



# St Joseph's Catholic School, Fairfield

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## **Principal's Piece**

Kia Ora Koutou,

**I etahi atu ka mahi matou ki a te Karaiti  
In others we serve Christ**

Our school motto is the foundation of our Charism here at St Joseph's and provides us with a daily direction. As we enter Term 4, it's a good reminder for us to help others that are in need.

We are all on a learning journey, it doesn't matter how old you are or whether you are in Matatipu or Room 8, a student, a teacher or a Principal; we are all on this journey. We are never alone on this journey either, our mums, dads, grandparents, brothers, sisters, teachers and friends are there to help us out.

On Monday I took another step on my learning journey and was welcomed as the new Principal. I would like to thank all the teachers, students and parents that were involved in making it a special time for me and my whanau. I look forward to getting to know everyone here at St Joseph's Catholic School and helping everyone on their learning journey so everyone can be the best they can be.

This term is a busy one with a number of exciting learning experiences for the children. The main ones are the Year 4-6 Camp at Finlay Park, Athletics day and Swimming lessons. I thank the staff for all their efforts in planning these events.

You will notice some extra adults around our school this term as we have six trainee teachers on placement with us from Waikato University, in Rooms 2,4,5,7,8 and Matatipu. It is wonderful to see our staff training the next generation of teachers.

Our children looked great returning to school in their summer uniforms, thanks for sending them with hats and Roman sandals. Please remember to name everything, especially those hats and sandals which are easily left around the school - if they are named we can return them immediately.

**A reminder that school is closed on Monday 26th October for Labour Day, followed by a Teacher Only Day on Tuesday 27th October.**

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa

Grant Stuart

**PRINCIPAL**

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 22:1-14* (shorter form *Matthew 22:1-10*)

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet.

In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests.

Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast?

It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven.

It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast.

We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility.

Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

## Cultural Corner - Week 1

### Junior Kapa haka

Junior Kapa haka will begin again on Thursday lunchtimes. Any student from Years 1-4 is welcome to come and give it a try.

### Senior Kapa haka

Senior Kapa haka will continue to run on Tuesday at 10.25am. We are looking forward to having some opportunities to perform this term! The boys have worked extremely hard on the haka last term and will be keen to show off their efforts.



### Te Reo Focus

The focus for Te Reo this term is to look at a number of visual art forms within Māori culture. It will be up to the individual classes, on the areas they wish to explore. Some of these may include Manu Tukutuku, Poi, Tukutuku panels, Koru design, pendant making and weaving. The history of the practice and the tikanga behind the art form will also be looked into.

## PTFA News

### PTFA – NEXT MEETING

The PTFA is meeting next Tues 20th Oct at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. This is our first meeting in a while, so it is a good opportunity to come along and be involved. All welcome.

### PIZZA FRIDAY – PTFA FUNDRAISER

We will be holding pizza Friday lunches every second Friday this term, with the first being Friday 23rd October (Week 2). Ordering takes place from 8.15am in the library, with pizza slices available at a cost of one for \$2 and two for \$3. The other dates will be 6th and 20th Nov, and 4th Dec.

### QUIZ NIGHT – POSTPONED

This was meant to happen during the lockdown earlier this year, so things haven't gone quite to plan with holding this social event in 2020. We have now decided to wait until 2021 to have the PTFA Quiz Night. Further details to come early next year.

### SPELLATHON

**This is the PTFA's major fundraiser this term.** By the end of this week, your child will bring home information about our Spellathon. Children will be seeking sponsorship to learn spelling words, which they will then be tested on at school. This Spellathon is a great way to help children reinforce the spelling concepts they have been learning at school, and raise funds for school at the same time! Please support your child to seek sponsorship and learn their words at home. Thanks for your support!

## Yr 4-6 Ukulele Lessons

Ukulele lessons begin next Tues 19 Oct, held at lunchtimes on Tuesdays in Room 9 for Years 4-6.

Instructors are Miss Lindsey and Mrs Felix. If any students have got a school ukulele please return them to Mrs Felix in Matatipu.

If you have any questions, email Dianne Felix: [d.felix@stjosephs.school.nz](mailto:d.felix@stjosephs.school.nz).

## Celebrating Success

### Altrusa Young Citizen Award 2020

Congratulations to Kayla Garvey, who is the St Joseph's Fairfield Altrusa recipient this year. The Altrusa award is for a Year 8 student who consistently shows that they are a great role model. The criteria includes qualities such as courtesy, attitude, initiative, sportsmanship, dedication to the school community and academic effort. Kayla will attend a special ceremony held by the Altrusa club to receive her award. Kayla, you are a very deserving recipient of this award - congratulations!

