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Community Newsletter

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END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS - PLEASE TAKE NOTE

- 9 December - End of Year Mass at 9:15am, Christmas Parade - start at 6pm
- 13 December - Nativity play will be at 11am, Farewell for Mrs. Boroevich to start at 1pm, The Amazing Race starts at 3.30pm and, The Leavers Dinner, which will be held at the Panorama Motor Inn starts at 6pm. Invitations to go out next week.
- 14 December - the bus service will stop on this day
- 14 December - our End of Year assembly will be held at 10:30am and the final reports for the students will be handed out on this day.
- School is open
- 16 December: If you are sending your student/s to school on this day, please arrange to have them collected at 12 noon.



THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the parent helpers who went to camp and who helped with coaching sports during the year. Without your help, the students would not have been able to participate. Thank you very much for helping create these opportunities for them.



SANTA PARADE 2022

The annual Santa Parade held by the Waitomo District Council will take place on Friday, 9 December 2022. We are entering a float to take part in the parade. The parade will start at 6pm and our float needs to be ready to go and parked in Rora Street by 5.30pm.

The theme this year is "A Kiwi Christmas". Our take on this theme will be "Walking in the footsteps of Jesus in our jandals". The float has high sides, and jandals will be fixed to the sides with cable ties and a large cardboard cut out in the shape of a jandal will go onto the float.

We would like to ask that you send a pair of your child's jandals (and if they have an extra pair they have grown out of) to school between this week and next week. The students will write their name on one of the jandals so we can identify them after they've been taken down, off the float. They will write their age on the other jandal, like in the picture. There is space for 1 adult and 6 little children on the float. The students who will go on the float need to be dressed in school uniform and have a drink bottle and a snack with them. Please call Christelle Penny on 027 4225234 to reserve a spot for your little one.



FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK THIS WEEK

Kia Ora Koutou e te Whanau

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

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



SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK
TE WĪRO O TE WHĀITIKA
4-10 SEPTEMBER
www.caritas.org.nz



CARITAS NEW ZEALAND
The World's Poor are our priority

Common Good
He Painga mā te
Katoa



The Good of Each and All

Commitment to the common good means respecting the rights and responsibilities of all people. Our actions have an impact on wider society. It is up to every one of us – governments, communities and individuals – to promote the common good.

When we make decisions, we should choose to consider the good of all.

No one should miss out on the opportunity to grow and fulfil their potential. Each and every person deserves to have what they need to survive and flourish.

I saw at Camp Epworth this week some fine examples of our Year 5/6 students committed to the common good of the group. They were a fabulous group to take away and to see them grow as a team and become inclusive of each other in games and activities spoke clearly about the reasons why we build Education Outside the Classroom into our curriculum. Thank you to the parents who came along and were so supportive, skilled and helpful.



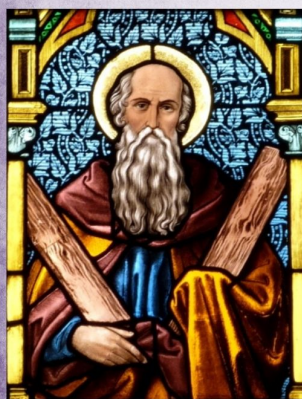
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Religious Education

NOVEMBER 30

Feast of St. Andrew, the Apostle



"The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ)."

John 1:41

Sunday 4th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

The

focus of today's Gospel is John the Baptist. But his focus is always on the One who is to come and who is more powerful and greater than he is. We are called to turn our attention also to the One who is coming after John. In this season of Advent we focus on Jesus whom John the Baptist is preparing the way for. In these often very complicated times how refreshing it is to hear a clear and straightforward message. Repent, sort out your priorities and take stock of your life. Are we ready to do this? Are we prepared to change if needed?

30th November St Andrew the Apostle

An apostle of Jesus and the brother of Simon Peter. He preached the Gospel of Christ around the world before being sentenced to death in Greece. He was one of the very first followers of Christ and reported to his brother Peter, 'We have found the Messiah'.

2nd Sunday of Advent

We light the candle of Peace



The trolley for the SVDP Brown Bag appeal needs to be filled!! We usually put together over 20 bags for the local food bank, other organisations and individuals struggling at this time .



Congratulations to Fr Leonard Danvers and Fr Joe Stack who have been made Monsignors by Bishop Steve Lowe



PARISH NEWS

SVDP BROWN BAG APPEAL

The annual SVDP Brown Bag appeal has begun. 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 COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

6pm on Tuesday 6th December at VJ Williams Chapel 33 Kings Street Te Kuiti. Opportunity for friends, family and whanau to remember loved ones in a community remembrance service.



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!!!



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS! DO YOU NEED CHILD CARE?

The Kiwi Kids Club is open from the 14th Dec to the 21st Dec. The Kiwi Kids Club will be closed from the 22nd Dec and reopen on the 16th Jan to the 3rd Feb. They are open Monday to Friday 7.30am to 5.45pm Winz subsidy available. They have an awesome programme planned e.g Pools, Movies, Leap, Time Zone, Ninja Valley, Luge, Waimarino Park, CamJets, Beach, Zoo, McDonalds, Cooking, Tie dying, Making wax wraps, Photo transfers, Water play, Games. Wiggs will be putting on a van to pick children up from Te Kuiti. Limited seats. For more info and cost or to enroll your child in for what days 021491616.



MINIBALL SINGLET

Please remember to return your miniball singlet by next week.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

To our Most Improved Students on Maths Whizz - Gold for Risha, Silver for Thanya and Bronze for Zoe! Hollie Kirkland received a certificate for her participation in the regional speech finals. Well done to all of you!!



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 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord

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

R: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

Second Reading

Romans 15: 4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Matthew 3: 1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord

'he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire'



Readings for next week: 3rd Sunday of Advent 'Gaudete'

First reading Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10

Psalm 145 (146): 6-10

Second Reading James 5:7-10

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

