

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Community Newsletter

Term 1 - Week 7  
13 - 17 March 2023

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## **REMINDER: TEACHER ONLY DAY ON MONDAY 20 MARCH 2023** **SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED**

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

On Wednesday 22nd March we have organised a TryAthlon for St Joseph's children. We are excited about all children participating in the event as it has been designed to be fun so that everyone can participate. The event is planned for the afternoon starting at 12.30p.m. We would welcome volunteers from our school community to assist in marshalling for this event.

Children will begin with a swim in the Te Kuiti pools, followed by a bike ride and finished by an adventure style obstacle run at Te Kuiti Domain. Junior children will be supported by our senior school leaders in the pool, on their bikes and on the run.

### **Following are details about the event for your information:**

- Parents and caregivers are asked to drop off and pick up their child's bikes from the Te Kuiti Pools. Drop off times will be between 8.30am and 8.45am on Wednesday morning. Rachael Laver will be there to meet you. Bikes will be stored safely here until later in the day. You may wish to bring your child's bike directly to the event however you will need to have the bike at the Te Kuiti pool by 12.00p.m.
- The event will start at the Waitomo Aquatics Centre - Te Kuiti at 12.45p.m.
- Please indicate below if you are not able to collect your child's bike at the end of the day. We will make arrangements for the bike to be brought back to the school.
- Children will be transported to the event by bus. If you are not collecting your child at the end of the day they will return to school on the bus.
- What to pack: Towel, underwear, socks and sneakers, goggles, drink bottle and a packed lunch.
- To raise money for those impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle the children will be asking for sponsorship for the completion of their TryAthlon 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

**Lent 2023**  
**Rēneti 2023**

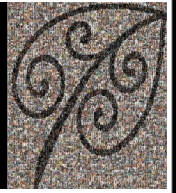
**"I am the light  
of the world"**  
- John 8:12

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

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



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



### **Wiki Tuawha Week 4**

The kaupapa Matua or Theme for Week 4 is **RESTORED - KUA WHAKAORANGIA**

and explores the Gospel Story of The Healing of the Blind Man John 9: 1-38.

The Pharisees were so focussed on Jesus breaking the law, healing on the Sabbath that they were unable to see God's hand at work. Jesus reminds us that rules and regulations should never get in the way of doing the right thing and acting with justice.

In what way can we open our eyes to the needs of others?



**"We must restore hope to young  
people, help the old, be open to the  
future, spread love."  
Pope Francis**



### **STRIKE DAY**

Thank you for the support for this day. Striking is never a desired option for teachers, yet we Strike on behalf of your children and their future. Parenting and Education are the two most important components of influence in a child's world, and they need to be right. All children must have opportunity to learn as they do best. We strike for that opportunity, for an environment where as teachers we can bring our best selves to the classroom, but also be able to give our own children the parenting they deserve at home too!

### **TEACHER ONLY DAY ON MONDAY 20th MARCH**

The timing of this day could not have been predicted. Firstly I want to say that this day has been planned since Term 4 2022. The staff are required Catholic Education nationally to have completed the course 'Living Life to the Full'. This course is a four day course. The staff will do part of it on Monday 20th and finish it over two extended staff meetings until the end of Term 1. This is commitment enough.

The staff each year take one Religious Education Teacher Only Day and this is it for 2023.

I apologise for the timing of this course, so soon after the Strike, however we have a presenter organised and the day needs to go ahead. **The school will be closed for instruction on this day.**

**Catholic Interschool Swimming:** All the best to Cameron Downey and Fern Kersel-Stubbs as they represent our school at this event on Monday 20th. We look forward to hearing your feedback about the day!

**Shots of Learning on a Wednesday!** I enjoyed the sun and the opportunity to share the learning of each learning space on Wednesday - chickens - tennis ball games - biking with Youthtown - and making patterns outside in the sun. I couldn't be more proud of our staff and the professional way they were integrating learning outside the classroom. The shots are on a separate learning page. Get the KiwiSchools App! It makes looking at the newsletter and communicating with the school so easy!

Nga Mihi - Suzanne



# Shots of Learning this Week



Thanks Youthtown for coming and finishing off the day we missed due to rain. The children were up for the big bikes today!



The whole school celebrated the arrival of our first chick Marvin!

Rimu, their teachers and our amazing chick expert parents have waited anxiously for this day!

Nikau went outside in the sun to do some Maths. Here they are making patterns using the attribute of colour.



Kahikatea learning a small ball catching game.





# Religious Education



*Laetare Sunday  
A day of HOPE  
Easter is near*



## 19th March Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday

The blind man not only receives his sight, but the courage to acknowledge what Jesus has done for him. "I am the man". In the full story in (John 9:1-38), when the Pharisees argue with him about how Jesus is a sinner breaking the law by healing on the Sabbath, he fearlessly replied, "He is a prophet". Finally when driven out of the temple and Jesus goes looking for him, we hear him say, "Lord, I believe." He now sees with the eyes of faith as well.

## 17th March Saint Patrick

A fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland" because he brought Christianity to Ireland. From there many Irish missionaries went on to convert Europe.

## Laetare Sunday

The fourth Sunday in Lent. Traditionally this Sunday has been a day of celebration, within the austere period of Lent. Laetare means: an internal inner joy that Easter is near.