### Gymsports Festival

On the last Thursday of Term 3, three very enthusiastic gymnasts represented St Josephs at the Hamilton Junior Gymsports festival. They had waited a long time for their chance to come around thanks to all the interruptions due to that pesky virus.

Caitlin Richardson competed in the club division for WAG Step 2. Caitlin placed on all apparatus, achieving 1st on floor and vault and 3rd on beam. Caitlin was 1st Overall.

### ICAS Science

Congratulations to the following students that achieved either Merit, Credit or Distinction in ICAS Science:

- Zach McLauchlan-Hillary - Merit
- Aodhan O'Toole - Credit
- Carmelo Mangampat - Credit
- Eva Conlon - Credit
- Amanda Wong - Credit
- Bella McLauchlan-Hillary - Distinction
- Elle Louange - Distinction

Zach McLauchlan-Hillary and Blake Robinson competed in the club division for MAG Level 1. Both boys traded placings on all apparatus and achieved 1st = Overall.

Congratulations Zach, Blake and Caitlin we are very proud of your achievement!

**Pizza lunches are back this term!**

*(PTFA Fundraiser)*



⇒ **Fri 23rd Oct**

⇒ **Fri 6th Nov**

⇒ **Fri 20th Nov**

⇒ **Fri 4th Dec**



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 on Fridays**



# FOCUS ON FAITH

*"Here I would point out that it doesn't take much to make young people missionaries. Even those who are most frail, limited and troubled can be missionaries in their own way, for goodness can always be shared, even if it exists alongside many limitations."*

*(Pope Francis, #239, Christus Vivit).*

## **Week One Term Four**



October is the Month of the Missions. As a school, we focus on learning the various prayers associated with the Rosary and then pray the Rosary in our classes during prayer time.

We will gather on Wednesday 28th October in our Houses to pray together as a school.

This Sunday is Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday is on the penultimate Sunday in October each year. It's the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together to support mission.

This is also the time when we launch our 'Kids on a Mission' project, where children are asked to fill a gift box full of goodies as a Christmas present for those children in need. Details of this event are outlined in more detail later on in the newsletter. It is a project the children love working on together here at school.

The Strand focuses for Religious Education this term across the school are Prayer, Communion of Saints and the Liturgical Year-Advent.



All of the Learning Strands are designed to systematically increase the children's knowledge and skills in Religious Education and help them to develop Christian attitudes.

## Year One and Two



The focus for Year One and Two is learning about Mary and the Saints who inspire people.

Mary is the greatest Saint and the mother of Jesus and the wife of Joseph. Mary's holiness was increased as she was very close to God because she was the mother of God's only son. We celebrate Mary's holiness in our Church. The Saints are very holy people because they were very close to God when they lived on earth and now they are in heaven with God. The Saints show us how to live as God wants us to and they can lead us to God. People on earth are connected to the Saints through prayer. Saints can inspire others to love God.

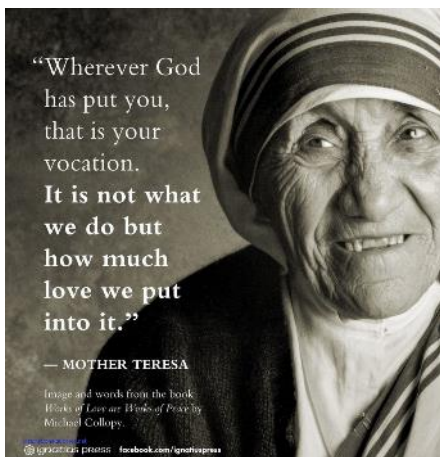
## Year Three and Four



The focus for Year Three and Four is Life, death and Christian hope.

During our lives we have times of sadness and pain. God is with us to comfort us in these times. We believe that at death our bodies die but our souls live with God forever in heaven and because of this belief we are filled with hope. Death is a sad time for families and friends. There are many special ways to say goodbye to those who have died. We can remember them and pray that they are at peace with God. We can be with people who are sad and help them to cope with their sadness. On our journey of life we make choices that influence the person we become. We have free will to choose what we do and we try to make good choices and be responsible for what we do. How we live will affect what happens to us when we die. God wants us to live good lives so we can be with God in heaven when we die.

