

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## St. George's Parish

## Community Newsletter

Term 1 - Week 4  
20 February - 24 February 2023

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### **SWIMMING SPORTS NEXT WEEK!**

All children will be participating in races or a swimming display. The children will be transported to the pools by bus. The first event will start at 9.30am. Please follow this link to see the programme for the day:

[2023 Swimming Sports Timetable](#)

**Yr 1-2 children will put on a swimming display at approximately 12.00pm.**

- If your child cannot swim on this day, please ring the school or send a signed note.
- Kahikatea are organising the BBQ. Food will be on sale for lunch, please send along some \$ to support our fundraising efforts for the hub. On sale will be sausages and bread, Baking and Juices.
- We would appreciate some helpers on the day. Please let the office know if you can help. We also need some helpers at 8.30am to set up gazebos and tables. Then at the end of the day to take everything down, please just turn up at the pools ready to help.
- Waitomo Inter-School Swimming will be on Friday 10th March. Please note we will need parent helpers for timing. If your child is selected to represent our school, please keep this date available.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to contact the school.

We look forward to seeing you there.

St Joseph's Staff

### **ST JOSEPH'S TRYATHLON**

This year we will host our Tryathlon again. The date set for this will be 16 March 2023 with the postponement date set at 22nd March. More information about this will be sent to you in the following weeks.

As part of the Tryathlon preparation we will be having a Bike Week in week 6 of this term. Children will have the opportunity to bring their bikes to school and take a daily ride with their teachers to gain confidence and prepare for this event.



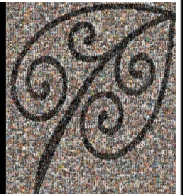
### **DATES TO ADD TO YOUR DIARY!**

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.**



There have been so many amazing stories of communities coming together across New Zealand to help out those in need. What will our response be?

I've been in touch with some personal situations and also the Catholic Principals have come together to support children and families within our schools. We want to get our students involved in a fundraiser to raise some money, as this seems to be the best help. They are also connecting with a Hawke's Bay School to offer our support and encouragement through words and prayer.

The specific needs and places of connection are becoming clearer each day as the clean up continues. We have time to show solidarity now and into the future.

There will be an upcoming fundraising event for Gabrielle, at school, run by our students in the near future.

If anyone is willing to come with ideas and help, please do not hesitate to contact the office or speak to a teacher or senior leaders - Cameron and Zoe.

**CHALLENGE: HE WERO:** Is the first weeks Theme or Kaupapa Matua of Lent. It couldn't be more appropriate considering the challenges families in the disaster zones face, and those challenges we have of how best to help? Pope Francis says:

**"Challenges exist to be overcome! Let us be realists, but without losing our joy, our boldness and our hope-filled commitment. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of missionary vigour!"**  
**Pope Francis**



It is our faith and trust in God that helps us through the challenging time. There is always hope in darkness.

Shrove Tuesday -  
Pancake Cafe



Father Rico, celebrated Ash Wednesday Mass for us on Wednesday. The children have given him a warm welcome. Father Rico is pictured here with Bishop Steve Lowe.



**Want to make a personal donation for Cyclone Relief:**

The Catholic Caring Foundation has an appeal  
See <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate> for details and donation options.  
Your donation will be used by the various agencies of the dioceses of Palmerston North and Hamilton in the recovery relief. Using their networks, they will channel what you give to those in need.

**"I am the light  
of the world"**

- John 8:12

**"Ko ahau te  
whakamārama  
o te ao"**

- Hoane 8:12



# Religious Education



## 26th February 1st Sunday of Lent

At his baptism by John, Jesus had heard the voice of God the Father identifying him, a young village carpenter, as his beloved Son. Here he reflects on the challenges of this radically new mission, human temptations that we all experience. Are we tempted, like Jesus here, to selfishness, to put my personal needs first? Do I want to attract notice, to be popular, a celebrity? A sense of power is intoxicating. Do I want to be influential, dominating others, rather than serving them, being kind and generous?

### LENT

The 40 days leading up to Easter (excluding Sundays) where Christians prepare for Easter by focusing on solemnity, fasting and prayer. A time of renewal, reflection and reconciliation.

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## PARISH NEWS

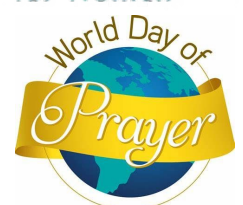
### DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

Monday March 6th 7-9pm. Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Grey St Hamilton

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year will be hosted at St George's Catholic Church on 3rd March at 11am. Collection taken for Christian World Services, Bible Society and Hospital Chaplaincy.

Morning tea will follow.



## PLEASE TAKE NOTE

### 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



### 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.

### 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.



### STATIONERY FOR 2023

If you have not ordered your student's stationery yet, please do so by following this link [Stationery](#) to the myschool website. We have an All of Government agreement with Officemax to offer our parents very reasonable prices for the stationery your student will need for school this year. Thank you



### RUGBY NEWS:

There is a time change regarding the training of the Under 13 Waitete rugby team.

***The training on Sunday, 26 February will be at 8am.***



### CHROMEBOOKS FOR YEAR 5 to 8 STUDENTS

If you have indicated that you would like to buy a chromebook for your Year 5 to 8 student, these chromebooks can be picked up at Te Kuiti Primary School on Tuesday, 28 February.

### THANK YOU TO MR. BROOKS

For the table donated to the school - be rest assured it will be put to good use.





**First Reading**

**Genesis 2:7-9; 3: 1-17**

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

*The word of the Lord*

**Psalm 50 (51):3-6,12-14,17**

**R: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned**

**Gospel**

**Matthew 4: 1-11**

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**'You must worship the Lord your God,'**



**Readings for next week: 2nd Sunday of Lent**

*First reading Genesis 12:1-4*

*Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:8-10*

*Psalm 32 (33): 4-5,18-20,22*

*Gospel Matthew 17:1-9*

