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Community Newsletter

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TEACHERS' STRIKE

Please take note that a Teacher's Strike is planned for Thursday, 16 March. We will know more about the situation around the strike action planned for Primary Teachers later today and will keep you updated.

This may happen on the same date when we planned to have our Tryathlon. If our teachers are involved in the strike, our Tryathlon will take place on the postponement date which is Wednesday, 22nd March.

ST JOSEPH'S TRYATHLON

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 via a notice, tomorrow.



NKCJ HOCKEY SKILLS AND DRILL SESSIONS

Friday 17 March and 24 March 2023. Follow this link for more info: [NKCJ Hockey Skills](#)

WAITETE RUGBY MUSTER

U11s: Players wishing to play for the Waitete RFC U11s team/s please attend a muster, Wednesday March 15th @ Rugby Park, Te Kuiti, by the Clubrooms 3.45pm. Coaches & Managers for this grade will be required so please come along as well.

Any queries: Contact Neil, 021895464

WAITETE U13s: Training is every Tuesday and Thursday at 4pm @ Rugby Park, Te Kuiti, by the Clubrooms. Starting Tuesday 7th March.

Any queries: Contact Jared 021550039



HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER

Your oldest and only student will bring the Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser form. We'll put a copy onto our website soon. Please follow this link: [Fundraising](#)

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

Lent 2023
Rēneti 2023

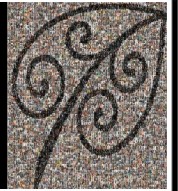
**"I am the light
of the world"**
- John 8:12

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

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



SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK
TE MĀHIO I TE WHĀNĀ
4-10 SEPTEMBER
www.caritas.org.nz



Wiki Tuatoru Week 3

The kaupapa Matua or Theme for Week 3 is LIVING WATER - TE WAI ORA and explores the Gospel Story of The Woman at the Well or Jesus Meets a Samaritan Woman John 4: 5-42.

It shows Jesus' unconditional love for the world. We see Jesus brushing aside all barriers and engaging on a deeply personal level. Jesus' heart is for all people, not just some.

It reminds us that only Jesus can offer salvation. He offers living water - eternal life.

It calls us to action - for each of us to go out and be light by spreading Jesus' mercy to those we meet each day.

*"The example of the Samaritan woman invites us to exclaim:
'Jesus, give me a drink that will quench my thirst forever.'"*

- Pope Francis

Our Amazing Staff!

This week I have unfortunately been ill with the 'bug' that is currently doing the rounds.

It is knocking about our tamariki as well and it seems that they are needing more recovery time from the lethargy, temps, aches and pains that seem to be ongoing.

I need to say a huge thank you to Kelly Williams and Kirsten Erasmus for their management of the school. With other staff members sick and limited relievers, bike week has been able to continue as planned and other across class adjustments have been made to keep the school open.

Nikau even got to experience a day in Rimu!



Waitomo Swimming tomorrow: All the best to our swimmers who are competing at this event tomorrow. I went to the Piopio Swim Carnival on Saturday and saw Imogen Hutson swim. Well done Imogen on entering and enjoying your day.

Tryathlon Thursday 16th March:

Youthtown, and their tutoring of bike skills have been much appreciated this week.

Next week this culminates in our annual Tryathlon - which was cancelled last year! Watch for the information coming out from Mrs Kearns about this event.



swim.bike.run.



Religious Education



12th March Third Sunday of Lent

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thought of Jesus sitting alone by the well is an invitation to be with him. As he looked at the woman, he looks at us: he longs to offer us life; he invites us to see the deeper meaning in what we do; he respects our dignity, asking us to do what we can for him. When Jesus says, "If you knew...", he reveals his desire to draw us into knowing God as he does. His open and generous heart is the heart of God, inviting us all to rest where we are known and loved, to find enduring life and lasting refreshment.

