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Principals Piece

Dear Parents/Caregivers,
Greetings for 2020! I hope you have had a wonderful summer break with your family. It is great to see our students settling back into school, and the warmest of welcomes to those families who are new to the St Joseph's community. Our school has a very exciting year ahead; amongst other things, at the end of this term we will be celebrating St Joseph's Fairfield's 70th anniversary, and we will keep you informed as the Board of Trustees goes through the process of appointing a new Principal. We have some staff in new roles this term: I am excited to be the Acting Principal, and Rhonda McFarlane is the Acting Deputy Principal. We also welcome Mr Daniel Towner to our staff; he will be teaching two days a week in Kohuri Year 2&3. Included in this newsletter are the dates and times of **"Team Information Sessions for Parents"** next Tues 11th Feb, and also **"Meet the Teacher Appointments"** in the fourth week of school. We look forward to seeing you there so that we can set up strong partnerships between home and school. Appointments can now be booked online, details are later in this newsletter.

Save the date! St Joseph's Fairfield 70th anniversary actually falls on Easter Sunday this year. We will celebrate as a school community on the Wednesday prior to this - so put **Wed 8th April** into your diary and watch this space for updates!

This term, as we build up to the 70th anniversary, the whole school will be learning more about the new Patrons of our Houses, who all have strong links to the history and charism of St Joseph's Fairfield. Our new House Patrons will be:

- Barbier - Yellow
- Aubert - Red
- Pompallier - Green
- Chanel - Blue

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Invitation to the Commissioning Mass: 6pm
Thurs 13th Feb at the Cathedral.

Bishop Steve will celebrate a Commissioning Mass to begin the school year. All the Hamilton Parishes and schools are invited. It would be wonderful if families were able to come along with their children to celebrate Mass. Children can come in their school uniform.

A reminder please that students do not need phones at school. If they need to have a phone for a legitimate reason, please send a note to the Principal to explain. Phones need to be handed in to the school office on arrival at school and can be collected at the end of the day. We also ask that 'smart watches' with messaging capability are not worn at school. Thanks for your support with this.

Coronavirus is at the forefront of everyone's minds at the moment. As a school we are following the guidance from the Ministry of Education and will be encouraging good hygiene practices with students.

Safety: A reminder that students waiting to be picked up after school need to wait either by the office at Strowan Avenue, or in front of the church with the duty teacher. If they are not collected from the front of the church by 3.00pm, they will then be taken to wait at the office. Please do not tell your children to play on the playground while they wait for you, as this is not supervised; they need to wait at one of the designated spots.

We remind all families to be considerate with parking around our school, and please do not drive or walk down the driveway to drop off or to collect students.

We look forward to working closely with you and your child/ren. If there is anything of concern, the first point of contact should be with your child's class teacher, and then the Team Leader.

Enjoy Waitangi Day tomorrow,

God Bless,
Tracy Svendsen
Acting Principal

The Presentation of the Lord (Luke 2:22-40)

Background on the Gospel

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all.

Focus on Faith

FOCUS ON FAITH

"In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters." (Genesis 1:1-3)

Week One Term One

NEW BEGINNINGS

THE BEGINNING OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR IS A CHANCE TO START AFRESH AND LOOK FORWARD TO NEW EXPERIENCES. A CHANCE TO LEARN FROM THE PAST AND SET GOALS FOR THE FUTURE. THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY MARKS 180 YEARS SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF WAITANGI. WE REMEMBER THE PAST AS WE STRIVE TO FULFIL THE DESTINY OF OUR LIVES.

