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Community Newsletter

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WELCOME

We would like to welcome the following staff and students to our school:

- Mrs. Kristin Kearins will be teaching in Nikau from this year,
- Mr. Neil Brooks and Mr. Mike Rogers will be support staff in Kahikatea,
- Mrs. Pamela Dickinson will also be support staff in Kahikatea,
- Stella Ponninghouse started school in Nikau. She is the daughter of Danika and Jason,
- Fiona Davao started school in Nikau and she is the daughter of Fides and Diemel. Her older brother, Diohan is in Kahikatea,
- Lilly Beros - Adamson started at our school in Kahikatea. She is the daughter of Mathew Beros and is related to Sophie Grainger.



KIWISCHOOL'S APP

We would like to recommend the use of this application as it is a one stop shop for all school information and about what is happening at school.

This app can be downloaded via the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (Android) by searching for the Kiwischools App.



DATES TO ADD TO YOUR DIARY!

PLEASE KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING AT OUR SCHOOL BY HEADING TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE: [St Joseph's Calendar](#)

FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK THIS WEEK

Kia Ora Koutou e te Whanau. Talofa, Kumasta

WHAKAKĀHORETIA TE KAIKIRI.
KOTAHĪ ANŌ TĀTOU I ROTO I TE KARAITI.
**SAY NO TO RACISM.
WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST.**



A warm welcome back to all our families to 2023. The starting roll for the kura is 68 students. Kahikatea roll is 29. Rimu roll is 27 and Nikau is 12.

Thank you for preparing your children so well and attending to uniform and stationery needs. If there is any support needed to initially resource stationery or uniforms please do not hesitate to contact me. It is our school character to ensure that there is equal opportunity for all students and we are here to help meet that goal with you.

In my last newsletter I talked about whakawhanaungatanga, how in our connected humanity we are invited to build relationships to understand what life is like for others. The main focus in our classrooms this first few days as been just that, getting to know and understand the lens that each of us sees the world through. How exciting is that! As parents we can challenge/reflect/change/discuss/explore our own lenses and build a shared understanding of what life is like for others.

Let's get connected! I encourage all families to ensure they are connected to the Seesaw App. This is our main learning platform. It is your main connection directly with your child's class and their teacher. Each class hub post at the beginning of each week.

Details for the Kiwischools app are also in this newsletter. Download this app and get connected. You will see links to newsletters/messages/the website and the school calendar. You can also contact the school and register an absence from this app. It is the admin link to your kura.

Celebrate and Congratulations to our 2023 Leaders. This group has an amazing skill set.

2023 is an opportunity for them to learn to put their thinking about others into action through leadership.

Let us all recognise and encourage them!



Head Students: Cameron Downey and Zoe Hitchen
Catholic Character Spiritual Leaders: Hollie Kirkland and Eti Tanielu-Lava
Sport Leader: Charlotte Holmes
Social Leader: Fern Kersel-Stubbs

Pompallier House Leaders: Fern-Kersel-Stubs and Eti Tanielu-Lava
MacKillop House Leaders: Hollie Kirkland and Eddie Penny
Assisi House Leaders: Cameron Downey and Zoe Hitchen



Religious Education

ASH ✝️
WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 22ND

Sunday 12th February 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 These sayings of Jesus, part of the great Sermon on the Mount, are among those which would eventually lead to his crucifixion. He is recalling the teaching of Moses, the great Law-giver, with the expression, "You have heard it was said of old..." But He now adds, "But I say to you..." The implication here is that He is a more authoritative person than Moses. The influential leaders who were unsympathetic to the person of Jesus met his saving message with hostility. They were resistant to his preaching of a kingdom which demanded a higher standard of human conduct than that called for by Moses. Jesus is proclaiming a new era. Will we be a part of it?

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ABOLISH COMPLETE PURPOSE
 KINGDOM HEAVEN VIRTUE
 ANCESTORS KILL ANGRY
 ALTAR THRONE FOOTSTOOL



PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU

A big thank you to those who took part in the working bee to clean up the presbytery, and to those who provided refreshments.

EMERGENCY FLOOD RESPONSE APPEAL

The Diocese of Auckland is running an appeal for those impacted by the Auckland floods through the Catholic Care Foundation. More specific info about donating for Auckland flood relief is on the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/aucklandcatholic>) and includes a link to donate on the Foundation website: <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate>

WEEKEND RETREATS

March 3-5 Cluny Retreat Centre, Tauranga. This silent Ignatian retreat features daily Mass, and individual spiritual direction with Fr Richard Shortall SJ each day. Beginning on Friday 7pm (dinner not provided) and finishing on Sunday after lunch. Places are limited to 8. \$110 fee payable by credit card.

March 24 - 26, 2023 Tyburn Monastery, Ngakuru

This silent Ignatian retreat features individual spiritual direction with a priest. Beginning Friday at 6:30pm with dinner and finishing on Sunday afternoon, this retreat is fully catered and each private room has its own ensuite. \$118 fee payable by Credit Card. Places are limited to 5 participants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

SCHOOL FEES

Please take note that St Joseph's School do not charge "school fees". Our Board of Trustees have opted in on the government donation scheme for schools. That means parents do not need to send a donation to school. The school is able to charge parents for sports subs for the various sports codes offered to our students and overnight stay costs for school camps.

The funds payable to the Diocese are called **Attendance Dues**. This is payable to the Diocese directly, not to the school.

We have been advised that a letter has been sent to Parents / Caregivers regarding an increase in the dues. For primary aged students the dues come to \$466.00 per annum incl GST.

With these amounts increasing, we realise that financial assistance may be necessary.

We are more than happy to assist any families who wishes to apply for financial assistance, with any information they may need.

Otherwise follow the added link to our website to download the necessary forms to apply for financial assistance and send the completed forms to Suzanne and we will forward them to the Diocese. [Financial Assistance Attendance Dues](#)

Please be advised that this information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

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](#) or from the KS app.



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 last year!!!



TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Our teachers will have Teacher Only Days on 20 March and 24 April 2023. We are giving you advanced notice to enable you to make alternative arrangements for your students on these dates as there will be no school for them. Thank you

READINGS AND GOSPEL FOR 12th FEBRUARY

First Reading **Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21**

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 118 (119):1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

R: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord



'I have come to fulfil them'

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

The Gospel of the Lord

Readings for next week:

First reading Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13

Gospel Matthew 5:38-48

