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Principals Piece

E ngā mātua, tēnā koutou katoa, talofa

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Monday was a special day for us as we were back in the Church for the first time since March as a whole school. The Year 4-6 syndicate led us in our prayers and reflecting on the Gospel - what a pleasure to be able to worship together again! Other aspects of our curriculum are now back up and running too, such as kapa haka with our tutors from Hakahiva, Project Energise coordinators working with Year 7&8's, and choir and band getting started again.

St John's have been teaching basic first aid to our Year 4-8 classes this week too. It is wonderful to have this variety in our learning programmes again after so long. I also want to thank our community for their support and patience as we navigate through this pandemic. I have been so impressed by the way everyone has been able to roll with the changes and adapt to this ever changing environment.

Thank you for keeping your children home when they are sick. The 'Golden Rules' for Alert Level 1 clearly state " *If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.*" Covid-19 has certainly taught us all about the importance of hygiene, and there are many good practices that we will continue to encourage at school, such as washing hands regularly, coughing and sneezing into elbows, and limiting handshakes.

With the two new cases of Covid-19 in New Zealand yesterday, this is a timely reminder to continue to follow good hygiene practices and to act with caution for anyone who is showing new onset or worsening symptoms of one or more of the following:

- Cough
- Fever
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Temporary loss of smell

Anyone with these symptoms should ring Healthline on 0800 358 5453 or their GP. They will advise on testing for COVID-19.

It has come to our attention that some children have had school sores (impetigo) since we came back to school. Impetigo is a common and contagious skin in-

fection that causes blisters on exposed parts of the body, such as hands, legs and face, and are contagious.

Please follow the treatment advice on the Ministry of Health website:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/impetigo-school-sores>

Remember to book your appointment for **mid year Learning Conversations**, to reconnect with your child's class teacher to discuss your child's learning. Appointments are still available over the two remaining Tuesday's of term: Tuesday 23 June 3.00-7.00pm and Tuesday 30 June 3.00-5.30pm. Bookings are open on www.schoolinterviews.co.nz Event Code: **vdrxe** *Note: (Appointments for Rm 1's Learning Conversations are on Mondays, as Mrs Malpass does not work on Tuesdays and the Rm 1 Event Code is d3zpg).*

Now that we are in Alert Level 1 and shops are open and stocked again, we would appreciate seeing children in full correct uniform. A reminder also, we ask that students don't wear smart watches with messaging capability to school. These watches are expensive, fragile and can be a huge distraction at school. Thanks for your support.

Save the date - Whole School Cross Country:

This will be held at Porritt Stadium on Tuesday 11 August, the fourth week of Term 3. More information will be given closer to the time.

Finally, we extend the invitation for parents to join us again for our Gospel Reflections every Monday at 9am, and for Assembly every fortnight on Friday's at 2pm. We would love to see you there!

Thanks for your ongoing support.

God Bless,

Tracy Svendsen
Acting Principal

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Cycle A (John 6:51-58)

This Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called Corpus Christi, which is Latin for "Body of Christ." In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

Today's Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John's Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as "signs" through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God's saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body in the world.

School Focus

Fruit of the Holy Spirit: Joy - Hari

We take delight in the world and celebrate our successes and those of others.

The joy of the Lord is your strength.

Week starting Monday 15 June



Enjoy your talents!

God gives everyone talents.

What are you good at?

Enjoy your talent.

Share it with others.

Your talent is God's
gift to you
What you do with it is
your gift back to God

BE PROUD
OF Yourself

DEAR YOUNG
PEOPLE,
DO NOT BURY YOUR
TALENTS,
THE GIFTS THAT
GOD
HAS GIVEN YOU!
DO NOT BE AFRAID
TO DREAM OF
GREAT
THINGS!
POPE FRANCIS



PTFA News

July PTFA Meeting

Our next PTFA meeting is Tuesday 28th July at 7pm in the staffroom.

PTFA Pizza Friday

The PTFA is running the popular pizza lunches for the winter months. These will happen every second Friday, with the first this Friday, 19th June. Ordering will take place in the library from 8.15am. The cost is \$2 per slice; or two for \$3. The hot pizzas are delivered by Dominos and the slices distributed to the classes at lunch time.

