

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## St. George's Parish Community Newsletter

Term 2 - Week 1  
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### **HAPPY EASTER**

We hope you enjoyed a wonderful Easter Weekend and the holidays following onto it.

We are still in the Easter tide as we celebrate the days before Jesus' ascension into heaven and the receiving of the Holy Spirit into our lives.



Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole.



### **FUNDRAISING - RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE!!**

<https://www.stjosephk.school.nz/fundraising/>

**PLEASE PROMOTE OUR FUNDRAISER WITH YOUR FAMILY**

**AND FRIENDS!**

**LAST DAY TO BUY TICKETS WILL BE FRIDAY 5 MAY 2023!**

We are selling the tickets online via a payment processing website called **Stripe** which is used by various other businesses for this purpose.

No more lost ticket books and worrying about collecting the cash. Should you wish to see who else is using this platform then follow this link [Stripe Customers](#)



### **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

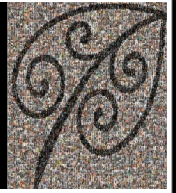
Kia Ora Koutou e te Whanau. Talofa, Kumasta

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

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



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



A very Happy Easter Season to you all. We left school in Term 1 just as the 'Triduum' meaning three days was about to begin. Interestingly the sign of the cross is made on Holy Thursday and not again until Easter Saturday night, indicating the Easter liturgies as one event.

The church season of Easter continues until the Ascension is celebrated on May 21st. Until then as a community we listen to understand the events and teachings of Jesus as he appeared, walked, talked and ate with the people of the day. May the Season of Easter continue to Bless you and your families.

Thank you to the number of children who came to the Easter liturgies. Special thank you to those who served on the Altar and offered their help with other tasks during this time. The Parish community are very supportive and encourage the faith development of our children.

### **Welcome to Term 2**

Thank you for attending to the school uniform requirements. The staff are well planned and ready for the winter term. We have our Term Concept 'A Tatau Whakapapa - Our Story' planned out, with a number of contexts for learning or units of learning supporting the Term Concept.

The Learnings from the Teacher Only Days - one with Matua Doug Ruki (all Waitomo schools) and one with NZ Curriculum Design Institute (five Waitomo schools held at St Joseph's) will begin to shape the way that the new curriculum is introduced into our school. My newsletter korero this term will include snippets from the curriculum refresh documents, to inform but also to include our community in the design process going forward. I invite you to at read them and talk with each other and feedback your whakaaro about the snippets.

### **Sports Team's**

Thank you to Mrs Erasmus for organising the winter sports team's. Practices began this week. St Joseph's has combined with other schools to offer as many team's as possible. Thank you hugely to those coaches and managers who have offered to teach and guide the players. I'm sure I speak for the parents of the players who are grateful for your help. Let us all support the coaches, by communicating with them if your child cannot attend practices. It is respectful and polite and a good practice for the players themselves to learn to do independently too.

### **Finally: A Collective Statement from Principals of Aotearoa**

*You may have seen in the media that primary and area school principals have voted to stop working with the Ministry of Education and to limit our work hours.*

*We have taken this action as we believe it is necessary to highlight the significant issues that we need to address in the current round of negotiations. We are committed to continuing to lead our schools and to ensure that they are safe, healthy places where students are learning during this time. Our day-to-day work to do this will continue. As principals we make a significant contribution of time and expertise to this work. There is little additional resource or staffing to support this which has a negative impact on us. We will continue to meet with our boards. We will not be available for work or to be contacted before 8am and after 5pm on weekdays. This includes sending or receiving digital communications. We also not be available at all on Saturday, Sunday or public holidays. We hope to receive an acceptable offer in negotiations and will end the work ban when that happens.*

Ma te Wa - Suzanne Downey - Principal



# Religious Education



## 30th April Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd

Jesus, the caring Shepherd, calls us by name. He also compares himself to the gate – a sign of security, who guards and protects his sheep from danger, and provides for their nourishment. Allowing us to come and go, not restricting or confining us, Jesus says” I came that they have life and have it abundantly”. We have the freedom to listen to what gives us life, which may not be easy when our culture offers many messages which lead to dead ends. God offers freedom to go out and come back in for nourishment and so hear what gives direction for life and lasting peace. Spend time now hearing our name lovingly called by God.

### April 25th St Mark The Evangelist

Early disciple who wrote the Gospel of St Mark and founded one of the earliest Christian communities in Alexandria.

