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St. George's Parish Community Newsletter

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PINK SHIRT DAY

Tomorrow, 19 May we will be wearing pink for Pink Shirt Day. Countrywide people will be wearing pink to show their support against bullying.

We are wearing something PINK with our uniforms tomorrow, if you would like to participate.



SPORTS FEE PAYMENTS DUE TO THE SCHOOL

If you need to make a payment to the school, we would appreciate if you could make payments via internet banking. The account name and number is on the statement / invoice. Please email the school office if you need the bank account name and number in case of no statement / invoice.

FUNDRAISING - WE HAVE A WINNER!!

We have done the draw for the Mongoose Switchback Expert Mountain Bicycle! The draw was done by an officer from the Te Kuiti Police Station. We are happy to announce that ticket number 17 was the winning ticket.

Congratulations to Toni Bolger for buying the winning ticket!!

We are very happy that our NEW online payment system was a great success. We are using the same system for

[Rimu's firewood raffle](#)



OXFORD PIES

We have a new school wide fundraiser going - we're selling Oxford Pies! A firm favourite with all of us! The order forms went home last week. Order forms are on both sides of the page. Follow this link for more forms: [Oxford Pies Fundraiser](#) *Please sell as many pies as you can!*



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

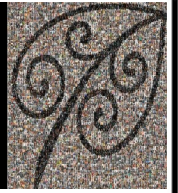
Kia Ora Koutou e te Whanau. Talofa, Kumasta

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

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



SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK
TE MĀHŪI TE MĀHŪI TĀRA
4-10 SEPTEMBER
www.caritas.org.nz



Recorded in the Gospels, Jesus continues to instruct his disciples and prepare them for his Ascension into Heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit to help and guide us.

“In a short time you will no longer see me, and then a short time later you will see me again”

Seeing and not seeing, sorrow and joy. The challenges for our lives today. The important thing for the disciples and now for us is that the bottom line is joy!

Our families own joy came on Mothers Day weekend with the addition of a new grandchild Elliott Clément Downey. No greater joy is there than to welcome the miracle of new life.

Mother's Day gave opportunity to families to acknowledge a Mothers Love for her family. I saw some amazing cards going out of school on Friday and have read some super thank yous as well. I often wish you could see the love that goes into making such beautiful creations!

Mrs Boroevich shared a whakatauki with us;

“Ko te whaea te takere o te waka - Mothers are the hull of the canoe. They are the heart of the family”

Curriculum Refresh Snippets -

These snippets are intended to help our school community understand the background, why and how of the Refresh.

The vision in the document was written by young people for young people. They are gold.

Here are three of the eight statements;

- We are connected to community, curious about learning, and confident in ourselves
- We have a strong sense of belonging.. We understand that success can look different for us all.
- We engage in learning that is meaningful to us and helps us in our lives. We can build and navigate knowledge, using our heads and our hearts to make our decisions.

Health and Safety

We had reason to isolate our students for a few hours on Tuesday, as a situation evolved in the main street of Te Kuiti. The students were amazing, and processes and procedures were all followed by Teachers and Support Staff. Thank you for trusting us and responding so well to our text messages.

Road Safety Week

This week is Road Safety Week. When I checked at assembly on Monday 'look left and look right' many heads went in all directions! It is important to please take the time to guide your children on how to cross a road and why it is important. The [BRAKE website](#) has some great family quizzes.

Come on - Be A Road Safety Hero!! Let's celebrate our own Road Safety heroes - particularly our road patrol students or students who walk, cycle or use buses to get to school.

Please continue to pray for those who are sick in our school community. If you have special intentions you would like the children to pray for each day as they pray the Rosary - please let us know.