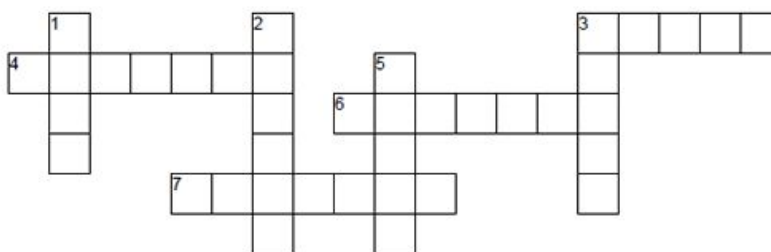
The Woman at the Well

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:10 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 4:5-26 (NIV)

1. Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.



ACROSS

3. An adult female
4. The one expected to come and save the world
6. A person who tells what will happen in the future
7. The man to whom a woman is married

DOWN

1. A deep hole in the ground from which we get water
2. The need or desire to drink something, especially water
3. A clear, colorless liquid which is necessary for life
5. To take in liquid through the mouth

WELL	WOMAN	WATER	PROPHET
DRINK	THIRST	MESSIAH	HUSBAND

PARISH NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday through Lent at St George's Church at 6.30pm. Wednesdays at Our Lady Otorohanga 4.30pm. Why not make a Lenten offering to attend one at least once.

TUESDAY MASS 5.30PM

There will be Mass every Tuesday at 5.30pm beginning next week.

RECONCILIATION FOR LENT

Tuesday March 21st at 7pm. Visiting priests will be in attendance.

SOUP FOR THE VULNERABLE

Are you interested in helping provide hot soup for the vulnerable in our community? This would be once a week from June - end of August. Ingredients would be provided. How and what this would look like to be discussed. Please contact Sharon 0210719774 for further information.



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



CHROMEBOOKS FOR YEAR 5 to 8 STUDENTS

A technician from TTS, our IT support service provider, is planning on being at the school to set up all the new chromebooks so they will connect properly with the school network.

If you bought you student/s a new chromebook last week from the WDET, please send the chromebook to school on Wednesday 15 March so Declan can attend to it.



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.



THANK YOU TO

A thank you from the parish via Michal Were for the help for the World Day of Prayer.

Thank you to Suzanne and Cameron for their help with the Powerpoint presentation .

Also a big thank you to the helpers for clearing the basement and putting the tables up, with tablecloths.



WINTER SPORTS SIGN UP

If you have not yet sent this form back to us, please do so as soon as possible in order to enable us to finalise the teams. ***We still need coaches and managers. If you're able to help in this regard it will be much appreciated. Coaches are able to set their own training times to fit in with their schedules.***





Hapori Hauora

Get your whole whānau together and come along...

***We're bringing health services to our Te Kūiti community
This is your chance to have a kōrero with a range of health
professionals and catch-up on important health matters***

***Hauora services for all the whānau
pēpi – tamariki – taiohi – pakeke – kuia and kaumātua
FREE sausage sizzle • FREE giveaways***

**Te Kūiti Maternity Resource Centre
20 Carroll Street, Te Kūiti
11am-4pm Friday 10 March 2023**

- Blood pressure and blood glucose testing
- Bowel Screening
- Breast Screening
- Cervical Screening
- Childhood immunisations, MMR and COVID-19 vaccination
- Hapū Wānanga
- Hypnobirthing
- I AM Yoga
- Maara Kai Roopu Maniapoto
- Ministry of Social Development
- Number 12 Youth Services
- Oral Health
- Stop smoking support
- Taumarunui Community Kokiri Trust
- Whānau Āwhina Plunket



First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord

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

R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord



Gospel

Matthew 4:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water

will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.'

Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship

must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.' (short version)

The Gospel of the Lord

Readings for next week: 4th Sunday of Lent - *Laetare!*

First reading 1 Samuel 16: 1,6-7,10-13

Psalm 22 (23)

Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel John 9:1-41

