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Community Newsletter

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FROZEN COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER - [SET UP YOUR FUNDRAISING PAGE](#)

A reminder to promote our current school fundraiser. 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 close on Sunday 20th August; the planned pick up day for orders will be Thursday 7th September in the school basement.



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

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. 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) or email stgeorge@gmail.com



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The annual sacramental programme will start on **Tuesday 22nd of August at 6.30pm for 1 hour**, in the school basement.

A letter of invitation and enrolment form has been sent home to all students and out to other students in our community who are ready to prepare for the sacraments. Some copies have also been left at the back of the church.

There is no clash between this programme and miniball this year (miniball is scheduled for Wednesday/Thursdays).



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



GOOD NEWS / TE RONGOPAI

Parables: Have you heard any parables retold, by our children yet? Have you tried to create your own parables? We continue this week...

Parables are short allegorical stories designed to teach a truth, religious principle, or moral lesson. Jesus's parables used elements of everyday life to illustrate a more profound message.

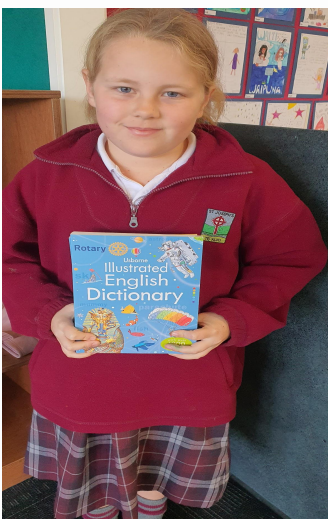
Parables resonate differently with each of us, and we all may have our favorites. Here are some that stand out as well-known and oft-cited parables of Jesus:

- Parable of the Sower
- Parable of the Talents
- Parable of the Prodigal Son
- Parable of the Good Samaritan
- Parable of the Mustard Seed

Dictionaries in Schools:

Te Kuiti Rotary representatives came to the school assembly on Monday and presented the school with five dictionaries.

Mr Bruce Spurdle and Mrs Rhonda Borgas explained the community service Rotary do and the value they place on supporting young people. We are very grateful for this gift and thank the Rotary club for the initiative in our community.



Ava Murrell holds a new Dictionary

Ma te Wa - Suzanne

The Seven Sacraments of the Church

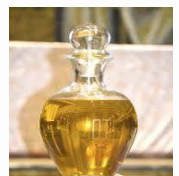


What are Sacraments?

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)

There are three groupings of Sacraments.

1. **Initiation** - Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist
2. **Healing** - Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick
3. **Service** - Holy Orders and Marriage





Religious Education

6th August The Transfiguration of the Lord

Jesus is revealed in his glory and divine nature before his closest disciples Peter, James and John. The Father endorses his position by declaring 'this is my son'. The prophets Moses and Elijah also appear confirming his fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets.



Jesus' Transfiguration



Unscramble the four words and use the letters in the numbered boxes to solve the puzzle. The solution will explain the meaning of the word transfiguration.

RTHIBG

7 1

HEINS

4 6 8

CEAF

5 3

IVECO

2

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

PARISH NEWS

DEEPEST SYMPATHY



Our heartfelt condolences to the Dempsey and Daniels families with the passing of long time parishioner Leo Dempsey. Leo and his late wife Noeline were cornerstones of St George's parish all their lives. They will be greatly missed by all.



NO MORE SILENCE

Helping survivors of Faith based abuse. For more information please see Diocesan website or the poster in the foyer.

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 13th AUGUST

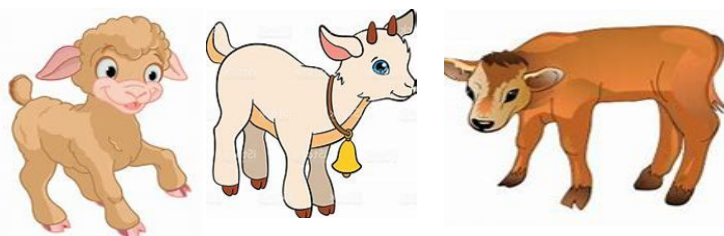
The first Whole School Mass in 4 years! We look forward to having our St Joseph's families back with us once more.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

AGRICULTURAL DAY 2023

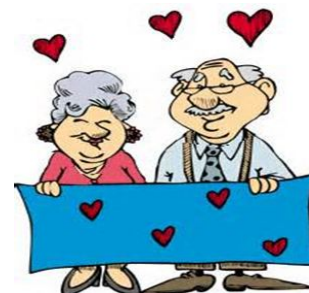
Our Ag Day (Pet Day) will be held on Thursday, 12 October 2023. That is the first week in Term 4.

Registration forms will be available soon!!



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.



PHOTOLIFE

Please take note that you have been emailed your child's unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2023 School TEAM Photos.

*****FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight Sunday 13TH AUGUST*****

Please keep an eye on your trash / spam folder, as the email may end up there.