PTFA Cheesecake Night Social Event

At our last meeting we agreed to support the school's efforts of the Smith & McKenzie annual cheesecake festival by... eating cheesecake! It is happening on Wednesday 1st July at 7.30pm. This informal occasion is a chance to meet and catch up with other parents. Coffee and a slice of cheesecake is \$12, and \$1 of this will be donated back to the school. All welcome!

Please drop us a line on the PTFA email: pfata@stjosephs.school.nz if you plan to come as we need to book.

Entertainment Books

With school holidays coming up, it is a great time to purchase an entertainment book. Our PTFA gets a 20% commission on each \$69.99 book sold. There are loads of great discounts for family friendly activities. More details to come.

Cultural Corner - Week 10

Kapa haka

Kapa haka is back up and running. Last week Kapa haka started with the Year 7-8 students only. It was lovely to hear waiata within the school again. It was also great to welcome our tutors, Whaea Troy and Matua Tim back after such a long break. This week the whole Kapa haka group will come together in the Hall on Tuesday at 10.15am.

Junior Kapa haka will commence at the beginning of Term 3. This will run on Thursday lunchtimes and is open to children in the Junior school, from Year 0-4.

Matariki

Matariki Celebrations are visible within the classrooms at St Joseph's. Classes have been looking at a number of Myths and Legends that link to this important celebration.

This year Matariki begins on 13th July in 2020. Matariki is the Maori name for a group of seven stars known as the Pleiades star cluster. Matariki appears in the eastern sky sometime around the shortest day of the year, and is thought to determine how successful the harvest crop will be in the coming season. The brighter the stars, the more productive the crop will be.

Enviro Corner - Birds, birds, birds!

It is the time of year to fill in the NZ birds garden survey. This is where all garden birds are counted and collated to give landcare an idea about how the bird population is faring.

It requires watching and counting birds for an hour on either one of the dates between 27th June and 5 July. If you are interested go to:

<https://gardenbirdssurvey.landcareresearch.co.nz/>



New Enrolments

We have openings for new enrolments. If you know of a family who may like to enrol their child at St Joseph's with a Preference certificate, email: admin@stjosephs.school.nz for more info or head to our [website](#) for more details.

Moosies and Juicies for Sale!

Our Year 7&8 Student Councillors will be selling Moosies and Juicies on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



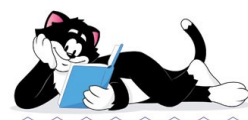
Have a cool, tasty treat at lunchtime! Funds raised will go towards Year 7&8 activities.

Juicies - \$1.00 each and Moosies - \$1.50 each

Lucky Book Club - Issue 3

Lucky Book club online orders will close this Friday. All orders must be completed online using the Scholastic LOOP, details are on the catalogue. **No orders will be accepted at the school office.**

Book Club



Year 4-8 Road Running

Years 4-8 students are starting road running as training for the cross country to be held in Term 3.

From next Tuesday 23 June, every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:45am, the students will split into three groups (based on their running ability) and will run around the surrounding streets.

There is only one road that needs to be crossed and a teacher will marshal it. There will also be teachers marshaling around the course.

For this to happen, we need parent help to run with the three groups.

If you are able to help on either a Tuesday or Thursday morning (or both), could you please email Mr Beaurepaire:

s.beaurepaire@stjosephs.school.nz or call in to Room 6.

It is important that students wear their PE gear and bring appropriate footwear for running.

House Happenings

Welcome back to House Happenings Term 2! It's great to be back.

Shield holders: Pompallier

We are keen to get back into our house competitions, and have a great one to get us going again. Next week on Thursday afternoon, the school will come together for a tug of war competition. We'll all be out on the field together cheering on our houses. The competition will be run in 4 year groups so plenty of chances for each house to take out a win!

Time permitting, we will present the shield that afternoon. Watch this space for the announcement in the next newsletter.

Dom and Peita

Aubert House Leaders

Young Vinnies Food Bank Collection

Make A Difference



Battle of the syndicates Senior vs Middle vs Junior

June 15th through to July 1st, 2020
Bring items to your classes and place them in the bins to be counted

All food goes to the St Vincent de Paul Society

**Pizza lunches are back
for the rest of this term!**

**Fri 19th June
and
Fri 3rd July**



(PTFA Fundraiser)

\$2 per slice or \$3 for 2 slices

Three options to choose from:
Hawaiian | Pepperoni | Simply Cheese
(There will also be gluten free available)

**Orders will be taken in the library from
8.15am each Friday.**