## Year Five and Six



The focus for Year Five and Six is Saints who inspire people, in particular, Mary. The belief in the Communion of Saints is a Catholic belief about the unity and community of all the members of the Church, those now living, those who are with God in heaven and those who are undergoing purification before entering into the fullness of life with God. The living may pray to the Saints asking for God's help for those in purgatory. The living and the dead join in praise of God. The lives of the Saints inspire the living and show them how to listen to and be strengthened by the Spirit so their lives may be holy. We honour the Saints, as they are our models. Mary's faith journey is told through stories in the Scripture. Mary was a model of faith and the first disciple of Jesus. Mary is honoured because she is the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church. Mary is the patroness of Aotearoa New Zealand. There are many different devotions used in the Church to honour Mary.

## Year Seven and Eight



The focus for Year Seven and Eight is Choices - Life, death and Christian hope.

God has given people the gift of free will. With this gift comes the responsibility to develop an informed conscience so people can make life-giving choices for themselves and others. When our conscience knows what is right and wrong we can make good choices. We need to keep using our conscience to examine the choices we make each day. We will be judged by God when we die according to the life we have lived on earth. Life is a very precious gift and people must show respect for life at all stages. A human person is made up of a body and soul. These gifts help people to feel pleasure and pain and other feelings, to form relationships with God and with others, to learn and to make choices. Catholics believe that at the end of time Christ will come again in glory – we call this the Second Coming. When this happens all of creation will

be renewed and there will be no more death, pain or sadness. Catholic burial rites express the Church's respect for those who have died and faith in life after death and those who mourn their loss. All Catholic burial rites are focussed on hope – the hope of eternal life with God forever. Different cultures have different burial rites and ways of honouring those who have died.

## School Value Focus



### *Self Control - Mana*

# Stop! Think! Act!



**STOP**

**THINK**

**ACT!**



*We behave with dignity and respect.*

*God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power, love and self control.*

Week 1 - Term 4 2018





*In his recent annual Message, Pope Francis highlights the call to be missionaries amidst the current global pandemic. He says the Lord continues to ask us "Whom shall I send?" and that this call to mission emerges as an "invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbour" through service and prayer.*

*May we all take on the challenge at these extraordinary times to respond to our special missionary calling, "Here I am, send me" to help transform lives!*

As part of our mission of service, the students at St Joseph's are working to fill as many shoeboxes as they can with Christmas gifts for those in need in the Hamilton area. Each shoebox will be put together for a specific gender and age group.

Your child will work together with others at school to fill a box. Please ask them who they are working with and what it is that they need to bring in order to contribute and ensure their box is full of fantastic goodies.

Each box could contain:

- ★ Something to love eg small soft toy
- ★ Something special eg book
- ★ Something to wear
- ★ Something for school eg pens, pencils, paper
- ★ Something to play with eg small toy, handball
- ★ Something for personal hygiene eg body wash, toiletries
- ★ Perhaps a personal note/homemade item (not food)

Many of you will have items that are in good used condition or may not have been opened, worn or played with. You do not have to buy new items, but used items should be in top condition.

We aim to have the boxes delivered to various organisations by the end of Week 7, Friday 27/11.

In the meantime, if you have any spare shoe boxes with lids, please take them to your child's class and start hunting out items that will be loved by someone else.







# Term 4 2020

## Curriculum, Events and Team Updates

### *Whole School:*

#### **Term 4 Important Dates:**

- Monday 26 October: Labour Day Holiday
- Tuesday 27 October: Teacher Only Day - School Closed
- Thursday 5 November: Year 4-8 Athletics at Porritt Stadium
- Wed 11 - Fri 13 Nov: Year 4-6 Camp at Finlay Park
- Monday 14 December
  - 1.30pm - Prizegiving
  - 6pm - Year 8 Leavers Dinner
- Tuesday 15 December:
  - 11am Final Mass
  - 12 noon School ends for 2020

#### **Whole School Curriculum Focus:**

##### **Religious Education:**

**Value Focus:** Fruit of the Holy Spirit: Mana - Self Control.

Every week we focus on an aspect of Self Control and think about how we can show it through our actions.

**Religious Education Curriculum Focus:** Prayer, Communion of Saints and Advent

**Te Reo Maori:** Our Term 4 Te Reo context is Maori Visual Arts. Through hands-on activities, children will be learning about significance and symbolism of Maori design and art.

