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Principals Piece

E ngā mātua, tena Koutou, Talofa
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

And just like that...we are in the 3rd week of our school term!

We have had a great start to the year and staff have been commenting how motivated and ready to learn our students are, which is wonderful to hear. We strive to work closely with families as it is fundamental to our students being happy and achieving well. Thank you to those parents who took time out of their busy schedules to attend our Team Information Sessions for Parents last week. We hope you take the opportunity to make an appointment to meet with your child's class/kaitiaki teacher next week for "Meet the Teacher".

Bookings are made through the following website:
www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and the Event Code is 8qrhm.

This is an opportunity to continue to build the relationship between home and school and share information specifically about your child. Remember if there are any concerns throughout the year your child's classroom teacher is the first port of call.

The Year 4-8 Swimming Sports held at Fairfield College yesterday was a wonderful occasion. It was great to see so many students giving their all!

We are extremely grateful to those parents who give up their time to help with timekeeping - we can't do it without you!

Thank you to all those parents who give up their time to coach and manage our school sports teams. We appreciate the work you do to support our students in developing their skills and their teamwork.

At St Joseph's, our philosophy is to involve as many students as possible in mixed ability teams in the various sports, and as parents please remember to encourage our children to have positive and fun interactions on the sporting field where it is great to see students showcasing their talents as well as enhancing the skills of those around them.

Enrolments:

We have had feedback from the community that there is a perception that St Joseph's Fairfield has a full roll and cannot take any more students.

This is actually not the case! Whilst we have been 'full' at times over the last two years in certain Year groups, we do now have spaces for students with Preference cards across the school.

For families who have been with us a while, you may remember that the group who left us as Year 8's at the end of 2018 were a huge year group with 63 students, which is approximately 20 students more than usual. This means we are now rebuilding our numbers throughout the whole school, hence we have spaces at the moment. Please contact the school office for any enrolment queries.

As St Joseph's Fairfield opted into the Ministry of Education Donations scheme for 2020, you will not be receiving a request for a school donation or be billed for any curriculum related costs this year.

As discussed at our parent consultations last year however, the funding from the government per child will not cover everything we have previously offered. To ensure we can continue to provide the very best opportunities for our students, we will need to charge parents for activities which are "extra-curricular", including some activities that you may not have been charged for in the past.

Under this scheme, we can charge for activities that a student opts into, with parental permission, which are over and above the standard curriculum offered. This will include activities such as fees and transport for inter-school competitions.

If your child is involved in an extra-curricular activity at school, we will seek your permission for their participation first, and then you will be charged accordingly.

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 Wednesday 8th April into your diary and watch this space for updates!

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It was a pleasure to attend the PTFA meeting last night, they do an amazing job for our school. The PTFA AGM for 2020 is on Tues 10th March, we would love to see you there.

Our Cultural Committee is also keen for new members, we will let you know when the next meeting is scheduled as the one planned for Thurs 20th February has been postponed.

Sacramental Programme 2020 for The Parish of the Holy Cross:

This programme is for children who have reached the age of reason which is 7 years of age.

Reconciliation classes will run for four Monday evenings at St Joseph's Church, Fairfield commencing on **Monday 2nd March at 6pm.**

Registration forms are available for collection from the Parish office at St Joseph's, 86 Clarkin Rd.

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9am to 3.30pm, or via email upon request to Email: parishhc@cdh.org.nz.

Safety:

In Assembly last week I spoke to students about some of the 'rules' we have to keep everyone safe. We ask parents to please support us with the following:

- Clarkin Road - the only safe place to cross is at the lights, please model this for our students
- Always walk down the side of the church, not down the driveway
- Bikes / scooters - students need to dismount and walk them down the side of the Church and across the carpark and the turf to the bike stand or scooter shed (remember to lock your bike!)
- At the Strowan Ave entrance by the office, please use the side exits and walk along the footpaths, not into the road

Thanks for your support,

God Bless,
Tracy Svendsen

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A (Matthew 5:17-37)

Gospel Reading: I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them.

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made.

They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God.

The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

School Focus

Kindness - Manaakitanga



How can you help others?



"In others we serve Christ."



*We show compassion, friendship and are good stewards of God's creation.
Live in purity, understanding and kindness.*

Week 3 - Term 1 2020

PTFA News

AGM:

There was a good turn out at the first PTFA meeting of the year last night, so thanks to everyone who attended. We are having our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 10th March, at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

This is a good one to attend, as the role holders present reports from the year's activities, and we vote role holders for the next year.