### April 25th ANZAC Day

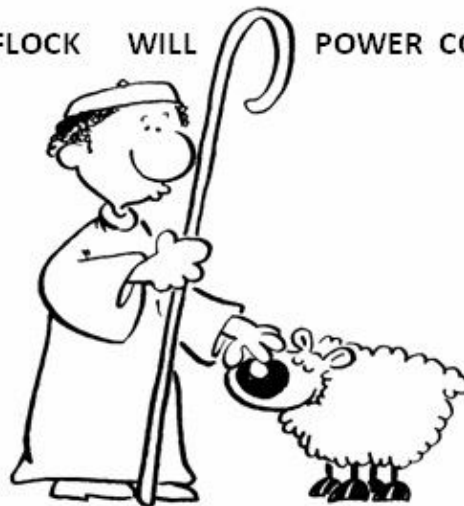
We remember those who have served and fallen in the armed forces of Australia and New Zealand.

### April 28th St Peter Chanel

A Marist priest who came as a missionary to Oceania and was martyred on the Island of Futuna. Patron of Oceania and our Diocese of Hamilton

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GOOD SHEPHERD SHEEP WOLF  
 VOICE ABANDONS FATHER LEAD  
 FLOCK WILL POWER COMMAND



## PARISH NEWS

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to assist Carol Green with flower arrangements for the church. Please contact Carol 021397684 if you are keen.

### PARISH ROLL

We are currently updating the Parish Roll records. In the next couple of Sundays we will be handing out forms to fill out and also sending out an email. Please provide relevant information. Your assistance is appreciated.

## **PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

### **BAPTISM:**

There are a number of children in our school who were planning to be Baptised when Covid struck. Some of our parents even attended the classes, but did not get around to making a date for the Baptism to happen due to Covid restrictions. This situation needs attention.

It needs attention next term before the Sacramental Programme of First Holy Communion and Confirmation gets underway in Term 3.

If your wish is to have your child Baptised, or you would like to know more, please contact myself via [suzanne@stjosephk.school](mailto:suzanne@stjosephk.school) or Father Rico at the presbytery - phone 07 878 6417. (Leave a message)



### **FUNDRAISING:**

The sponsorship for the children of Cyclone Gabrielle brought in \$804.70

The children were sponsored to complete the Tryathlon. This is an amazing effort and we will continue to update you as to what/who and where the NZ Catholic Principals have gifted the monies.

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser. The funds from this fundraiser will help renew the bark in our playground. Thank you Pip Kirkland and her team for organising this.

**Remember the new way of fundraising now. See the School Shop on the website [www.stjosephk.school.nz](http://www.stjosephk.school.nz) for details. All you need to do is fill out a form for the BOT and book a time to fundraise. We have two firewood raffles coming next term as well.**

### **UNIFORMS**

Please take note, with the weather surprising us with a winter blast so early in the year, we suggest that you ensure your student/s has their winter uniform all set when coming back to school this term. Winter uniform is the same as the summer uniform with a change to grey socks with maroon stripes in the fold over, for sale from Elizabeth Michael, and leather shoes available from the Warehouse.

Please follow this link to our website and instructions on how to order uniforms.

If the rural delivery is too expensive, you are welcome to use the school street address for delivery (26 Seddon Street. Te Kuiti). Please follow this link [School Uniform](#) to order your uniform needs. Thank you

ElizabethMichael  
UNIFORMS

### **PHOTOLIFE**

Photolife will be at our school to take the individual and class photos next week Friday, 5th May. Please ensure that your student/s are wearing the correct winter school uniform. We would like to have our photos look smart and tidy. Thank you

PhotoLife

### **THANK YOU TO**

\* Michael Grainger and Sophie for constructing the new seat beside the turf. The Board have decided to not replace the broken concrete balls, but shift them around and fill the gaps with seating. A great idea!

\*Michael also for promptly coming to school on Wednesday after we found a board on the playground platform had been kicked and broken overnight. The situation is safe to play on again.



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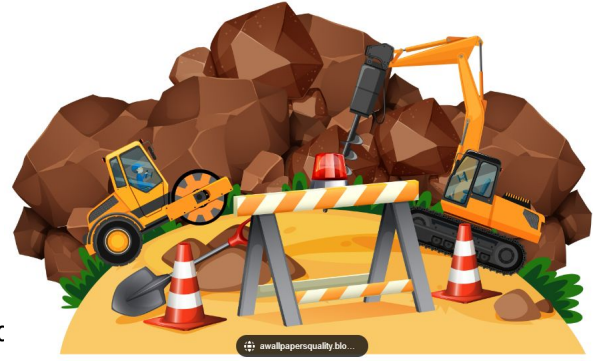
What is happening with all the safety fencing??

