community Newsletter

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END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

- 9 December - End of Year Mass, Christmas Parade
- 13 December - Nativity and Farewell for Mrs. Boroevich, 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.



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

The students in Rimu Hub have been learning about the life cycle of tadpoles and frogs. This is some writing done by Teerira about this subject:

The Life Cycle of Frogs.

By Teerira



The mother frog lays hundreds of eggs in a jelly substance on the leaves under the water.

When the mother frog is gone, the father frog protects the eggs from predators like fish that live in the

pond.

After a few days, they gradually turn into tadpoles inside the eggs. Tadpoles have a long tail, are brown and black, and have gills to breathe underwater.

Over time, the tadpoles turn into froglets and then frogs. This means back legs grow, front legs pop out and their tail shrinks. Their gills turn into lungs so they can live both in the water and out of the water.



FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK THIS WEEK

Kia Ora Koutou e te Whanau

Mrs. Downey is away at camp today and from the photos on Facebook it looks like the Year 5 and 6 students are having a blast.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BAILEE MCLEAN!

We are always interested in hearing what our past students are up to. One of those students is Bailee McLean. Bailee attended St Joseph's School from 29 October 2009 to 14 March 2014 when her family moved away from Te Kuiti. She has just finished Year 13 at Taupo - nui - a - Tia College and she attained 1st placing in her subjects bar 1 and that was a 2nd placing. At the school's senior prizegiving on 3 November, Bailee was named Dux student for 2022.

"Dux" is latin for leader. The Dux award in High School is an award given to the student with the highest academic achievement in the whole year and, depending on the school, can also mean that you also have good extra-curricular activities to support that high level of academic achievement. It is equivalent to the American term "Valedictorian".

SENIOR PRIZE WINNERS AT TE KUITI HIGH SCHOOL

We would like to celebrate our past students who attend Te Kuiti High School who have received awards for their hard work this past year.

Riya Sanchal received the Buttimore Cup for Endeavour - this prize is awarded to the student who endeavours to achieve highly academically across all of their Subjects.

Callum Hedley received Waipa Glass Award for Top Year 13 Carpentry Student.

Felicity Fuentes received the Perseverance Award - this is given to a student who shows diligence and perseverance throughout the year and she received the University of Otago Vice-Chancellor's scholarship for International Students as well.

Yasmin Hitchen received the Kearins' Trophy for the student with the Best All Round Academic Achievement in Year 11, Outstanding Achievement Award for English, Digital Technologies, Mathematics and Science, Borgas Cup for Senior Computing and the Rae Pullman Cup for Excellence in Social Studies.

These were not the only past students from St Joseph's School who received awards.

Follow this link:

[Prize winners](#)

to see the other students who received awards who had been students at St Joseph's School.

Well done, we are very proud of all of you!

WHAKAKĀHORETIA TE KAIKIRI.
KOTAHĪ ANŌ TĀTOU I ROTO I TE KARAITI.

**SAY NO TO RACISM.
WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST.**





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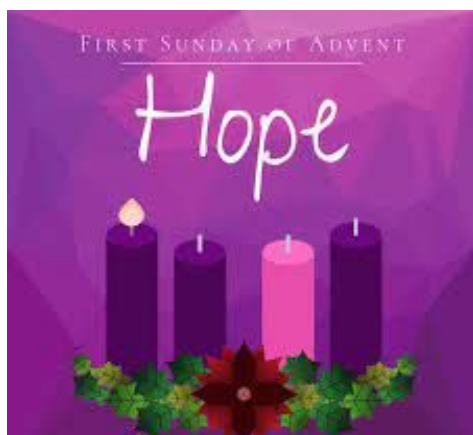
Sunday 27th November 1st sunday of Advent

As

we begin our new church year in Advent we are reminded of our main purpose in life – to be ready and looking forward to our eventual home with the Lord. This call can come suddenly upon us. But the Lord wishes us to be his friend when he calls us and offers this friendship to us throughout our lives. We can develop our own personal friendship with the Lord.

1st Sunday of Advent

We light the candle of hope.



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WIVES
FIELDS
AWAKE

EATING
HUSBANDS
WOMEN
BURGLAR

DRINKING
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MILLSTONE
READY



PARISH NEWS

SVDP BROWN BAG APPEAL

The annual SVDP Brown Bag appeal will begin this week. Bags are available at the back of the church also a box for random items. The supermarket trolley will be at the school also for items to be dropped off.

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.

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, speak to someone in the office, email the office, text on 027 878 8190 or send through an absence notice from the website: [Report an Absence](#)



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 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!!!



DATES TO ADD TO YOUR DIARY!

PLEASE HEAD TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE: <https://www.stjosephk.school.nz/calendar/>

SNAP SNAP!!

BOOK YOUR SESSION!

There are still time slots left towards the afternoon for this 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



CAROLS in the CAVES 2022

presented by

Waitomo Caves Choir



7pm Friday, 9th December

7pm Saturday, 10th December

7pm Sunday, 11th December

WAITOMO GLOWWORM CAVE

Tickets available from Waitomo Museum

from Monday, 28th November 2022 - Tel. 07-878-7640

Entry by suggested donation of \$20 includes supper after the concert.



First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord

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

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

Second Reading

Romans 13: 11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Matthew 24: 37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord

'Stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming'



Readings for next week: 2nd Sunday of Advent

First reading Isaiah 11: 1-10

Second Reading Romans 15: 4-9

Psalm 71 (72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

