

St Joseph's Catholic School, Fairfield

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Principals Piece

E ngã mãtua, tena Koutou, Talofa Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Term 1 is just flying by! We are looking forward to celebrating our St Joseph's Fairfield's 70th Anniversary in the last week of term 1. The open invitation to join us from 9am on Wednesday 8th April is later in this newsletter - please spread the word!

Costs for extra curricular activities:

St Joseph's Fairfield has opted into the Ministry of Education Donations Scheme for 2020. The Board voted to accept the \$150.00 donation payment per child from the government for 2020, which means that families will not be asked for a school donation or charged for anything curriculum related.

As a school, we are proud of the wide range of opportunities that we offer our students, and remain committed to continuing to offer a broad and varied curriculum. The MOE Donations scheme will help us fund curriculum activities that all students take part in. However, some activities are optional, because they are over and above the curriculum offered to all students, and are therefore 'extra-curricular'. This means that students need parental permission to take part in them, and that there may be a cost incurred. Under this new funding model, choir and kapa haka are optional extra-curricular activities, so students involved are bringing home permission slips this week. Also, costs involved with interschool sports (such as Year 7&8 CIS Swimming at Waterworld) are detailed on a permission slip coming home this week. Thanks for your support as we navigate this new funding model for the first time.

Turf Works:

The new turf outside Rooms 7&8 and Kohuri needs to be fixed. The good news is that all the contractors involved have managed to coordinate their schedules and we have a start date of Monday 16th March. The down side of this is that it means we will have fences up again around this area for approximately two weeks, as well as some of the field fenced off for vehicle access. Access to the field will be down the side of Matatipu block by the sandpit. As always, we will be prioritising student safety, and we thank you for your patience whilst this work is completed. It was great to see so many of our parents at the "Meet The Teacher" appointments last week.

Remember that your child's class teacher should be the first point of contact to discuss any concerns relating to your child. If you are not satisfied then it is good to contact the Team leader, then make a time to come in and see myself or Rhonda McFarlane, the Deputy Principal, if necessary.

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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 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.

We speak to our students regularly about how to keep safe in and around our school. They are asked not to walk down the driveway by the church, and to dismount from their bikes and scooters in our school and church grounds, because of the danger of vehicles. Please support your child by modelling considerate parking behaviours and taking the time to talk to them about how to stay safe on our footpaths and roads.

God Bless, *Tracy Svendsen* Acting Principal

First Sunday of Lent, Cycle A, 1st March 2020 (Matt 4:1-11)

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

School Focus



PTFA News

PTFA Annual General Meeting

This is happening next Tuesday, 10th March in the staffroom. We will be reporting on activities from the past year and electing role holders for the coming year. All welcome.

Easter Raffle

Co-ordinators: Kirsty Parker, Maz Nickel, Brooke Hardman

The Easter raffle has long been a tradition at the school, and we are doing it again this year, as a PTFA fundraiser. In the coming weeks, we will be asking that each family donate an Easter hamper item – for example (but not limited to) chocolate eggs, hamper items and Easter goodies, to make up the prize hampers. Each family will be allocated a sheet of 10 \$2 tickets to sell in the lead up to Easter. We will have some prizes for our top sellers.

PTFA Quiz Night 2020

Co-ordinators: Monica Holt, Tania Harvey, Debbie Breen

The PTFA quiz night is happening on 4th April at The Link. We are now accepting registrations as well as sponsorship for quiz rounds, and quick fire raffle prizes. Tickets available for purchase (\$20 each) as well as tables of up to 8 (\$160). It is always a fun night.

Welcome to the first House Happenings for 2020!

Current Shield Holders: Pompallier (green house)

In Week 2, a number of Year 7/8 children put themselves forward for the chance of leading their house in 2020.

Each nominee spoke to their house confidently and clearly, putting forward their best ideas and expectations of themselves in the role. It was a very close election across all Houses and I congratulate all those who had the courage to put themselves forward.

