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St. George's Parish Community Newsletter

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WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

We would like to welcome Lachlan Finn to our school this week. Lachlan is the son of Belle and Michael and younger brother to Chloe in Rimu.

We hope you will enjoy learning with us, Lachlan!

TRYATHLON FUNDRAISER FOR CYCLONE GABRIELLE

Thank you to those who have sent money to support this effort. If you still have money outstanding for our fundraiser to help those affected by Cyclone Gabrielle, ***please send your sponsorship forms and cash to the office by Monday, 27 March.*** Thank you

HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER

Keep those Hot Cross Bun orders coming. Ask your neighbours, workmates, friends. ***Please bring your orders to school on Monday, 27 March 2023.***

Let's try to sell as many as you can, all profits benefit your children.

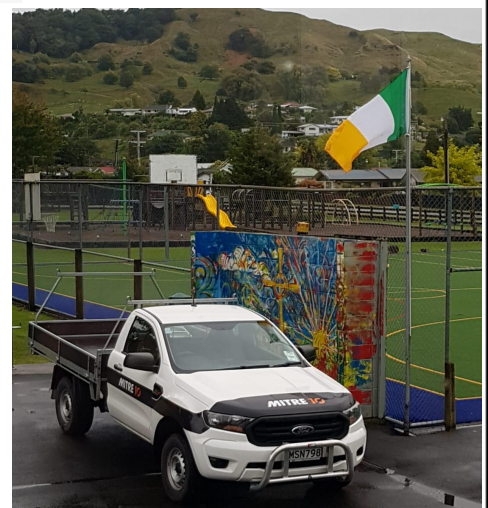
For more forms please follow this link:

[Fundraising](#)



THANK YOU

To Mr Paul Buist for giving us an Irish Flag to fly for St Patrick's Day, and to Mr Andrew Downey for fixing our flagpole and renewing the knots and string!



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

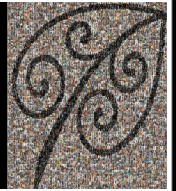
**"I am the light
of the world"**
- John 8:12

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 WHĀU TĀRA
4-10 SEPTEMBER
www.caritas.org.nz



Wiki Tuarima Week 5

The kaupapa Matua or Theme for Week 5 is **NEW LIFE - HEI ORANGA HOU**

and explores the Gospel Story where Lazarus is raised from the dead by Jesus.

Lazarus had been dead for four days and both Mary and Martha had absolute faith that if Jesus had been with Lazarus, he would not have died. Jesus showed

great compassion and was moved to tears when he saw the grief of Mary and Martha. Jesus made it very clear that he was "the resurrection and the life" through his words and by raising Lazarus from the dead.

How would you have responded if you had witnessed Lazarus being raised from the dead?

Where do you see the need for new life?

Have you ever witnessed something miraculous that has strengthened your faith in Jesus?



"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

TEACHER ONLY DAY ON MONDAY 20th MARCH

The staff joined with St Mary's Otorohanga for the 'Having life to the Full' Day one programme. The day was full of reading, thought provoking discussions and clarity of the churches teachings. We have two more staff meeting afternoons to complete the course.

Shots of Learning on a Tuesday! Each Tuesday Mr Mike Rogers comes into the school with a Technology Curriculum programme. Kahikatea are with him from 9.00 - 10.30. Rimu from 11.15 - 12.30 and Nikau from 1.30 - 2.00pm. The school has invested in some technology kits. I visited each room on Tuesday and watched and listened as groups learnt how to manage the electrical components -magnetic strips/batteries/bridges/LED lights and buzzers to produce an output. The problem solving and collaborative thinking processes showed deep learning. It also highlighted students resilience, grit and perseverance to produce the desired outcome and learn new language along the way. Some 'shots' of the learning are on a separate learning page. Get the KiwiSchools App! It makes looking at the newsletter and communicating with the school so easy!

Tryathlon Thanks: Mrs Kearins and Mrs Laver worked so hard organising this event. It was the first time planning such an event for both of them. Thank you Paul Kearins for your support setting up and our awesome leaders from Kahikatea who helped out with the juniors. The students loved the obstacle course and there have been many positive comments from parents. A huge thank you to all the Parents who marshalled for us - what a top team! Like the swimming sports we are seeing reinvigorated parent support. The children love to see their parents, and the staff really value your input. Thank you again. Photos of the day are in this newsletter and on the website. If you have any shots share them with us!

Nga Mihi - Suzanne



Religious Education



March 19, Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Let us be inspired by the life of Saint Joseph: His humility, His willingness to listen to the voice of God. His unconditional love and protection for his wife and his child.

26th March Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jesus reminds us many times that, if we have faith, nothing is impossible. Martha's faith is indomitable. Knowing that the tomb contains the decomposing body of her beloved brother, she can still summon up the words, "even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him". Do I truly believe that anything is possible for one who believes? When entombed in hopelessness, hear the voice of Jesus, as Lazarus did. Hear those blessed words he uttered at Lazarus' grave: "Unbind him, and let him go."

19th March Saint Joseph

Joseph was the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus. It is believed he was born in Bethlehem and died in Nazareth. St. Joseph played an important mission in "God's plan" of man's salvage, by accepting Jesus into his family and protecting both Mary and Jesus.

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- BETHANY
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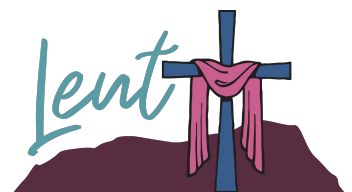
PARISH NEWS

CHRISM MASS

Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary Grey St Hamilton 4th April 6pm. Someone is needed to attend and receive the Chrism Oil for our parish.