Prayer for Waitangi Day

Ka inoi tātou
Every-living God
From whom
All rangatiratanga (sovereignty) comes
In the unfolding of time
You led the Māori people
And many other people
To find their home in Aotearoa

As we strive to fulfil the destiny of our lives,
Heal the wounds of our past,
Draw together in tika (justice) and aroha
All who call this land their own

We ask this through
Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit
God forever
Āmene



'SO GOD CREATED HUMANKIND IN HIS IMAGE, IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED THEM, MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM. (GENESIS 2:27)

PTFA News

PTFA parents welcome afternoon tea



St Joseph's Catholic School, Fairfield
Parents, Teachers, Friends Association

**Warmly invites all parents – especially
those new to the school to
AFTERNOON TEA**

WHEN: Thursday 13th February at 2.45pm

WHERE: Staffroom/Playground

Ice blocks for the children while they play on the
playground so parents can meet other parents

The current PTFA would like to warmly welcome all parents – especially those new to the school – to an afternoon tea in the staffroom on Thursday, 13th February at 2.45pm. We did this last year and it was a great opportunity to meet and socialise with other parents. We are also looking for new people to join the PTFA this year, so this is a chance to meet some of the members and talk about what is involved. We will have afternoon tea and ice blocks for the kids. All welcome.

PTFA QUIZ night

Back by popular demand the St Joseph's PTFA quiz night is back! We have booked in the venue – The Link, on the corner of Te Aroha St and River Roads for Saturday, 4th April, which is the week before Easter. More details to follow.

PTFA meeting

Our next PTFA meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th February in the staffroom at 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining the PTFA, fill out the sign-up [form](#) from our website and give it to the school office. We have some big things planned for 2020 – see you all then!

Cultural Corner - Week 1

Kia ora koutou,

All students in Yr 5 - 8 are welcome to sign up for our Senior Kapa haka group this year. The starting date for this will be Tuesday 18th February. It will run from 10.15-11.00. There will be a two week period for the students to take part and see if they like it. We will be looking for commitment and dedication from the students who decide to take part. We would like to welcome Whaea Penny into our school as our new Kapa haka tutor. She is a very experienced tutor who works in many schools in the Waikato.

Junior Kapa haka is set to start on Thursday of Week 5. The Year 0-4 teachers will be informed of the time and place and the students will be reminded on this day.

This term the key focus for Te Reo within the classrooms is focused around developing a personal Pepeha or Mihimihi. A Mihimihi is a basic introduction to let people know a little bit about yourself. We have also developed a Mihimihi which represents us as a school. This will be presented by the students at assemblies and special occasions.

**He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata
Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure**

Nga mihi

Anna Crawford

Lucky Book Club

Welcome to another year of AMAZING books with Scholastic Book Club.

Issue 1's bumper brochure is now out. If your child does not bring one home please ask at the office for a copy. Issue 1 closing date for ordering will be FRIDAY 21 Feb 2020.

All orders must be completed on line using LOOP. Visit scholastic.co.nz/LOOP or download the app. No orders are taken at the school office.

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Teacher Only Days 2020

This year there will be some Teacher Only Days during the school year, which were negotiated as part of the Education Sector Accord to address aspects of teacher workload.

The dates of Teacher Only Days will be:

- Term 2 - Week 5 - Friday 29 May (this is the Friday before Queens Birthday Weekend)
- Term 3 - Week 5 - Monday 17 August
- Term 4 - Week 3 - Tuesday 27 October (this is the Tuesday after Labour Weekend)

There will be one further Teacher Only Day in 2020 which will be set by the Diocese for the staff to attend Professional Development, we will let you know the date as soon as this is confirmed.

Uniform

PE gear and school hats (now \$18), are available from the school office. Hats are required for all students to play outside in Term 1 and Term 4. For more information on our [school uniform](#), please visit our website.

School App

A great way to keep informed of what is happening at our school is by downloading our school app onto your phone.

If you have not already downloaded it, download for free from Google Play Store: **St Josephs School Fairfield**.

The app allows you to send absentee notifications to school, receive alerts from school, gives staff email contacts, read the school newsletter and any other notices that may have gone home with the children. Simple and easy to use - download it today!

SJF 'No Nuts' Policy

At St Joseph's we have a 'No Nuts' policy. This means that no student is allowed to bring nuts of any description to school for lunch. Children's lunch boxes are checked regularly. For more information, ask at the school office or speak to a teacher.

Commissioning Mass

CATHOLIC
— DIOCESE OF —
HAMILTON



An open invitation
to all staff, students, families and school communities
to come join Bishop Steve at a special

Commissioning Mass

to bless the 2020 school year...