Congratulations to our leaders for 2020. They are:

- **Pompallier:** Brooke McKay and Yuri Sakimoto-Aish
- Aubert: Dominic Miller and Pieta Wright
- Chanel: Noah Gibson and Lucia Le Normand
- Barbier: Lily Ashton and Samuel Scott

As you will notice our Houses have had a name change. We have moved away from House Saints to House Patrons. These patrons have a strong connection to our faith and our school.

Students across the school will be learning about

these connections over the coming year. We look forward to informing you about our new patrons through this corner of the newsletter, through assemblies and in conversations with your children.

Swimming Sports

Last week the Year 4-8 students excitedly made their way to Fairfield College for our Annual Swimming Sports. The day was hot and the pool refreshing.

Participation was high across all the Houses. It was fantastic to see the Year 4's take part for the first time. House chants were loud and proud and support was high for all competitors.

Points were awarded for participation regardless of the stroke or length.

It was great to see our non swimmers eagerly participating in noodle and running races, earning points for their House.

The House Shield was awarded at assembly last week. Congratulations to Pompallier (green house) for winning swimming sports.

Swimming results are later on in the newsletter.

Upcoming Events

Basketball hoop competition for Year 4-8 will run at lunch time beginning next week. Please encourage your children to participate in this upcoming event to get more points for their House shield. There will be a modified version for Yr 0-3.

Cultural Committee Meeting

6.30pm Thursday 5th March in the staffroom

We welcome new members to join our small but dedicated committee - come along and meet us!

We aim to support the school in developing their cultural responsiveness to Maori, Pasifika and all cultures represented in our school.

Winter Sports Sign Up -Now Open

Sign up is now live on ENROLMY St Joseph's for all winter sports. You can find ENROLMY on the front page of our school website, or at <u>https://enrolmy.com/st-joseph-catholic-school-fairfield</u>

After community consultation about football via the Expression of Interest form, we will only be able to offer teams for 5th - 10th Grade this season. While we are disappointed we cannot offer the higher grades, there are a number of local clubs you can register with: Claudelands Rovers, Northern United, Melville United, Hamilton Wanderers, Marist.

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



Juicies \$1.00 / Moosies \$1.50

school.

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

Enviro Corner



The enviro team are now working on deciding what art work we could create place around the school.

If anyone has some spare time, or are very creative, and can help when we

need to complete some work, please let Ms. Keep know. Our next creation will be butterflies. Watch this space!

Credit Union

First Credit Union provides a school banking service to all pupils at St Joseph's School. Getting started is easy - just pick up an application pack from the school office, fill in the application form and return it to the school office. If your children are already doing school banking, remember that the school banking will be collected on Wednesday each week!



School App



Keep informed of what is happening at our school by downloading our school app onto your phone.

If you have not already downloaded it, download for free at https://schoolappsnz.co.nz/

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.

School Parking

We want to keep our school community safe and the roads surrounding our school, we understand the roads can be congested at peak times but please be patient and follow the road rules.

Please be aware that the following offences may result in an infringement notice.

- STOP ON A BROKEN YELLOW LINE (not just park for several minutes, just a quick stop will do it!)= \$60
- STOP ACROSS A VEHICLE ENTRANCE (these are clearly driveways for vehicular access whether being used or not!) = 40
- DOUBLE PARKING (stopping your vehicle momentarily beside another on the road!) = 60
- PARKED ON A FOOTPATH (even stopping briefly on a footpath!) = \$40
- PARKING ON A GRASS VERGE (or pulling onto and stopping for a moment!) = \$40
- INCONSIDERATELY PARKED (anything considered inconsiderate to another road user!) = \$60
- PARKED ON, OR NEAR, A PEDESTRIAN CROSS-**ING** (clearly not safe as it obstructs views) = \$60
- PARKED WITHIN 6 METRES INDICATED BUS **STOP** (signs only) = \$40
- PARKED IN A PROHIBITED AREA (stopping your vehicle, even if you are inside it... within an area of signs that say not to!) = \$40

School Driveway Access

We request that parents do not drive or walk down the driveway off Clarkin Road.

