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Community Newsletter

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FROZEN COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The planned pick up day for orders will be Thursday 7th September in the school basement.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Students and supporters meet in the school basement at 6.30pm for 1 hour.
The next session is on Monday 04 September 2023.



THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

Thank you to our supporters for nominating us and Fuel for Schools for delivering our robots to us. We are going to have so much fun learning about how they work!!

Thank You

THANK YOU TO THE TE KUITI FOOD BANK

Our students enjoyed the apples donated to us earlier this week.



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

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

What an amazing week we have had with the sun out each day! The fields are drying out and the students are enjoying being back on them without the mud!

The whole school travelled out to Napi Napi Marae for the day yesterday. Thank you for sending back the permission slips so promptly.

We had such a fabulous day together.

Thank you to Matua Amai for his time and leadership around the day. The students listened, observed and asked excellent questions about the marae at korero time. The whole school then was split into activity groups and each teacher took a group. The activities included, sketching, playing Taniwha Taniwha, Rakau, Taiaha movement, Maui and Matau circle game, Pepeha practice and poi.

Thank you to the teachers for your effort and enthusiasm.

There was a treat for lunch and plenty of apples to enjoy.

We will include some more photos in our newsletter next week and make a folder of them on our website.

Grandparents Day: Friday 15th September!!

Today the invitations have been given to the students to fill out and give to their grandparents and or to their special people in their lives. The invitation is to come along to the day when we as a school honour them and the acknowledge the support they give your children and our school.

As part of the day a slide show presentation is made of them and the children to enjoy. Please can photos of the children and their grandparents or special loved ones be sent to your child's teacher as soon as possible so we can complete the presentation in time.

Thank you.

Speeches and Poems

The community certainly turned out to hear the students recite their speeches and poems. The Juniors during the day and the Seniors at night! Congratulations to those students who made it to the finals. Congratulations as well to all the students who presented to their individual classes. It takes courage and grit to stand up, and every student in the school did so!

We valued the time given by our judges Mrs Kerry Alcock and Mrs Sue Coyle. It is always helpful to hear their comments and we certainly appreciated them coming to support this main event in our curriculum.

There will be a collated list of placings and photos in the newsletter next week.

Finally, to all our Dads. Have a special Father's Day on Sunday. There has been a flurry of card making in the classrooms today. Each card made with such love.

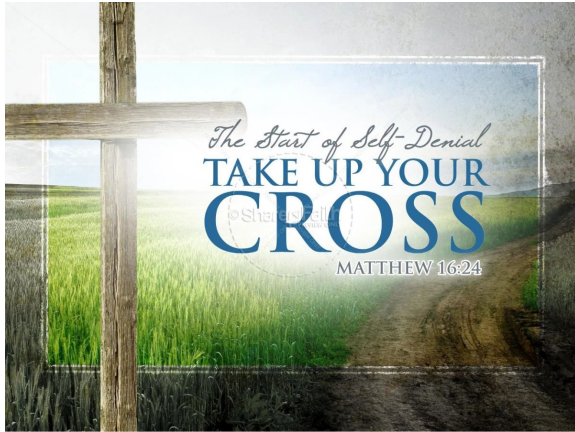
I hope you all feel blessed.

Ma Te Wa Suzanne.





Religious Education



3rd September 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today we learn the true cost of discipleship. Taking the cross is also accepting and living with pain, suffering of any sort, and the griefs of life we can do nothing about. Crosses may be inflicted on us by others. We know of people who have accepted a heavy burden in life and who ploughed tough furrows, through no fault of their own. They have been helped often by the example of the one who carried the cross to the end. Help often came to them also from family, friends and neighbours.

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PARISH NEWS

LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP

St Peters School Cambridge 16-20 January 2024. For more information go to cdh.org.nz/events.

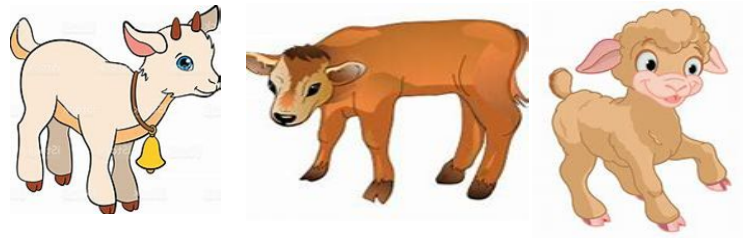
RETREATS

8-10 September 2023, Cluny; 22-24 September, Tyburn; 20-22 October, Tyburn; 24-26 November, Tyburn; 27 November-1 December, Tyburn (weekday). For more information go to cdh.org.nz/events.

ST JOSEPH'S VISIT TO NAPINAPI MARAE



PLEASE TAKE NOTE



AGRICULTURAL DAY 2023

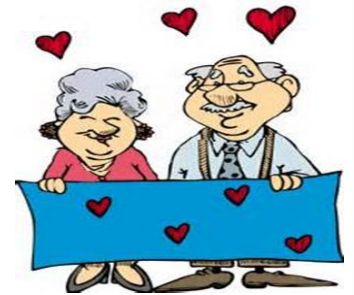
Our Ag Day (Pet Day) will be held on Thursday, 12 October 2023. That is the first week in Term 4.

Registration forms are available from the office.

Pick one up once your pet is born. Return your completed form as soon as you can, and receive a booklet on rearing your pet. Last day to return the completed form is 22 September 2023 (last day of Term 3).

GRANDPARENTS DAY 2023 - TWO MORE WEEKS TO GO!!

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 Mass in the church followed by class presentations and a shared lunch.** We will give more information closer to the time.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Just a reminder that our school lunch order form is available on our school website. Please take note that the Macaroni and Cheese option is, unfortunately, not available any more.

Lunches can be ordered on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Follow this link for the new order form: [New World Lunch Order Form](#)



UNIFORMS

We have been advised that our school socks are available from Elizabeth Michael and will hopefully be added to the available range on the website by now: [Elizabeth Michael Uniforms website link](#)

If you are unable to order socks from the website, we suggest you give them a call and put your order in telephonically.



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.



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

READINGS AND GOSPEL FOR 3rd SEPTEMBER

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 62 (63): 2-6,8-9

R: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

"let him take up his cross and follow me"



Readings for next week:

First reading Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm 94 (95): 1-2,6-9

Second Reading Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20