

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## St. George's Parish Community Newsletter

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### RIMU'S FIREWOOD RAFFLE





### Firewood raffle

**Two cubes of hot mix firewood worth \$240**  
Funds raised will go towards Rimu's Term 4 school camp.

Tickets on sale now!  
Please promote our fundraiser by forwarding this link to family and friends!

To purchase a ticket/s please scan the QR code below or go to our school website: <https://www.stjosephk.school.nz/rimu/>



From there you will be directed to the site to pay via credit / debit card

*The draw will be done under Police supervision*



Please remember to  
buy your raffle tickets  
via this link:

[Rimu's firewood raffle](#)

### OXFORD PIES

We're selling Oxford Pies! A firm favourite with all of us!  
Follow this link for more forms: [Oxford Pies Fundraiser](#)  
*Please sell as many pies as you can!*



**PLEASE TAKE NOTE: No school on Monday, 5th June!!**  
**It is King's Birthday long weekend - enjoy the time with your family.**  
**We'll see you Tuesday, 6th June.**

### 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



Celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



The Trinity is the "central mystery of the Christian faith, yet most students and adults are 'fuzzy' on the details. Christians believe that there is one God. One God in three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. "God is not solitude but perfect communion" Pope Benedict XVI.

'Wherever there is love, there is a trinity: a lover, a beloved, and a fountain of love' St Augustine (345-430)

The fact that God is one in three persons is the deepest mystery of faith. We reference the Trinity in many ways, using metaphors to put the inexpressible into words, comparing the Trinity to the shamrock, a tree (roots, trunk and branches), a rainbow (sun, rain and colours), three candles burning as one flame.

The sign of the cross is the best reference to the Trinity and one that at school we do many times a day, before and after prayer specifically.

In first lifting our hand to our forehead we recall that the Father is the first person of the Trinity. In lowering our hand we "express that the Son proceeds from the Father." And, in ending with the Holy Spirit, we signify that the Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son. (Francis de Sales)

Here are a couple of links that help to explain. They are short in length and explain the Trinity well.

<https://youtu.be/autalzGDcy8> Sign of the Cross - Father Rocky

<https://youtu.be/hMI4rA4cuiM> Explaining the Trinity - Bishop Robert Barron

**Thank you** for your support yesterday and allowing the teachers to have their Paid Union Meetings in the afternoon. The teachers fourth offer was discussed and voting is now open until the 6th of June. We wait to see if the offer is accepted. A special thank you to Mrs Pip Kirkland, who offered to come and help supervise the students with me. Pip ended up with our senior students in the Life Education Truck along with Harold the Giraffe!! I think he even gave her a kiss and hear that this is photo evidence! I enjoy having parents involved in parts of the school day and for parents to see and hear our amazing children interacting with the teachers and each other as they learn. Thank you Pip.

**A special visitor:** This is an advanced notice of a visit from Andrew Chinn. A catholic musician, who writes music for children. We use a lot of Andrew's music and he is touring New Zealand at the moment. He has never been to Te Kuiti! We will be joined by St Mary's Otorohanga on Tuesday June 13th 1pm - 3pm. Andrew workshops with a group of students then works with whole school. You can see his work at [Butterfly House Online](#). If any parishioner or school family would like to assist us financially to bring Andrew here, please phone or email me personally. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

**Seesaw:** Seesaw is an online learning platform that we have used in the school for a while now. The massive increase in subscription this year has required the staff to review whether we are using this platform to full capacity. The initial discussions suggest that we are not fully using all features and that the high use is largely as a communication platform. Consideration is being given to not renewing the subscription. We will be asking parents voice next week in a Google Form. We want to know if you use this platform to share home learnings with school or just use the platform to receive class notices/notifications. We would like to hear your voice on not renewing the subscription.

**Curriculum Refresh Snippets will be back next week, along with some sharing of my time last week at Hato Paora College in Palmerston North.**

Enjoy King's Birthday Weekend. See you all again on Tuesday 6th June.

Ma te Wa - Suzanne



# Religious Education

## 4th June Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday following Pentecost. It is a solemn celebration of the belief in the revelation of one God, yet three divine persons. It is a joyous celebration where Christians come together to honour the Holy Trinity. This day is an opportunity for Christians to worship and to thank the Holy Trinity for all they have done.

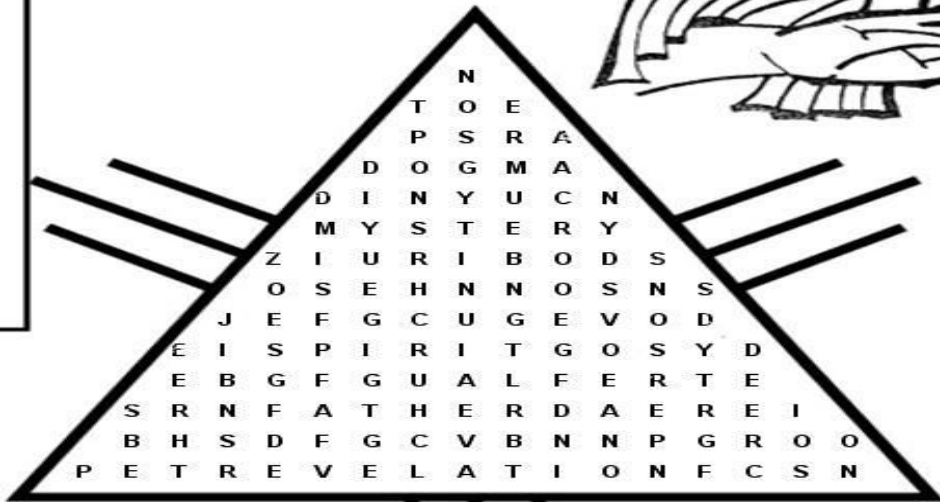
### May 31 The Visitation of the Virgin Mary

Celebrates the visit of Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus, to Elizabeth, who was pregnant with John the Baptist. It is the second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary.