We ask parents to also 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 (and parents) 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!)

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.

checked regularly. For more information, ask

Children's lunch boxes are

at the school office or speak to a teacher.

LENTEN APPEAL

Lent is a time for giving, praying and fasting so this lenten season our school is giving to the food bank. Each class has a class flexi bin. Please help us by donating any non- perishable food: Tins, packets of rice or pasta, biscuits or crackers. These can be gifted throughout the 40 days of Lent.

> Lent 2020 began on Wednesday 26th February

Our food collection will end in Week 10 so please donate as many times as you can



Please get donating!!!!!

Year 4-8 Swimming Sports

Congratulations to all the students that participated in our school swimming sports. It was a fantastic day and it was pleasing to see the encouragement and support the students gave each other.

A big thank-you to the parents that helped out with the time-keeping. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Year 8 Girls	1st	2nd	3rd
50m backstroke	Olive Hapuku	Yuri Sakamoto-Aish	Tamsin Autridge
100m freestyle	Olive Hapuku	Yuri Sakamoto-Aish	Grace Coombes
50m butterfly	Yuri Sakamoto-Aish	Olive Hapuku	Cate Langley
50m breaststroke	Yuri Sakamoto-Aish	Olive Hapuku	Grace Coombes
50m freestyle	Yuri Sakamoto-Aish	Olive Hapuku	Elle Louange
100m backstroke	Olive Hapuku	Yuri Sakamoto-Aish	-
100m breaststroke	Olive Hapuku	Yuri Sakamoto-Aish	Elle Louange
Open Event 100 Medley	Olive Hapuku	Yuri Sakamoto-Aish	Grave Coombes

Year 8 Boys	1st	2nd	3rd
50m backstroke	Nathan Tebbutt	Dominic Miller	William Peoples
50m breaststroke	William Peoples	Nathan Tebbutt	Mason Hewins
50m freestyle	Nathan Tebbutt	Dominic Miller	Noah Gibson
100m backstroke	Nathan Tebbutt	Dominic Miller	William Peoples
100m freestyle	Nathan Tebbutt	Dominic Miller	William Peoples
50m Butterfly	Nathan Tebbutt	Dominic Miller	William Peoples
100m breaststroke	Nathan Tebbutt	William Peoples	Samuel Scott
Open Event 100 Medley	Nathan Tebbutt	Dominic Miller	William Peoples

Year 7 Girls	1st	2nd	3rd
50m backstroke	Ashley Lander	Eva Conlon	Gabriella Lovell
100m freestyle	Ashley Lander	Gabriella Lovell	Eva Conlon
50m butterfly	Gabriella Lovell	Ashley Lander	Eva Conlon
50m breaststroke	Ashley Lander	Gabriella Lovell	Eva Conlon
50m freestyle	Ashley Lander	Eva Conlon	Gabriella Lovell
100m backstroke	Ashley Lander	Eva Conlon	Gabriella Lovell
100m breaststroke	Ashley Lander	Eva Conlon	Gabriella Lovell
Open Event 100 Medley	Ashley Lander	Gabriella Lovell	Eva Conlon

Year 7 Boys	1st	2nd	3rd
50m backstroke	William Riley	Luke Richardson	Boyd Archibald
100m breaststroke	William Riley	Luke Richardson	Alfie Mason
50m butterfly	William Riley	Wesley Lawrence	-
50m breaststroke	William Riley	Luke Richardson	Boyd Archibald
50m freestyle	William Riley	Luke Richardson	Wesley Lawrence
100m backstroke	Wesley Lawrence	Boyd Archibald	Thomas Healy
100m freestyle	William Riley	Luke Richardson	Daniel Fletcher
Open Event 100 Medley	Boyd Archibald	-	-

