



FAITH AND UNITY
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Our Mission: St Joseph's School is a place of learning where everyone grows towards his or her full potential in a Catholic environment
Our Vision: Enthusiastic, successful learners, living their Catholic faith with strength of mind and gentleness of heart.

UPCOMING EVENTS



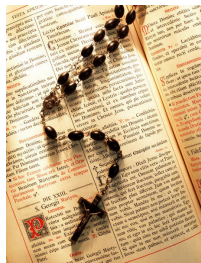
- 12 May: Oceania Parent Meeting - 6.30pm in Parish Centre
- 16 - 20 May: Book Fair Week
- 16 May: Room 5 assembly
- 16 May: BOT meeting 7pm
- 19 May: Mary MacKillop Show I am at school
- 22 May: Parish School Mass 9.30am
- 31 May: Iron Brion Show 9.45am at school
- 04 June: Matariki
- 06 June: Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 08 June: ICAS Science Exam
- 09 June: Numeracy Parent Evening
- 21 June: Hearing and Vision testing
- 23 June: School trip to MOTAT

Message from the Principal

Kia ora parents and whanau

Welcome to term 2! I hope you all enjoyed a blessed and relaxing Easter break.

We are looking forward to another busy term, with lots of enjoyable learning experiences.



The months of May and October are traditionally months where special devotion is given to Mary, the Mother of Jesus and thereby the Mother of the Church. I encourage you to pray the rosary with your family during this month of May.

EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

We have received the following letter from the New Zealand Catholic Education Board -

Dear Staff and Students of St Joseph's School
THANK YOU, most sincerely, for your generous donation to this Appeal for our Christchurch Catholic Schools. Your fundraising efforts are very much appreciated. The money will be rapidly distributed to needy families in our Christchurch schools.
Again, THANK YOU. Your support and good will mean a lot!

SCHOOL RULES

Last term I spent some time working with room one students to formulate a set of school rules. I was very impressed with the level of thought the students put into the task and the final outcome reached. Through a process of discussion, debate and elimination the students decided that everything fitted under two main rules.

Respect everyone

- ◆ Be kind to everyone
- ◆ Play with care and help one another
- ◆ Listen to teachers
- ◆ Use manners

Respect everything

- ◆ Keep our school clean and tidy
- ◆ Look after our trees
- ◆ Look after our own & other people's property
- ◆ Wear the correct uniform

EOTC WEEK

Thank you to Ms Sue Bennett for organising a wonderful three days of outdoor education activities for room 1 in the last week of term. The feedback from the children has been extremely positive with them all thoroughly enjoying the week and the challenges it presented. Thank you to all the parents who helped out, without you these experiences would not be possible.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All children need to be in winter uniform by Monday 16th May. Some second hand uniform items are for sale through the school office.

NZ SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

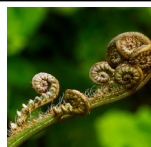
Last week was NZ Sign Language Week. Sign Language is one of the country's three official languages and I am sure many of you have been impressed by the sign language communication on the national news, especially at the time of the earthquake. While as a school we have did not plan anything specific for last week, I think we can raise our awareness and understanding. As a Catholic school our values invite us to grasp this opportunity to reach out in some way. Our children will be practising the National Anthem in sign language using the DVD sent to all schools last week. If you would like to find out more go to www.nzsign.co.nz

The **TERM 2 CALENDAR** is now on the school website.

Enjoy the term, get involved, have fun and get your children to talk about their learning.

God Bless

Kathryn Hira



Our Focus School Value for Term 2 is FAITH

Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1

Room 1 EOTC Week



WELCOME TO ST JOSEPH'S

Luke and Isabelle (rm 4), Molini (rm 5), Thomas (rm 2), David (rm 1)

Our Parish School Mass for term 2 will be on Sunday 22nd May, 9.30am. We look forward to seeing all children and their families at this Mass.

TRAFFIC REMINDERS



When leaving Brenton Place please DO NOT turn RIGHT but go LEFT and go around the block, this will help to keep the traffic flowing.

Please keep driveways for the flats and the Nun's house clear, many of the tenants need to get in/out.



School attendance dues, Special Character and School contributions are due by 20th May.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme - has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues, for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary. The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help.

The existing financial hardship scheme – operated by your school – is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school office.

Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Schools Office Website: www.catholicschools.org.nz (go to Property and Finance / Finance / Attendance Dues) If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs (Ph. 360 3069) at the Auckland Diocese office. Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2011 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to **December 2011**.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the children who recently received a **“CATHOLIC SPECIAL CHARACTER AWARD”** ...

William Chandler, Krista Vesty-Scott

This award is given to children who through their thoughts, words and actions show the Catholic special character of St Joseph's.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Ko te kanorau te matua atua, ko te kotahitanga te koa -

Diversity is the magic, Unity is the joy.

Special Character News

Welcome back to school for Term 2. I hope you were all able to enjoy memorable times with your families and friends.

For fifty days, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, the Church celebrates the Easter Season. Attention is drawn to the risen Jesus and we learn of the appearances he made to many of his followers such as Mary Magdalene, Peter, James, other Apostles and a great number of his Disciples. From these experiences, we are reassured that "the Lord has truly been raised" (Luke 24:34).



On Sunday, the 1st May, the Church celebrated the beatification of Pope John Paul II, in Rome. Beatification is normally the Catholic Church's official authorisation for the local veneration of a person considered to have led an exemplary holy life. At the beatification ceremony one place of honour was reserved for Sister Marie Simon-Pierre Normand, a French nun who suffered from Parkinson's disease but whose inexplicable cure has been attributed to John Paul's intercession with God to perform a miracle, thus permitting the beatification to go ahead. The Vatican will have to attribute another miracle to John Paul's intercession after the beatification in order for him to be declared a saint.

St Joseph's Sacramental Programme began last Wednesday and once again we thank Father Tony for leading the children and their parents in Sacramental preparation. We ask that you keep them in your prayers.

Last Thursday and Friday I attended a two day conference for the Directors of Religious Studies of the Auckland Diocese. These are always well worth attending, not only for the up to date knowledge we gain but also for the continued affirmation and rejuvenation we receive on a spiritual level that hopefully we take back to school and share with you, our school community. One such reflection I would like to share is from the inspirational day spent with Sr Jill McLoughlin, a Josephite Sister who lives and works in Christchurch. Her main focus for the day was "Gratitude" and whilst this sounds mundane, her expression and depiction of "Living from a grateful heart," was truly awe inspiring. I leave you with this beautiful quote she shared with us:



*If you look to others for fulfilment, you will never truly be fulfilled.
If your happiness depends on money, you will never be happy with yourself.
Be content with what you have; rejoice in the way things are.
When you realise there is nothing lacking, the whole world belongs to you.*
Lao Tzu

Justine Agnew

DP News

Swimming Sports:

Thank you to all of you who came to support your children, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren in St Joseph's Swimming Sports held in Term 1. Your presence was appreciated and helped to make it a great event.

Congratulations to all the students for your excellent participation and good sports approach to competing.

The results for the House Team Relays were: 1st: Brigid 2nd: Chanel 3rd: MacKillop

The overall results were: 1st equal: Joseph and Brigid - 131 points

2nd: Chanel - 121 points

3rd: MacKillop - 119 points

Literacy:

The writing focus will be on Poetry for the first five weeks of this term. The children will be looking at the features of poems and the many different ways of writing poetry.

Some of the language features that will be discussed and used are;

- Rhythm and rhyme
- Alliteration - repeated use of same consonant sound
- Assonance - repeated use of similar vowel sounds
- Onomatopoeia - words that sound like the action – boom, zap, crash
- Repetition of words or phrases
- Metaphors - when an object is referred to as if it were another object - as in 'The Beach' Hart-Smith says: The beach is a quarter of a golden fruit, a soft ripe melon, sliced to a half curve.
- Similes – when one object is compared to another- as in 'The Moon' Stevenson says: The moon has a face like the clock on the wall.
- Hyperbole – the use of exaggeration to make, or draw attention to, a point.
- Personification – when human characteristics are given to non-living objects.



I would encourage you at home to share some of your favourite poems with your children, or some you may have memorised from your childhood. You could also guide your child to taking out a Poetry book on your next trip to the Library.

Sue Bennett

BOT News

Hello everyone,

After a lot of hard work over the past 6-9 months the new School Charter has now been approved by the Board. The Charter has developed through a number of cycles, including initial community consultation in 2010, input from children and families, input from staff and the Board, and a final round of input, discussion and a number of adjustments in Term One. I want to thank everyone who has contributed to this important undertaking. The final document and some supporting material will be placed on the website in the next week or so.

