

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## St. George's Parish Community Newsletter

Term 3 - Week 2  
24 - 28 July 2023

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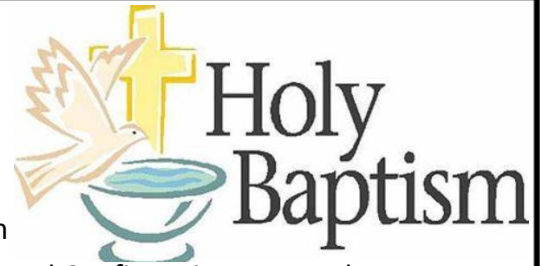
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### **BAPTISM:**

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 this term before the Sacramental Programme of First Holy Communion and Confirmation gets underway soon. If your wish is to have your child Baptised, or you would like to know more, please contact myself via [suzanne@stjosephsk.school](mailto:suzanne@stjosephsk.school) or Father Rico at the presbytery - phone 07 878 6417. (Leave a message)



### **WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL**

We would like to welcome Johanna Joshy to our school. Johanna is the daughter of Joshy and Sneha and she joined the new entrants, Year 1's and Mrs. Kearins in Nikau last week. We hope you will enjoy learning with us, Johanna!!



### **RENOVATIONS TO THE CHURCH AND FATHER RICO'S ANNIVERSARY**

This Sunday the planned renovations to the church building will be revealed with a morning tea in the basement. This is also an opportunity for the community to celebrate the anniversary of Father Rico's ordination. Please join us this Sunday, 30 July for a cuppa and a bite to eat for the big reveal and the celebration.



**REMINDER: WHOLE SCHOOL MASS: 13 AUGUST 2023 at 9:30 am at ST GEORGE'S PARISH**

### **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 School Calendar](#)

## FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK THIS WEEK

Kam na bane ni mauri - Greetings Everyone

Kia Ora Koutou

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

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



SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK  
TE WĪRI O TE WHĀU TĪKA  
4-10 SEPTEMBER



## TŌ TĀTOU WHAKAPONO OUR FAITH

The title on the left is the name of the new Religious Education Curriculum that is beginning to be implemented in schools.

The new RE Curriculum is framed up in the same way as the Curriculum Refresh document and is divided into the new phases of learning rather than the Levels that the curriculum has now. It has four Themes /Te Rama Whakaponō.

The current theme is GOOD NEWS / TE RONGOPAI and focuses on the 'joy of the Gospel'. In building our local curriculum these themes will be the central focus, within and through which local contexts/stories/experiences that our community consider important, will be placed.

Parables - those open ended, thinking stories that contain so many metaphors drawn from nature or common life are being explored in the classrooms. Ask your children if they can retell one! Creating a parable from your own life stories can be fun too!



Our future All Black??!

Here is Rikihana getting a signature from All Black Josh Lord.

All Blacks are donating 'benches' to recognise the connections that are made with NZ communities who shape them.

Good on you Riki for going along and being part of this kaupapa!

Ma te Wa - Suzanne

### The Seven Sacraments of the Church



BAPTISM



CONFIRMATION



EUCARIST



CONFESSION



ANOINTING OF THE SICK



HOLY ORDERS



MATRIMONY

### What are Sacraments?

The Sacraments are seven meeting points where God himself is present, waits for you, gives you a gift and leads you deeper into the community of the Church. (YouCat for Kids)

Preparation for Confirmation, Eucharist and Confession involves your child and yourselves learning together as part of a group. Preparation ends with the students making their First Holy Communion and Confirmation together at Mass.

**Save the date: St George's First Holy Communion and Confirmation Day is November 19th 2023 at 9.30am.**

**Invitations and the Programme will be out next week.**

Please share this information with any other families in our Parish community.



# Religious Education



## 30th July 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

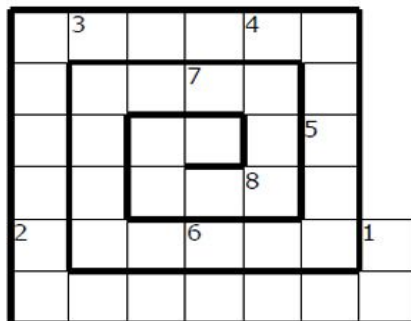
We treasure many things in life. We treasure some more than others. Our faith and love of God, the love of others and our care for them - these are treasures. They make us joyful and also challenge us to move out of narrow self-concern. In prayer we can be grateful for what we really value in life, and ask God that we value highly our relationship with him.

## 26th July Saints Joachim and Anne

Saints Joachim and Anne, are the parents of the Virgin Mary. There are no mention of them in the Bible or Gospels, what we know comes from Catholic legend and the Gospel of James.

## Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Matthew 13:46 (NIV)  
 Look at the numbered clues, determine the correct word, and write that word in the spiral puzzle. Each numbered square will begin a new word.



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| 1. Something of great value; gold, silver, or jewels, for example         | 5. Gave something in exchange for money            |
| 2. A small, shiny, hard ball that forms inside some oysters               | 6. A territory or country ruled by a king or queen |
| 3. A feeling of great happiness   | 7. An adult male human                             |
| 4. To put in a place where something cannot be seen or found (past tense) | 8. The worth of something in money                 |

VALUE	PEARL	HID	KINGDOM
TREASURE	MAN	SOLD	JOY



Congratulations Father Rico on your anniversary. We are blessed to have you. God has truly blessed us with such an amazing pastor. May God grant you grace and strength to continue the good work that you have started.