Added bonus, there will be coffee and cake!

QUIZ NIGHT:

Planning is moving up a gear for the quiz night which is happening on Saturday 4th April at The Link, on the corner of Te Aroha St and River Rd from 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

This will be a major fundraiser for the PTFA this year. Watch out for the flier on this.

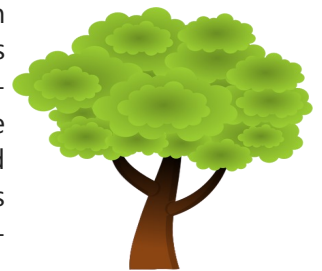
Tables of up to eight people are available for purchase for \$160, with individual tickets on sale for \$20 (we will put you in a team). We are also on the lookout for businesses who may agree to sponsor a round for \$200 and for donated prizes for the quick fire raffles, spot prizes and games.

Parent Anne Marie Case-Miller has kindly agreed to be our MC for the night. This has been a great social occasion in years gone by, so don't miss out!

To register, email: ptfa@stjosephs.school.nz.

Enviro Corner

The new enviro team has been chosen. It contains members from Y2 to Y8, 26 children altogether. In our first meeting we discussed a project we could take on and various other things we could do around the school - for example, plant more trees, get the vegetable garden up and running again. We are hoping to gather ideas from students, teachers, parents and anyone else who is interested. If you have an idea or task we could tackle, send it to school with your child.



Piano Lessons

Piano lessons will commence soon at St Joseph's. Contact Michelle on either 021 854 944 or 854 9443.

SHE Leads Programme

Unlock your leadership potential with SHE Leads. You are the next generation of leaders and SHE Leads is here to prop you up.

SHE Leads is a Hamilton programme supporting young women through character workshops, impact projects and mentoring. Head online for all the details: www.rimbrook.org/leadership.

Early bird registrations close 7th March.

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.

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Vision and Hearing Checks

Thursday 20th February 2020 - 9am

(date changed from Tues due to swimming sports)

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.

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.

Juicies \$1.00 / Moosies \$1.50



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

FOCUS ON FAITH

"The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds."
Psalms 147:2-3

Term 1 Week 3



Lent

During the Season of Lent the Church prays for the grace of a conversion of heart. It is a time when people try to renew their life in Christ through prayer-karakia and penance. When people receive the ashes on their foreheads at the celebration of the Eucharist on Ash Wednesday they hear the words 'Be faithful to the Gospel.'

Lent is a time when people make a special effort to grow in their commitment to Christ, made at their Baptism. Special importance is given to prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Fasting

This may involve holding back an unkind comment, patiently allowing another to go first or denying oneself something in order to love God and others more fully. Fasting from food can remind people not to take more than their share of the earth's resources so that the hungry may share in them too.

Almsgiving

This involves sharing with others in love-aroa and service-manaakitanga. Almsgiving can involve both the giving of money and the giving of oneself. A person may give money to the Caritas Lenten appeal. People may also give their time to others- ensuring the lonely have company and that those who are burdened by too much to do are given

Prayer for Peace

E te Ariki,
You are the Prince of Peace.
Help us to be people of peace in all that we do.

May we always show love at home.
Help us to care for our family and say sorry when we need to.
May we always show patience at school.

Help us to see the needs of others around us and look to bring healing.
May we always look to be joyful in all that we do.
Help us to bring light even when there is darkness.

We pray for your world.
Where there is war, may there be peace.
Where there is struggle, may there be peace. Where there is anger, may there be peace.

May your peace come again. Amen.
(Caritas Lenten Prayer 2018)

Upcoming Event

Wednesday 26th February- Ash Wednesday.
Mass @9am

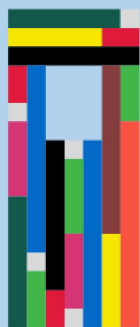
Save the date

Wednesday April 8th is the day set aside to celebrate our school's 70th anniversary. Details of the day will be finalised shortly.

The words of Euphrasie Barbier



**Have confidence in God,
be humble,
love prayer
and be very kind.
(1867)**



Hamilton CHILDREN'S DAY

Te raa o ngaa tamariki ki Kirikiriroa



Saturday 7 March 2020, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Garden Place | Waikato Museum

FREE EVENT

For more information, visit our social media:



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