We are awaiting two new sheds. One for general storage and the other specifically for Physical Education gear.

The plan is to use the old PE shed for out of school coaching bags, sports uniforms, the BBQ, the high jump mat etc.

There is to be a complete new Queen Street front fence from the corner of the section to the netting around the turf. To begin this process a section of old retaining wall has been removed and will be replaced with a concrete block wall to match the existing one. The new fence will then be erected on top of the block walls.

Thank you for your patience coming in and out of the Queen Street entrance at the moment.



## 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](#)



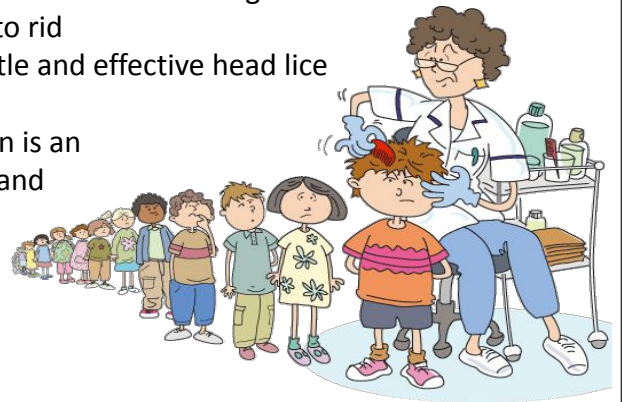
## HEAD LICE

It seems these little critters are ever present. 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.



## 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.



## 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 or from the KS app.



## SPORTS PAGE



### Updated practise times

Team	Coach, Referee and Manager	Day	Time	Place
Netball: St Jo's Rangitoto	Mrs Erasmus Taylor Scott-Campbell	Monday	3:15 - 4:15	St Joseph's
Hockey Intermediate	Mrs Were Brendan Were Hilary Walker	Monday	4:30 - 5:30	TKH
Hockey Junior B	Rebecca Were Ranae Duder	Tuesday	3:15 - 4:00	St Joseph's
Hockey Junior A	Alison Ferris	Thursday	3:05 - 3:35	St Joseph's
Football Vikings u10	Pip Kirkland	Thursday	12:45 - 1:25	St Joseph's
Football u13's	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA



### Sports reports

Waitete u13's Rugby

On Saturday we played Waihi and we won 59-7. It was very wet and rainy, which made it slippery and more fun.

Noah Murrell



**"SPORTSMANSHIP FOR ME IS WHEN A GUY WALKS OFF THE COURT AND YOU REALLY CAN'T TELL WHETHER HE WON OR LOST, WHEN HE CARRIES HIMSELF WITH PRIDE EITHER WAY."**

- JIM COURIER



### **UNIFORMS**

All sports uniforms have been handed out for Netball and Rippa Rugby.





**First Reading**

**Acts 2:14, 36-41**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

*The word of the Lord*

**Psalm 22 (23)**

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

**Second Reading**

**1 Peter 2:20-25**

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*The word of the Lord*

**Gospel**

**John 10:1-10**

Jesus said:

'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

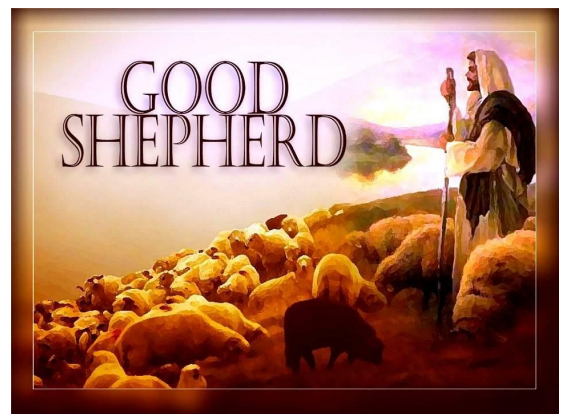
Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
I am the gate of the sheepfold.  
All others who have come  
are thieves and brigands;  
but the sheep took no notice of them.  
I am the gate.  
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:  
he will go freely in and out  
and be sure of finding pasture.  
The thief comes  
only to steal and kill and destroy.  
I have come  
so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

***The sheep hear his voice***



**Readings for next week:**

*First reading Acts 6:1-7*

*Psalm 32(33): 1-2,4-5,18-19*

*Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9*

*Gospel John 14:1-12*