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## PARISH NEWS

### 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**

If you would like to order a chromebook through the Waitomo District Education Trust, we do have order forms in the office to complete so they can purchase it on your behalf. Please let Elmarie know if you'd like your student to bring a form home to complete.



### **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](#)



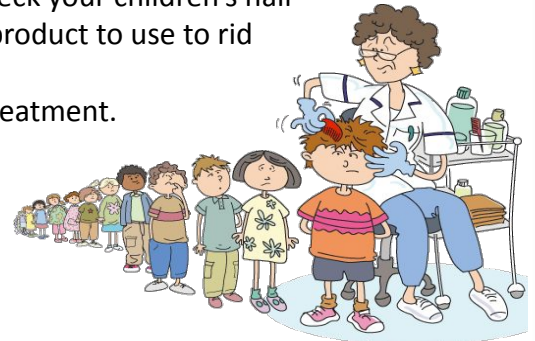
### **HEAD LICE**

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.



### **MOBILE DENTAL UNIT**

Please take note that the mobile dental unit is at Pukenui School at the moment. They are due to remain there for a while yet.

Please contact them on 021 487 914 if your student need to see them urgently.



### **HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER**

We've put a copy of the order form onto our website.

Please follow this link: [Fundraising](#)

### **UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please ensure that the contact information we have on file for you, is the most recent.

It is very important that we are able to reach you in case of an emergency. Please email the office with your most recent contact information. Thank you.





## SPORTS PAGE

### NKCJ HOCKEY SKILLS AND DRILL SESSIONS

Friday 17 March and 24 March 2023, 4pm to 5pm, at Te Kuiti High School.

All interested Year 7 & 8 players wanting to join the King Country Development Hockey should come to this muster.

The development squad practice once a week on a Sunday and play games in the Waikato Competition in Hamilton on Friday nights. Times will vary.

Full commitment is an expectation to scheduled games and training sessions.

Follow this link for more info: [NKCJ Hockey Skills](#)



### WAITETE RUGBY

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



### SEVENS TOURNAMENT

If your student is interested in taking part in this tournament, please complete the registration form he / she has brought home with them and send it back to school as soon as possible.

We will forward the completed forms to Monique Needham to place them into teams.

For more information please contact Monique Needham on [monique@tekuiti.school.nz](mailto:monique@tekuiti.school.nz)

Year 5-6 & Year 7-8

**WAITOMO RUGBY SEVENS TOURNAMENT**

**RUGBY PARK, TE KUITI**

**CHANGE OF DATE**  
**FRIDAY**  
**28th APRIL**

Team registration in by Monday 3rd April 2023.  
First 8 teams in each grade will be taken.

**ALL SCHOOLS WELCOME**

Contact Monique Needham at Te Kuiti Primary for further details - [moniquen@tekuiti.school.nz](mailto:moniquen@tekuiti.school.nz)

### 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.**



# ENCORE Academy

An opportunity to increase and develop your musical knowledge and skills with Encore, Beatrice Hofer and Glenys George.



## Who?

Beatrice Hofer and Glenys George will run the programme, with the help of Martha Ash and Encore members for individuals of all ages.

## What?

Project ENCORE has been created with vision, passion, and a desire to promote and develop the fundamentals of music. Beatrice Hofer and Glenys George will deliver the programme over six Saturdays in 2023. Sessions will include notation, basic music reading skills and sight singing.

In addition, there will be an opportunity to watch open lessons (Masterclasses) with Beatrice's students. We plan to create a slot for short singing lessons, solo or group, with Beatrice. Glenys will be available to teach piano or flute (one flute for hire is available).

The programme will develop throughout the year in response to feedback and assessment; the aim is to carry on in 2024. We are excited by the possibilities!

## When?

Mornings starting at 9am on the following Saturdays:

11th March 15th April 20th May 17th June\* 22nd July 2nd September 7th October

\*The JUNE SESSION is a stand-alone workshop open to the wider community on a topic of singing.

## Where?

St Bride's Church, 54 Haerehuka Street, Otorohanga

## Cost?

\$20 per session - individual or group lessons are extra - includes morning tea

## Join Encore Academy!

Register your interest by contacting Beatrice Hofer at [uandbhofer@gmail.com](mailto:uandbhofer@gmail.com).

This is an excellent opportunity to extend your musical journey.





**First Reading**

**1 Samuel 16: 1,6-7,10-13**

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

*The word of the Lord*

**Psalm 23 (24)**

**R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want**

**Second Reading**

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

*The word of the Lord*

**Gospel**

**John 9: 1-41**

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

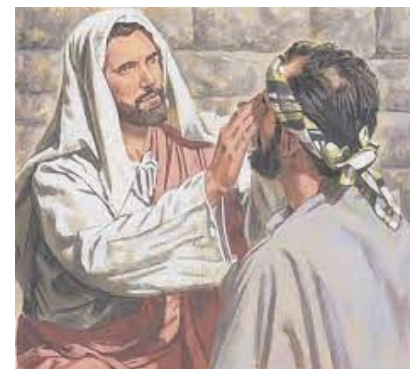
They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

*The man said,  
'Lord, I believe',*



**Readings for next week: 5th Sunday of Lent**

First reading Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second Reading Romans 8:8-11

Psalm 129 (130)

Gospel John 11: 1-45