##### **PE - Athletics:**

Year 4-8 will go to Porritt Stadium for Athletics Day on Thursday 5 November. More information will come home closer to the time - save the date! Year 0-3 have an Athletics afternoon at school on Tuesday 17 November.

## ***Puawai - Year 7/8:***

Team Leader: Rhonda McFarlane

Teachers: Ann Wilkinson, Kirsty van Eyk, Kylie Malpass, Rochelle Wood

This is an exciting term for our senior students, especially the Year 8's who will be leaving us at the end of the term to begin their secondary school education. We have an action packed nine weeks planned and some special events that will ensure they end their time at St Joseph's in a memorable way!

Below is a brief outline of the curriculum for Term Four:

### **Literacy:**

**Reading** - A combination of Visual Language film study and comprehension text activities. Some of these tasks are in preparation for end of year testing.

**Writing** - Create a range of texts by integrating sources of information. A real focus will be on the willingness and ability to seek feedback and make changes to texts to improve clarity, meaning and effect. We also continue with weekly spelling sessions.

### **Integrated study:**

Through the concept of Horrible Histories, students will gain knowledge and experiences about the ways in which leadership of groups is acquired and exercised and the effect this has on communities and societies. In particular, they will explore the causes and effects of these decisions and developments over time.

### **Fitness and Health:**

Skill development through athletics sessions. We will also provide leadership opportunities for students to organise, plan and deliver activities for their peers in a range of sports and activities.

### **Maths:**

Each maths group has a different focus area.

Room 1- Statistics then revision of key concepts learned

Room 2-Complete decimals, area/perimeter, angles, BEDMAS, Addition/Subtraction, Multiplication

Room 3 - Integers, Patterns and Relationships, Number Revision

All other curriculum areas are the same as the rest of the school in regards to Religious Education and Te Reo.

Here is an overview of important events to date. These may change as the term progresses, and we will notify you of any changes of importance.

Week 3 26-30 Oct	Week 4 2-6 Nov	Week 5 9-13 Nov	Week 6 16-20 Nov	Week 7 23-27 Nov	Week 8 30-4 Dec	Week 9 7-11 Dec	Week 10 14-15 Dec
Labour Day Tue - TOD  Single Techni	Mon-Yr 7 - Rotorua Regeneration Retreat Yr 8 - Reflection retreat  Double Techni	Wed - Y8 Immunisations   NO Techni	Mon - CIS Athletics  Tue - Y8 Immunisations  Thur - School Athletics Day  Double Techni	Mon-Extreme Edge Rock Climbing  Wed - WFPS Athletics  Single techni	Double Techni	Thur-Raglan Surfing/ Paddleboarding   SingleTechni (last)	Mon - Prize Giving & Yr 8 Leavers Dinner  Tues-Final Mass and end of sch

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### **Puawai Yrs 7-8 cont...**

The Saints in Action festival that was due to take place in Week 7 has sadly been cancelled, so we are trying to find other activities that the children will enjoy. It has been a year with many challenges and changes, so we will continue to “roll with the punches” and ensure our children don’t miss out on EOTC opportunities. We have been able to secure a day at Extreme Edge Rock Climbing on Monday 23rd November and are making enquiries with other organisations to find activities that the children will be interested in.

## **Mahuri - Year 4-6 :**

Team Leader: Heather Keep

Teachers: Anna Crawford, Stephanie Terry, Tracey McHaffie, Steffan Beaurepaire, Rochelle Wood

### **Camp: Finlay Park November 11-13**

Camp is rapidly approaching and is in Week 5. Forms will have arrived home on Monday and need to be filled in and returned to school by **Friday 16 October**.

### **Bike Week:**

The Year 4-6 syndicate will be participating in a bike riding skills programme in Week 7. Children will need to bring their bikes to school for the whole week. They will be locked securely away in classrooms over night.

### **Swimming Lessons:**

These will take place in Weeks 6&7 at St Paul’s. Our students will have 8 lessons. Further details will come home closer to the time. There is no charge to parents for lessons this year because we opted into the Ministry Donations Scheme.

### **Health:**

**Year 6 - Growing in the Image of God.** Four sessions.

Children will be able to identify factors that affect personal, physical, social, and emotional growth and develop skills to manage these changes.

**Year 4/5 - Keeping Ourselves Safe** - Five sessions. Children will learn how to make wise decisions in various scenarios.