As you may recall, the Charter contains 3 main sections – first, the School’s mission, vision and values; second, the key strategic goals for the next 3-5 years; and third the more detailed annual plan (revised annually), focused on more immediate initiatives, priorities and targets for improving student achievement. Our Charter clearly and distinctively reflects “St Joseph’s”, blending our Charism and values with national educational directions (including National Standards) and local community priorities. The Board is confident the Charter establishes the right priorities and balance to ensure the continued progression and achievement of all our students in all aspects of the NZ curriculum, and as such I would encourage you to take some time to review this most important document.

John Williams

FOSJ News

Term Two lunch menu

FRIENDS of St JOSEPH'S

YUMMY & HEALTHY

MONDAY LUNCH MENU

SUSHIRAMA 2nd May	4 pc *****	\$4.00
Sensational sushi rolls, choose from chicken, tuna/mayo & vegetarian, 4 or 6 piece pack		
	6 pc *****	\$5.00
PROTEIN POWER 9th May		\$4.00
Meat Pie (with Heart Foundation tick)		
Wrap 16th May **new**		\$5.00
Choose from: ham, corned beef, chicken, or smoked chicken, or vegetarian. All come with salad and cheese.		
SAUSAGE ROLL (a big one!) 23rd May		\$4.00
SUBWAY 30th May **6 inch sub**		\$4.00
Choose from: Ham, Turkey, Salami, Roast Beef or Vegetarian *****All rolls come with cheese & salad		
NO LUNCH - HOLIDAY 6th June		
PROTEIN POWER 13th June		\$4.00
Meat Pie (with Heart Foundation tick)		
SUSHIRAMA 20th June	4 pc *****	\$4.00
Sensational sushi rolls, choose from chicken, tuna/mayo & vegetarian, 4 or 6 piece pack		
	6 pc *****	\$5.00
Wrap 27th June **new**		\$5.00
Choose from: ham, corned beef, chicken, or smoked chicken, or vegetarian. All come with salad and cheese.		
SOUP 4th July		\$4.00
Hot Tomato Soup with bread roll		
PIZZA SUGI 11th July **new**		\$5.00
Onion, bacon, cheese and tomato sauce		

All lunches come with a home baked treat and a piece of seasonal fruit

More helpers with the lunches or baking needed

please!!!! Call Deborah 021 1287482

Friends of St Joseph's School Tea towel Fundraiser

100% Cotton Tea towels - Still Available - \$10 each. Your child has done the art work!!

Each tea towel contains a hand drawn picture of every child in the school!

Perfect present or keepsake for parents; grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and of course for the child themselves!

Email Joanne at joandy@ihug.co.nz for further details Or place your details and money in an envelope into the office letterbox

IRON BRION IS COMING TO SCHOOL!



The Iron Brion BBQ Roadshow is a fun, interactive show, teaching primary school children about the four basic food groups and the importance of eating a well-balanced diet.

The show takes about 45 minutes, at the end of which all children will be served a healthy Heart Tick Approved beef and salad burger.

Iron Brion was developed by Beef + Lamb New Zealand because young New Zealand children have surprisingly high rates of iron deficiency. Iron deficiency can have a detrimental impact on concentration and energy levels, which can hamper children's learning at a critical age.

Iron Brion is visiting our school on Tuesday May 31st.

Community News

Conscious Parenting Course

Explore 6 key principles and practise simple exercises that will support your day to day parenting. 2 hour sessions over 4 weeks commencing Wednesday 18th May 12 – 2pm.

Catholic Family and Community Service 31 Lincoln St Ponsonby.

For more details and to register phone Caroline on 378 9650 or email caroline.beazley@cfcs.org.nz or visit www.cfcs.org.nz

Dove Retreat Day

A wonderful opportunity for all women. Come and know how very much you are loved and cherished at a Dove women's retreat day near you. Theme; "Come to the Father's Heart". 10 Days of Refreshment; each day complete in itself; being hosted around the country by the Dove National team. The first day; Saturday 11 June St Mary's School Hall Clark Rd Papakura. For more info on all 10 Days of Refreshment, or to register go to www.dove.org.nz or phone Jo 09 424 4122.