

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Community Newsletter

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### SWIMMING SPORTS

Everyone had a fabulous time at the swimming sports this week. Thank you for your support with our camp fundraiser. There are more photos of the day on our Facebook page.



### 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.



### WINTER SPORTS SIGN UP

Please turn to page 6 in the newsletter for more information about this.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE IF YOUR STUDENT WANTS TO PLAY NETBALL WE NEED THE FORM BACK ON MONDAY, 6 MARCH! THE TEAMS MUST BE REGISTERED NEXT WEEK.**

### DATES TO ADD TO YOUR DIARY!

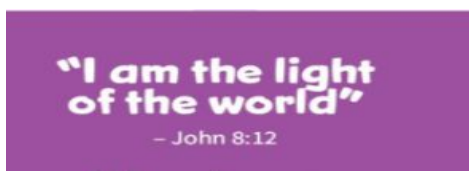
PLEASE KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING AT OUR SCHOOL BY HEADING TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE: [St Joseph's Calendar](#)

## 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.



Wiki Tuatahi - Week One was called Te Wero "Challenges" The students inquired into their own challenges and learnt about how Jesus was challenged in the desert. They were challenged to consider how they would "let their light shine" this Lenten season.

Here is one of the suggestions:

**Don't buy anything that you don't need! If you can live without it. Give it up for Lent. Collect the money that you would have spent and think of ways you could use it for the good of others.**

Wiki Tuarua Week 2's, Kaupapa Matua or Theme is **TRANSFORMED - KUA WHAKAHOUTIA.**

Change can be difficult and hard to understand. But it also can be a positive experience - especially in the long run. The students this week go up the mountain with Jesus and listen to his voice.



**"It is love that transforms:  
ordinary things become extraordinary when  
they are done with love."  
Pope Francis (Twitter)**

**St Joseph's Swimming Sports:** This annual event was held on Tuesday. A huge thank you to all the parents who came forward to help on the day. I can honestly say that the energy and support from our community made this possibly the best day ever! Thank you. Our student leaders spent time organising their banners, chants and house relay team's. They were caring and helpful on the day as well as swimming in their own races! Well done! Special thanks to Mrs Kirsten Erasmus and Mrs Rachael Laver for their organisation of the day as well as jumping in the pool and challenging those senior swimmers! The pack up was swift enabling the staff to get to their paid union meeting.

Thank you again. Nga Mihi o te whanau.

**Waitomo Swim Sports are Friday 10th March:** Students will be given entries and permission slips this week.

**Catholic Interschools Intermediate Swimming Sports Monday 20th March:**

Eligible Year 7/8 students will be given info about this day. I encourage you to go to this event at Waterworld in Hamilton if you can. **Note that this event is on our Teacher Only Day.**





# Religious Education



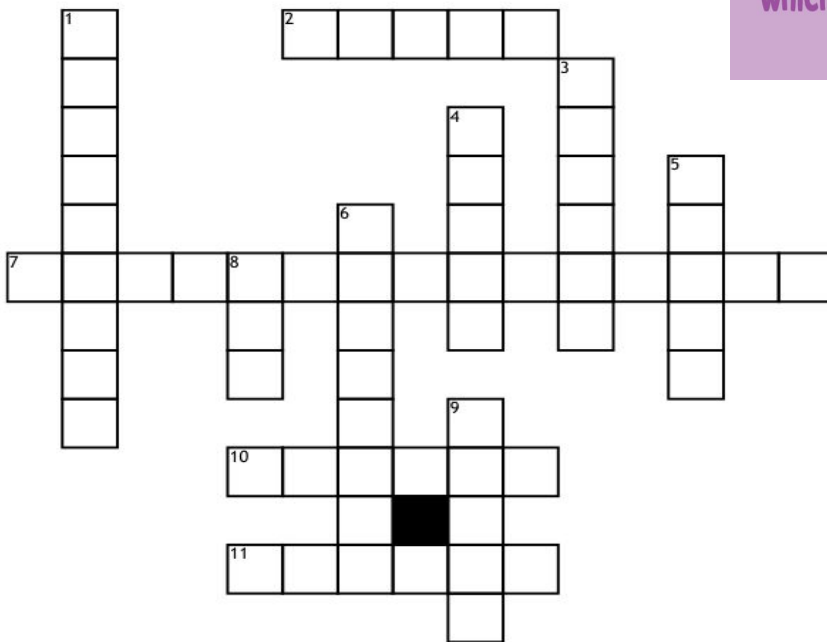
Welcome Mass and Picnic for Fr Rico

## 5th March Second Sunday of Lent

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Transfiguration. The disciples see Jesus revealed in all his divine glory. It is a special moment for them, as Peter confirms – 'it is good for us to be here'. The voice of God the Father resounding from the cloud has an important message to convey to the disciples, and us - 'Listen to him'. A listening heart is a heart warmed by the love of God, and taught by his words. The one we listen to is the Son of God, Jesus, transfigured in his humanity.

## Transfiguration



*"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."*  
Romans 12: 2



### Across

2. Speaking with Jesus, he brought the 10 Commandments to the Israelites  
7. Changing from one appearance to another  
10. The disciples were \_\_\_?\_\_\_ when Jesus was speaking with the two men from heaven  
11. God told the disciples to \_\_\_?\_\_\_ to God

### Down

1. A caterpillar can transfigure into a \_\_\_?\_\_\_

3. He warned the Israelites to stop worshiping Baal, a foreign god  
4. God appeared to Jesus in a \_\_\_?\_\_\_  
5. Jesus' face and robes turned bright \_\_\_?\_\_\_  
6. Moses and Elijah both performed \_\_\_?\_\_\_ with God's help  
8. God called Jesus his \_\_\_?\_\_\_  
9. \_\_\_?\_\_\_, John, and James were with Jesus



## PARISH NEWS

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday through Lent at St George's Church at 6.30pm.