Ma to Wa - Suzanne Downey - Principal



Religious Education

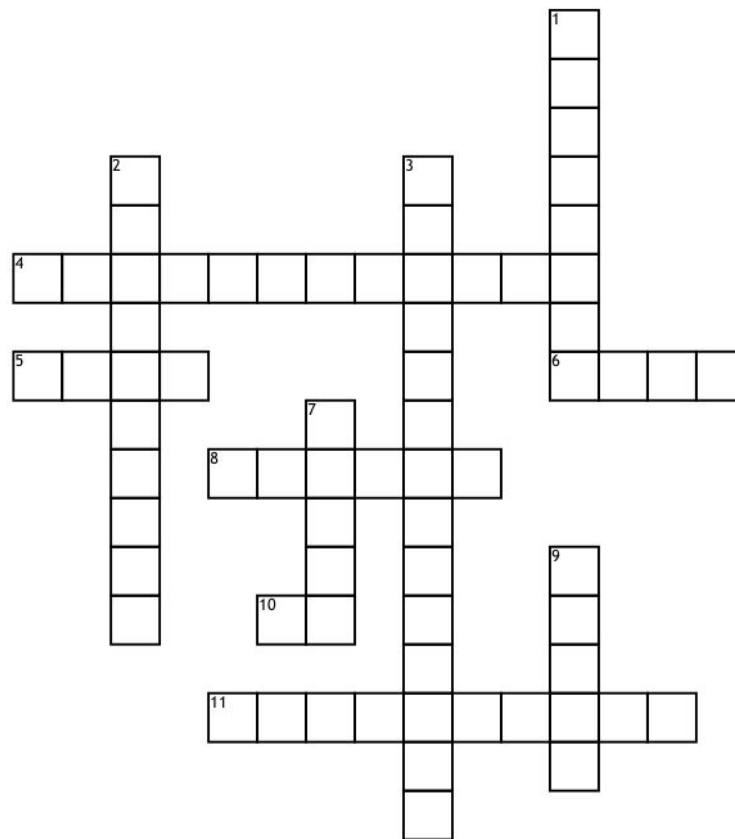
ASCENSION



21st May Ascension of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. After Jesus rose from the dead he remained on earth and appeared to many in resurrected form. After forty days Jesus ascended into Heaven, leaving the mission of the Church under the care of the Apostles and promising to send the Holy Spirit as their guide. We are called to be His witnesses to the world by spreading the gospel. The Holy Spirit gives us everything we need to succeed. Look for opportunities this week to share about Jesus with people in your spheres of influence and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in those moments.

Acts 1-11 Jesus Taken to Heaven



Across

4. How did Jesus prove to Thomas that it was truly him?
5. When Jesus saw his disciples out fishing after his resurrection, what did he help them catch?
6. Who saw Jesus first after his resurrection?
8. Where did Jesus go when he was taken up?
10. Who are Jesus' disciples?

11. What does to the ends of the earth mean?

Down

1. a ritual washing of water, symbolizing a cleansing from sin
2. What is the gift the Father promised the disciples?
3. What did Jesus say to his disciples when he first appeared to them after his resurrection?
7. What does proof mean?
9. Who Jesus asked, "Do you truly love me more than these?"

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 due to Covid restrictions we couldn't set a date for the Baptism to take place. 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 or Father Rico at the presbytery - phone 07 878 6417. (Leave a message)



PHOTOLIFE

Photolife have emailed you your unique key code to access the photos they have taken of your student/s. You will be able to order the photos online using your **Access Key**.

The ordered and printed photos are usually sent to the school.

Once received the photos will be distributed to your oldest or only student, to take home.



UNIFORMS

Students are wearing winter uniform now. 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.

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



ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is defined by the MoE as 90% of higher. We are delighted to report that our attendance last week was at 95%!

Thank you very much for this result. We would like to keep our attendance to this level as, to use the words from the Ministry - "every day has a cumulative impact on a child's learning and there is no 'safe level' of non-attendance as **EVERY DAY MATTERS**".



DROP OFF AND PICK UP

We would like to ask you once again to please not enter the school grounds from the church side (Seddon Street) to drop off and pick your student up. We have also noticed that parents are parking on the broken yellow lines in front of the school. It is not safe to do so, please refrain from parking in that zone. Thank you for your understanding.



GYMNASTICS

Te Kuiti Gymnastics for Kids will re-commence for 2023 on Tuesday 16th May, 4.30 – 6p.m. in the new Gallagher Events Centre, entry at the rear of the High School. A charge for hire will be required, anticipate about \$2 per child per session. The minimum age for gymnasts is 8 years and there will be an initial limit of 20 participants. Pre-enrolment with Mr. Plendy is essential. Please call Graeme Plenderleith on 021 140 7169.



CROSS COUNTRY



*Please send
1 or 2 sports photos' to
kirsten@stjosephk.school.nz*



WINTER SPORTS



On Saturday Kura Kotahi played Rugby against Taumarunui. It was a good game. The score was 35-80 we won. The player of the day was Clinton from CP and I played so hard, Taumarunui game me a player of the day, now that's special. And I have two player of the day in one month.



On Thursday we played netball and I got 2 goals. The next week was wet so we didn't play.
Eva Joseph

On Friday at soccer we won 2 and lost 1. I got player of the day. We lost at Rippa on Saturday. I got player of the day.
Alida Erasmus

On Thursday night STJR team played netball, we played Te Kuiti primary Opals. It was a really fun and exciting game, we won 15\5. This was our first win for 2023 and it was raining a lot, thankfully it wasn't cancelled. I think all the girl's fingers froze off but it was for a good win.
Fern Kersel-Stubbs



First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord

Psalm 46 (47):2-3,6-9

R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord

'I am with you always'



Readings for next week: Pentecost

First reading Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 103 (104):1,24,29-31,34

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7,12-13

Gospel John 20:19-23