When & Where:

**Thursday 13th Feb - Cathedral of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, Grey St, Hamilton East at 6pm**

(Light refreshments will be served afterwards)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Vision and Hearing Checks

Tuesday 18th February 2020 - 9am

Information Sheet on Vision and Hearing Checks in School

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

Which children are routinely checked?

Children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check

Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up

What tests are carried out?

Ears

- Audiometry (hearing test)
- Tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes

- Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test.

NB All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

- Notify parents of all test results.
Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol).
- The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie; names, date of birth.
- If the technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required.
- Our Service may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care.

School Based Immunisations

Public health nurses will be delivering two school-based immunisation programmes in your child's school during 2020.

Year Seven Students

These students will be offered the Boostrix vaccine which is a booster for their early childhood immunisations of tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). This is the same vaccination that would have been given to your child at 4 years age if you consented.

Information about the year seven programme will be given to students at school and this session may include watching the Ministry of Health Presentation on Year Seven Immunisations and is designed specifically for this age group.

At this information session, your child will be given a consent form to bring home for you to read and choose whether or not to have your child immunised by the Public Health Nurses at school. Whether you choose to immunise or not, the form needs to be returned to school.

Year Eight Students

From 1 January 2017, Males and Females aged 9 to 26 inclusive (ie under 27 years) have been eligible for HPV (Human Papilloma virus) immunisation. The focus has historically been on cervical cancer prevention for women but increasing evidence has emerged of the impact of other HPV related cancers on men so both groups are now offered this vaccine free of charge. This vaccine will be given in two doses 6 months apart.

Information will be given to the students about the HPV vaccination programme at school. This may include viewing the Ministry of Health presentation about the HPV Vaccine Information and is for the year 8 age group.

Your child will be given a consent form to bring home for you to choose whether or not to have your child immunised by the Public Health Nurses at school. Information on the immunisations is included on the consent form which will be given to your son / daughter at the information session. Please complete the consent form and answer all the questions and return the form to school. If your child is not being vaccinated at school you still need to fill in the section with your child's name and details on it. Please check with your doctor or practice nurse if you are unsure if your child has had a tetanus injection in the last two years.

For further information on these vaccines phone 0800 IMMUNE (466 863)

Team Information Sessions for Parents

Tuesday 11th February 2020

Next Tuesday each teaching team in the school will hold information sessions about how learning is organised in their team, and upcoming events. The meetings are staggered to allow families to attend each session if necessary, and the sessions will be repeated twice as follows:

- Yr 0-3 3.00 - 3.25pm in Matatipu
- Yr 4-6 3.30 - 3.55pm in Room 8
- Yr 7-8 4.00 - 4.25 pm in Room 1

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- Yr 7-8 5.30 - 5.55pm in Room 1

Meet the Teacher Appointments

**Tuesday 25 February (2.10-6.00pm)
and Wednesday 26 February (3.00-5.00pm)**

We invite you to make an appointment to meet one to one with your child's classroom teacher in Week 4 of this term. This is a time for you to meet and get to know your child's teacher, and discuss how the first few weeks of school have progressed. The appointments will be 10 minutes long.

* Rm 3 Year 7&8 Ms Wilkinson - appointments with Ms Wilkinson will be on different days than above. Your child has a separate notice with a different booking code.

Bookings are now open through the online School Interviews system:

**www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
Event code: 8qrhm**

Can you help?

We are looking for some parents to volunteer to be "on duty" on the crossing at the traffic lights on Clarkin Road in the mornings before school, so that teachers can be in their classrooms. This would involve being committed for a regular day each week between 8.15-8.40am. If you are interested in helping us to trial this for Term 1, please contact the school office to let us know your availability and we will be in touch! Thank you.

Juicies & Moosies for Sale

Have a cool, tasty treat at lunchtime!

Year 7&8 students will be selling Juicies and Moosies everyday at lunchtime while the weather is hot, to fundraise for events in the senior school.

Starting Wednesday 5 Feb.

Juicies \$1.00 / Moosies \$1.50



Please remember that students are only to buy for themselves, not for their friends!