Year 6 Girls	1st	2nd	3rd
25m backstroke	Tessa Scott	Taylor McCarthy	Ashleigh van Eyk
25m freestyle	Tessa Scott	Taylor McCarthy	Erin Hewins
25m butterfly	Tessa Scott	Taylor McCarthy	Anisha Gosai
25m breaststroke	Tessa Scott	Erin Hewins	Ashleigh van Eyk
50m freestyle	Tessa Scott	Taylor McCarthy	Erin Hewins

Year 6 Boys	1st	2nd	3rd
25m backstroke	Finn McCabe	Liam Coombes	Ezra Gower & Ryan Coombe
25m freestyle	Finn McCabe	Liam Coombes	Oliver Penfold
25m butterfly	Finn McCabe	Ezra Gower	Liam Coombes
25m breaststroke	Liam Coombes	Finn McCabe	Taane Wetere
50m freestyle	Finn McCabe	Liam Coombes	Oliver Penfold

Year 5 Girls	1st	2nd	3rd
25m backstroke	Caitlin Richardson	Samantha Alderton	Laura Barton
25m butterfly	Caitlin Richardson	Shelby McLeod-Dunn	Samantha Alderton
25m freestyle	Caitlin Richardson	Samantha Alderton	Shelby McLeod-Dunn
25m breaststroke	Shelby McLeod-Dunn	Caitlin Richardson	Samantha Alderton
50m freestyle	Samantha Alderton	Caitlin Richardson	Shelby McLeod-Dunn

Year 5 Boys	1st	2nd	3rd
25m backstroke	Jack Holah	Tommie Parrott	Cillian Breen
25m freestyle	Jack Holah	Tommie Parrott	Archie Mason
25m butterfly	Jack Holah	Tommie Parrott	William Parker
25m breaststroke	Jack Holah	William Parker	Tommie Parrott
50m freestyle	Tommie Parrott	Jack Holah	William Parker

Year 4 Girls	1st	2nd	3rd
25m backstroke	Stella Hapuku	Maggie Mutter	Holly Gera
25m freestyle	Stella Hapuku	Maggie Mutter	Samara Gosai
25m butterfly	-	-	-
25m breaststroke	Maggie Mutter	Stella Hapuku	Samara Gosai
50m freestyle	Maggie Mutter	-	-

Year 4 Boys	1st	2nd	3rd
25m backstroke	Rafael Drent	Daniel Harvey	Joseph Langley
25m freestyle	Daniel Harvey	Rafael Drent	Blake Robinson
25m butterfly	Rafael Drent	Blake Robinson	Adonis Polaczuk
25m breaststroke	Riley Schilov	Rafael Drent	Quinn Fitzgerald
50m freestyle	Rafael Drent	Daniel Harvey	Adonis Polaczuk

70TH ANNIVERSARY INVITATION

Inviting all past, present and future St Joseph's Fairfield pupils to come and celebrate our birthday with us!

WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL

JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF FESTIVITIES, BEGINNING WITH A CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST AT ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH AT 9AM.

NO NEED TO RSVP. WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU ON THE DAY. SPREAD THE WORD TO ALL THOSE PAST PUPILS YOU KNOW THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED.



you have been invited back to ST Josephs for

9am: Whole School Mass 10am: morning tea with the year 8 students

Wednesday

March

RSVP TO

Mrs McFarlane at r.mcfarlane@stjosephs.school.nz

on RSVP let Mrs McFarlane know if you need a ride back to your high school



St Joseph's Catholic School, PTFA

Saturday 4 April

The Link, cnr Te Aroha St and River Rd, Hamilton 6.30pm arrival, 7pm start -11pm finish

Quick fire raffles, spot prizes and games - bring coins and cash

Cash bar. Table service of beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages

Platters and pizza supper

MC: Anne-Marie Case-Miller

\$20 per individual ticket (we are forming teams of 8); or submit a team of 8 for \$160 per table)

Sponsorship of quiz rounds available for \$200 per round

To register: email ptfa@stjosephs.school.nz