NGA KURA o MANIAPOTO CHOIR

We would love for students to sign up to this opportunity. Come have some fun with Students from other schools in the area. Practice will start next week Tuesday, 8th August at St Joseph's School from 4 - 5 pm.

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

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

We would like to thank every farm / business in the list below who have nominated our school for the Fuels for Schools rewards programme when purchasing bulk fuel deliveries from Fern for your farms and / or businesses. The Fern School Sponsorship Programme have awarded us with \$1013.51 to choose various items with. They offer Technology, Sports, Literacy and Music packages.



We have Mr. Mike Rogers at our school every Tuesday to teach our students about the inner workings of technology. This means, not only computers, phones etc but some simple everyday items like toasters, TVs, radios, flashlights etc. We decided to use this year's donation to boost our supplies we have at the moment.

We would like to take the time to mention those members of the community who have contributed to our school.

They are listed as follows:

Lyndhurst Farm Ltd - 368 Te Weta Road

PM & AK Van der Poel P/Ship

Lyndhurst Farm Ltd - 404 Waiheka Road (SANDSPIT)

Lyndhurst Farm Ltd

Kamahi H.C.F Ltd

Lyndhurst Farm Ltd - 404 Waiheka Road (FARM)

Lyndhurst Farm Ltd - Ngarua Road

J & S Forestry

G Englebretsen & B Payne

JRS Dairying Ltd

Rukuhia Farm Limited

TJ & KK Rigter Limited

J & S Forestry Ltd - Mangaokewa

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Lyndhurst Farm Ltd - 786 Tikitiki Road

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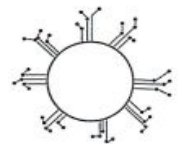
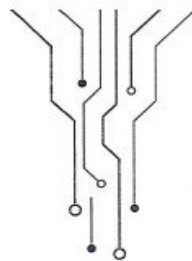
Glen Allan Pastures (1999) Ltd



YOU ARE INVITED TO ST JOSEPH'S

TECHNOLOGY

Expo



**Come to school and be prepared
To see and hear about our
Technology Learning Journey**



Circuits

Dioramas

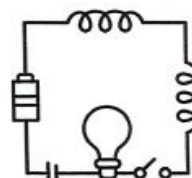
**Quizz Boards
Presentations**

FRIDAY 11th of AUGUST

1.30 PM

upstairs in

Kahikatea and Rimu classes



**Keeping the heart of
New Zealand pumping**

SPORTS PAGE

It is that time of the year again where we let you all know Miniball will be starting. The start date is Wednesday the 6th of September and Thursday the 7th of September.

There are a few changes this year that we are excited to share.

Registration for teams will be done online through the gameday app, this portal will be released over the coming weeks.

The Midget grade, year 2 will continue playing over at the old Stadium on a Wednesday, Juniors will progress to playing full court at Te Whare Takarangi o Te Kuiti (Gallaghers Recreation Centre) on a **Wednesday afternoon**.



Intermediate (Year 5 & 6) and Seniors (Year 7 & 8) will play on **Thursday afternoons** at Te Whare Takarangi o Te Kuiti (Gallaghers Recreation Centre)

There are some game layout changes for the senior grade that will be released after grading rounds.

We ask that all schools start preparing their teams over the coming weeks in preparation to do the online registration.

A Reminder all teams need to supply one person for the scorebench during their game.

Miniball usually has more than 60 teams in the competition across all grades, every year we have a few people put their hands up to help ref or floor control, this year, Shelley Mitchell, Vicky Coll, Nikki Taylor and Mani Borell need more referees on deck.

We ask that all schools supply a couple of people that could support in this area on a Wednesday and Thursday.

We will be calling for students in Year 7/8 to enter this tournament next week.

Please consider their availability.

SENIOR (yr7&8) TOURNAMENT



Balance is Better is an evidence-based philosophy to support quality sport experiences for all young people, regardless of ability, needs and motivations. It is about young people staying involved in sport for life and realising their potential at the right time.

The Balance is Better philosophy has been developed by the NZ sport system (e.g. sport organisations, leaders and administrators, schools, clubs, coaches, parents and volunteers) to support the culture change needed to provide quality sport opportunities for tamariki (5-11) and rangatahi (12-18). Sport NZ's current focus is on rangatahi, given the decline we are seeing in teenage participation. Balance is Better provide great articles and resources to support coaches, parents, teachers and community keep students staying involved in sport for life.

Here is a link to '[Mastering the Art of Sports Parenting](https://tinyurl.com/3tj4nrxx)' <https://tinyurl.com/3tj4nrxx>

Gallagher Recreation Centre

Tekuiti High School

Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st

\$30 per team

Only 2 teams maximum per school

Semi-finals & Finals (Thursday night)

All teams must supply 1 person for scorebench each game.

Entries to Vicki Coll thecolls@xtra.co.nz ph 0210590041



First Reading

Daniel 7: 9-10,13-14

As I watched:
Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 96(97): 1-2,5-6,9

R: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

'Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here'



Readings for next week:

First reading 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

Psalm 84(85):9-14

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33