### DONATIONS TO CYCLONE APPEALS

Parishioners who wish to support the various appeals that Bishop Steve or Caritas have initiated. can do so by placing their donation in a marked envelope, also including their name and/or planned giving number (if known). Their donation will be banked in the local parish account, and the total donated will be forwarded to whichever agency is designated. This will ensure that donors will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

## 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](#)



### HEAD LICE

It seems these little critters have made an appearance again. Please check your children's hair for signs of headlice. The District Nurse has a brand new user friendly product to use to rid the hair of head lice.

HealthE Dimethicone 4% Lotion is very gentle and effective head lice treatment. Unlike other head lice treatment, HealthE Dimethicone 4% Lotion is an odourless, non-chemical lotion that does not contain pesticides and can be used on all hair types and multiple times because lice do not become resistant to this type of formulation. Please contact us if you need some of the product.



### CHROMEBOOKS FOR YEAR 5 to 8 STUDENTS

We will let you know as soon as we know the next available date to pick up the devices.

### NEW CITIZENS OF NEW ZEALAND

We would like to congratulate Joseph Kizhakkeveetil Joseph, Victoria Kurisinga and Preeti Bahuguna on becoming New Zealand citizens in February 2023. Joseph and Victoria are the parents of Evangeline in Nikau and Preeti is the mother of Priya and Dev Bahuguna in Rimu and Kahikatea respectively.





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There has been a positive response to supporting this initiative for our Year 5-8 students.

Thank you for sending back the consent forms.

The first aspirational workshops are next week - Monday and Tuesday as below.

If the consent form is back, the students will participate.

Please see the schedule as followed:

## Exploring Aspirations Workshop Yr 7 & 8's

Date: **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Who: St Joseph's Yr 7 & 8's and Rangitoto's Year 7 & 8's

Venue: St Joseph's Basement

Time of Workshop: 9:30am – 10:30am

## Exploring Aspirations Workshop Yr 5 & 6's

Date: **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of March.**

Who: St Joseph's Yr 5 & 6's and Waitomo Schools Yr 5 & 6's

Venue: Waitomo School

Time of Pick up: 10:50am –

Workshop starts 11:10 am and finishes 12:10pm in Waitomo.

Rangatahi Pathway coordinators will pick up the Year 5/6 students with an accompanying teacher and return to St Joseph's at 12.30 pm.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MATUA AMAI

Matua Amai was part of Ngā Pua o Te Kōwhara Kapa Haka Roopu, who performed at Te Matatini herenga waka, herenga tangata festival last week. The school watched their performance. Watching brought joy and pride to us all. Tamariki saw Maori language, culture and heritage at its absolute best and the model of excellence was felt all over Aotearoa. Mihi to all those who represented their whanau hapu and iwi. What a gift they shared with us.



## SPORTS PAGE

### Swimming Sports Winners

6 Year old Girl	Charlotte Downey
7 Year old Girl	Iona Hutson
7 Year old Boy	Brayden Rickit
8 Year old Girl	Madelyn Were
8 Year old Boy	Beau Riley
9 Year old Girl	Eden Bradley
9 Year old Boy	Sam Kirkland
10 Year old Girl	Precious Reasonoda
10 Year old Boy	Cyan Descallar
11 Year old Girl	Ivy Larsen
11 Year old Boy	Noah Murrell
12 Year old Girl	Fern Kersel-Stubbs
12 Year old Boy	Cameron Downey



### WINTER SPORTS SIGN UP

We are putting together our Winter Sports Teams for 2023! The children are excited to get things started and we will be finalising teams by the **10th MARCH**. All forms need to be returned by then.

**NETBALL FORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED BY MONDAY 6TH March as registration for Junior Grade closes on the 7th March.**

Please have a look at the following sports available for your child and what teams they may play in

HOCKEY	NETBALL	FOOTBALL	RUGBY
Varied	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fun Sticks Year 0-2 Thursday Pukenui 3:30pm	Fun Ferns Year 1-3 Maniapoto Netball Courts 3:30pm	Pods 5-7 year olds Centennial Park 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Rippa 5-6 year olds NO tackle
Junior B Year 3-4 Thurs. THS, PPC, SJ 3:40pm	Junior Grade Year 4-8 Maniapoto Netball Courts 4:00pm	Graded 8-12 year olds Centennial Park 3:30pm or 4:20pm	Midgets 7-8 year olds ½ Field tackle
Junior A Year 5-6 Thurs. THS, PPC, SJ 3:40pm or 4:20pm			Jnrs 9-10 year olds Full field tackle Waitete club
Intermediate Year 7-8 Tues/Wed TKHS 3:40pm or 4:20pm			Snrs 11-12 year olds Full field tackle Waitete Club

Your student will bring a copy of this table home today. That copy will contain a permission slip for you to complete. Follow this link to the website for extra copies of the form: [Winter Sports 2023](#)



**First Reading**

**Genesis 12: 1-4**

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

*The word of the Lord*

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

**R: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you**

**Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:8-10**

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

*The word of the Lord*

**Gospel**

**Matthew 17: 1-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**'This is my Son, the Beloved; Listen to him.'**



**Readings for next week: 3rd Sunday of Lent**

First reading Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Psalm 94 (95): 1-2,6-9,

Gospel Matthew 4:5-42