- Persons
- Dogma
- Mystery
- Three
- Unity
- Father
- Son
- Spirit(Holy)
- Church
- Revelation
- Creed
- Jesus
- Dove
- God

## The Blessed Trinity



Find the hidden words

### PARISH NEWS

#### SITUATION VACANT

Cleaner required for the Presbytery. This is a paid position. For more information see Fr Rico or Maria.

#### HOLY FAMILY PARISH TE ATATU

Extend invitation to talks being given by Dr Peter Holmes from Notre Dame University. Information is on the notice board.

#### HAMILTON DIOCESE COURSES

Te Kupenga for Semester 2, 2023 please refer to Diocese website <https://www.cdh.org.nz/diocesan-bulletin>



## PLEASE TAKE NOTE

### UNIFORMS

**Students are wearing winter uniform now.** There is an expectation that our uniform is smartly worn and is correct. The shoes and socks worn on some students at the moment are not correct or smartly worn. Sneakers/Sports shoes are not all black 'leather like' shoes. There is an opportunity over the long weekend to sort these issues. Incorrectly worn uniform requires a note to the Class Teacher or Principal.

ElizabethMichael  
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

### HELP NEEDED IN THE OFFICE - FROM 09 OCTOBER TO 20 OCTOBER 2023

We are advertising a temporary position in the school office for the period stated above as Elmarie is planning an overseas visit to family during this time.

Elmarie will be leaving on Friday, 22nd September and returning on Tuesday, 24 October 2023.

The position is available for the first two weeks in Term 4 and it involves being in the office and attending to daily administrative duties. Training will be provided. Please contact Suzanne or Elmarie if you are interested in helping us in the office at that time.



### ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is defined by the MoE as 90% or higher. The attendance at our school this week was 89%. The drop in the percentage may be explained due to illness. Thank you very much for letting us know when your child is not able to attend school for the day.



Please remember - "every day has a cumulative impact on a child's learning and there is no 'safe level' of non-attendance as **EVERY DAY MATTERS**".



## Sausage Sizzle



WHEN: Wednesday the 7th of June

WHERE: St Joseph's School

WHY: To raise money for our technology projects with Mr Rogers

WHAT'S ON OFFER: Sausage/bread - \$2.50

Juicies - \$2.00

Afghans/cookies - \$1.00

## Life Education

Nikau was fortunate to visit the life Education truck on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Our topic was about growing a friend. Be sure to ask your child about what they learnt?

What our Nikau tamariki had to say:

“Harold is cool. I like him.” - **Layne Frost.**

“I like Harold because he is funny. He’s got cool lights and I chose blue and he liked it.” - **Eva Joseph.**

“Harold is my best friend.” - **Mars Read-Bloomfield.**

“Harold was funny, and silly and really funny. I was growing a friend.” - **Eva Longden.**



Next week we will share Rimu’s visit to Harold and the week after will be Kahikatea’s turn!

Watch this space ...



## SPORTS PAGE

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE: There will be no sport played over the King's Birthday long weekend**

### FUN STICKS - CHANGE OF VENUE

Please take note that the location of Fun Sticks will change from today for the rest of the term. It will now be held on the lower turf at Te Kuiti High School.



This is due to maintenance having been carried out on this turf so that it is now safe and also to make it easier on families who have children in the other junior grades at the same time.

## ORIENTEERING

Orienteering will take place for ALL year groups, at Motakiora (Brook Park), on the 8th June. Notice will be sent home with more information.

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



### WINTER SPORTS REPORTS



Hockey was on Thursday. We scored our first goal of the season Lilly from Rangitoto hit the goal. We only got one goal the first goal. Aria got 3 goals and we got one. We lost. It was a hard game but fun. **Priya**

On Friday St Joseph's Rangitoto played netball. We versed Wharekura. The score was 10-12. We won. Player of the day was Ivy. It was a fun day. I played G.A and G.S. The win was quite surprising and an accomplishment for our team because we usually lose to them. **Ivy**

On Friday King County hockey played Te Rapa in Hamilton. It was a really hard game and the score was 1-1 in the first third. The second third was pretty much the same, there were no goals. In the third quarter we got another goal and we won the score 2-1. We didn't have a player the day but everyone played well. **Cameron**

On Wednesday, the St Jo's Blue Sticks played TKP. We won our game, the score was 7-1. We all played well even though Cam and Marley arrived late due to a Tatsuno meeting. I also don't see much because I'm the seasonal goalie and everything happening at the other end of the court. **Zoe**

On Saturday in Taumarunui I got player of the day in rugby. Player of the day is when somebody plays a sport really well. My favourite part of the rugby game was scoring my first try of the season. I was so proud of myself. Beau also got player of the day from the other team.

Unfortunately my team had to default because we didn't have enough players. We still played but we had to borrow some players from the other teams. **Brayden Rickett.**



**First Reading**

**Exodus 34: 4-6,8-9**

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

*The word of the Lord*

**Psalm - Daniel 3:52-56**

**R: Glory and Praise forever!**

**Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*The word of the Lord*

**Gospel**

**John 3:16-18**

Jesus said to Nicodemus:  
 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,  
 so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.  
 For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.  
 No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**Glory and Praise forever!**



**Readings for next week: Corpus Christi - Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

First reading Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

Psalm 147 (148): 12-15,19-20

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel John 6:51-58