### PARISH NEWS

#### WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 13th AUGUST

The first Whole School Mass in 4 years! We look forward to having our St Joseph's families back with us once more.

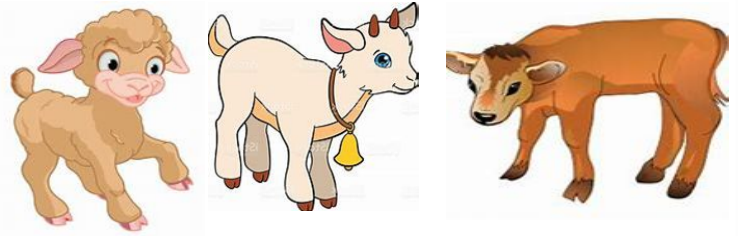
#### LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP

16-20th January St Peter's Cambridge. For more information and details please refer to Diocesan website.

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE

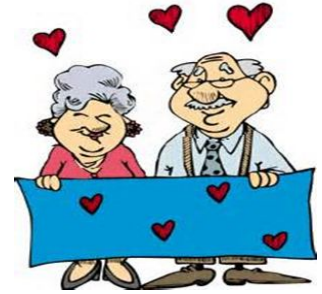
### AGRICULTURAL DAY 2023

Our Ag Day (Pet Day) will be held on Thursday, 12 October 2023. That is the first week in Term 4. **The St Joseph's School Ag Day Committee will have their meeting on Tuesday, 01 August 2023 at 7:30pm.**



### GRANDPARENTS DAY 2023!!

It is the time of year to celebrate with our Grandparents again, We will have our celebration on **Friday, 15 September 2023. The festivities will start at 10:30 with a liturgy in the church followed by class presentations and a shared lunch.** We will give more information closer to the time.



### ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is defined by the MoE as 90% or higher. Thank you very much for letting us know when your child is not able to attend school for the day. 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.

**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" .**



### KIWISCHOOL'S APP

We would like to recommend the use of this application as it is a one stop shop for all school information and about what is happening at school. This app can be downloaded via the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (Android) by searching for the Kiwischools App.



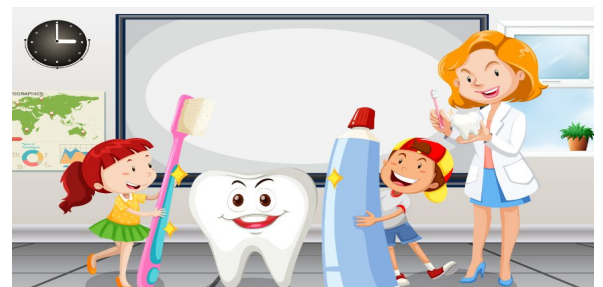
### THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

We would like to say thank you very much to everyone who have nominated our school for the Fuels for School rewards programme when purchasing stock for your farms. They have awarded us with \$1013.51 for us to buy various items with. We appreciate **ANY** financial support from our community.



### MOBILE DENTAL UNIT

Please take note that the mobile dental unit will be parked at our school. We will notify you when to expect them. If you need to contact them, please call 021 487 914. Thank you



## PLEASE TAKE NOTE

### NEW FUNDRAISER - WEBSITE AVAILABLE TOMORROW!!

We've sent an email earlier today regarding a Frozen Cookie Dough Fundraiser. Everything you need to know is in the letter attached to the email.

Funds raised will go toward the set up of our new sheds and purchasing and upgrading of outdoor equipment (sun shades, outdoor furniture and sports equipment). Our Fundraiser will launch on Friday 28th July and will close on Sunday 20th August; the planned pick up day for orders will be Thursday 7th September in the school basement.

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE FROM 3PM TILL 5 - 5:15 PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY

The Kiwi Kids Club is putting on a van to pick children up from their school in Te Kuiti, take them to our Club in Otorohanga and drop them back to you at home if you live in town or meet us at the Warehouse. Limited seats in the van. Winz subsidy available on Winz approval. Average cost a day is \$12.75 + GST for more information please phone or text Wiggs 021491616.



**WAIKATO Kids Sing**  
2023  
26 October

Ngā Kura o  
**Maniapoto**  
Choir

- Experience singing with a choir
- Learn things about music
- Represent our area at regionals!

After school practices at St Joseph's  
**Tuesdays,**  
4 - 5 pm  
Starts 8th August

**First Reading****1 Kings 3:5,7-12**

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

*The word of the Lord***Psalm 119 (120):57,72,76-77,127-130****R: Lord, I love your commands****Second Reading****Romans 8:28-30**

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

*The word of the Lord***Gospel****Matthew 13:44-52**

Jesus said to the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

*The Gospel of the Lord***'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure'****Readings for next week: The Transfiguration***First reading Daniel 7:9-10,13-14**Psalm 96 (97): 1-2,5-6,9**Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-19**Gospel Matthew 17:1-9*