### **Curriculum Focus.**

**Writing:** Information reports, description, instructions.

**Maths:** Addition and subtraction, multiplication and division strategies.

**Reading:** Inference and prediction. Reading non fiction texts.

**Health:** Keeping Ourselves Safe. Growing in the image of God.

**Sport:** Athletics, swimming, cycling skills, summer games and skills.

**Art & Te Reo:** Maori visual art.

Week 1 12-16 Oct	Week 2 19-23 Oct	Week 3 26-30 Oct 3 day week	Week 4 2-6 Nov	Week 5 9-13 Nov	Week 6 16-20 Nov	Week 7 23-27 Nov	Week 8 30-4 Dec	Week 9 7-11 Dec	Week 10 14-15 Dec
	Amazing Race Y6	Labour Weekend and Teacher Only Day	School Athletics Thurs	Camp 11-13	Swimming Lessons  Inter school athletics	Swimming Lessons  Bike week			Prize Giving  Final Mass

## ***Matatipu / Kohuri - Year 0-3:***

Team Leader: Donna Fitzwater

Teachers: Rhona Helm, Caitlin Hollis, Aleise White, Daniel Towner, Dianne Felix, Penny Finn, Maureen Henry

Welcome back everyone, we can't believe that 2020 is almost over, and what a year it has been! As always the fourth term is a busy one; we are here until Tuesday December 15.

We begin the new term with all the Junior school doing a **Social Science study** about "Places and stories of cultural significance that shape who we are today?" We acknowledge that in our St Joseph's community we have many cultures and are wondering if anyone would be willing to come in and share stories and or special traditions of your culture with us. Please contact your class teacher and we will make time for this.

**Writing:** Our context for writing this term will mostly be focused around our topic study. The study will evoke motivations to retell, ask questions, write letters.

**Mathematics:** Term four will be heavily number focused, with addition and subtraction being then multiplication and division through skip counting and fractions. Over the last few weeks of term the focus will be on the strand of measurement looking specifically at units of time.

**Physical Education** has two main focuses for the term. Over the first few weeks we will learn and practise athletic skills using the Run, Jump, Throw programme.

On **Tuesday 17 November** of Week 6 from 1.30- 2.30pm we will have a Junior Athletics afternoon on the field at school, where the children will be able to showcase the athletic skills they have been learning. A note about this will follow.

In Weeks 8 and 9 all junior classes will be having a swimming lesson each day at St Paul's Collegiate School with instructors. There will be a notice with a timetable sent closer to the time.

**Our Home Reading Programme** will close at the end of week 8. We ask that all readers be returned so they can be sorted and put back into storage. The children love their reading books, so please encourage them to search through bookshelves, under beds and empty their book bags so that this job can be done with ease.

Regards

***Junior School Team***



## 'Round the Bridges' Cross Country

Do you want to keep up your fitness training from cross country? You can by joining our St Joseph's Round the Bridges Team for the event on Sunday 15 November.

Go to [www.roundthebridges.co.nz](http://www.roundthebridges.co.nz). (Entries payable by individuals entering).

On the first page of registration, you need to select "Team", then "Join a Team". Once you do that, a drop-down menu appears. Select our team name "St Joseph's Catholic School Fairfield" from the alphabetical menu. Then complete your entry. Good luck!



- This year, our school has created a School Group which you can join when you enter from home. Search for St Joseph's Fairfield when prompted. By linking to our school group it will give us the chance to win some great prizes.
- Entries are open for the Weetbix Tryathlon on Sunday 21st February at the university fields.
- The TRYathlon is all about giving it a TRY and is a rewarding and fun day out for you and your child.
- Participants need to be aged 6-15 years old on event day, and can complete the TRYathlon as an individual or in a team of two.
  - To enter the TRYathlon visit [www.tryathlon.co.nz/](http://www.tryathlon.co.nz/)
- Refund options will be available in the unfortunate situation that they are unable to operate the normal TRYathlon event

LABEL READING

## WHY READ FOOD LABELS?

Food labels provide us with nutritional information. This enables us to compare products equally. It also helps us to make informed decisions around dietary requirements.

Food Item	AVG PER 100g	TOTAL PER 100g	PER 100g
Apple	80	80	80
Banana	85	85	85
Broccoli	45	45	45
Carrot	45	45	45
Cauliflower	45	45	45
Cucumber	45	45	45
Garlic	45	45	45
Onion	45	45	45
Potato	45	45	45
Spinach	45	45	45
Tomato	45	45	45
Zucchini	45	45	45

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