FAMILY WEEKEND

Hosted by All Saints by the Sea at St Thomas More Church Mt Maunganui 15-16th April for more information contact Kirsty at events@cdh.org or 0272616140.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Our teachers will have another ***Teacher Only Day on 24 April 2023.***

This is the Monday of Week One of Term 2, after the school holidays.

Please take note that it is ANZAC DAY on Tuesday 25 April 2023, effectively making this a long weekend.

We are giving you advanced notice to enable you to make alternative arrangements for your students for the Monday as there will be no school for them on that day. Thank you



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.

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.

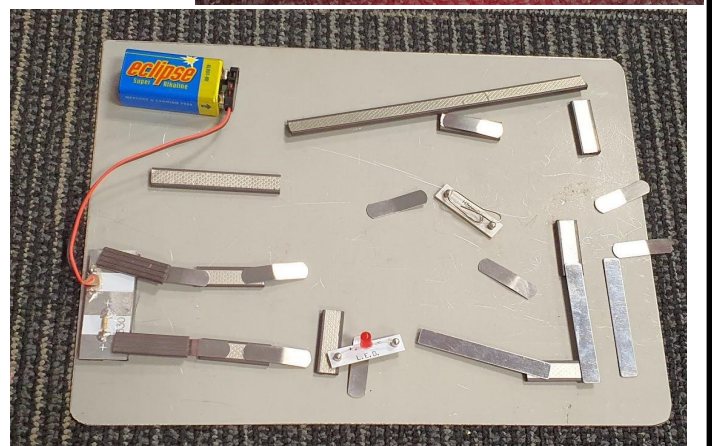
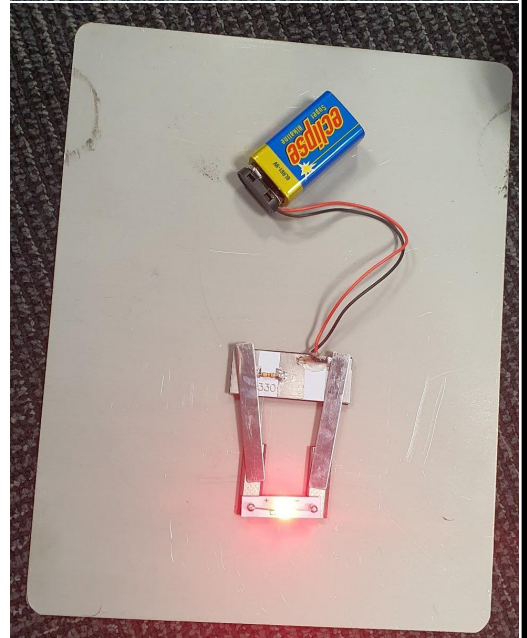
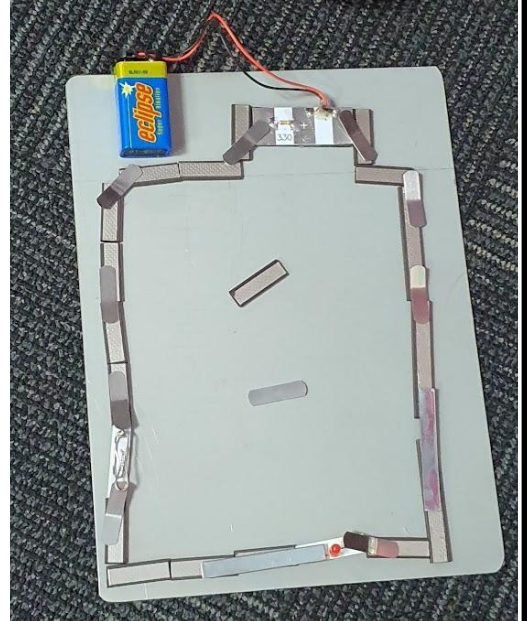
Thank you.



IN THE CLASSROOM



Kahikatea problem solving with electrical components.



SPORTS PAGE

NKCJ HOCKEY SKILLS AND DRILL SESSIONS

Friday 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.

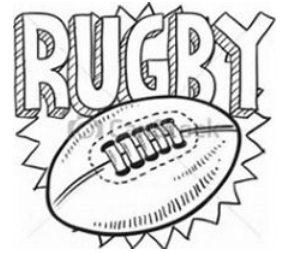
Follow this link for more info: [NKCJ Hockey Skills](#)



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



CATHOLIC INTERSCHOOLS SWIMMING RESULTS

Fern Kersel Stubbs attended this day and was pleased with her results and the other students she met when she combined with other schools to make a relay team.

Thanks for going to this event and representing our school Fern.

Here are Fern's results:

- 4th place in breaststroke
- 5th place in freestyle, and
- 5th place in backstroke.

Fern also qualified to swim in the National Junior Swim Championships in Hamilton this Sunday.



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

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 - monique@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.



First Reading

Ezekiel 37: 12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 129 (130)

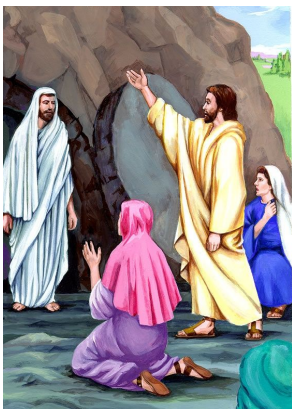
R: With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption

Second Reading

Romans 8: 8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord



'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,'

Gospel

John 11: 1-45

Mary and Martha sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

(short version)

The Gospel of the Lord

Readings for next week: Palm Sunday

Gospel Matthew 21:1-11 (outside) First reading Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 21 (22): 8-9,17-20,23-24

Second Reading Philippians 2: 6-11 Passion Reading Matthew 27: 11-54

