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Principal's Piece

Kia Ora Koutou,

Ma whero ma pango
Ka oti ai te mahi
With red and black
The work will be complete

As we quickly reach the end of term the students are starting to complete their learning for the year. The teachers are busy working on reporting achievements in their learning. The students here can be proud of their efforts in what has been an interrupted year. The teachers will share the reports via Hero at the end of Week 9 (the second week in December). Please take the time to read through the digital report and celebrate the success of your children.

This weekend the Church starts a new liturgical year with the beginning of Advent. Advent is a four week period to help us prepare for Christmas. It's nice to attend Mass during the season of Advent as a family to help get ready for Christmas.

Over the last couple of weeks we have been busy planning for the 2021 School year. The school structure is based on the number of students that we have in the different year levels. This can change from time to time given high or low numbers in the different cohorts. Please note the change to the current structure next year is in the middle team. For 2021 there will be three Year 4 and 5 classes and two Year 6 classes.

A special thanks to the PTFA and all their efforts with the Spellathon. It is a big job to plan and coordinate a fundraising activity like this. The money they have raised will help provide rich learning opportunities for our students.

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa

Grant Stuart

PRINCIPAL

2021 Term Dates

Term dates for 2020 are as below:

- **Term 1: Tue 2nd February - Fri 16th April**
- **Term 2: Tue 3rd May - Fri 9th July**
- **Term 3: Mon 26th July - Fri 1st October**
- **Term 4: Mon 18th October - Thu 16th December**

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time), Cycle A

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that [last week's parable](#) of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

School Value Focus

Self Control - Mana

Look after your belongings!



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 7 - Term 4 2018

PTFA News

HONEY

We still have a few pots of honey left to sell, so we are still accepting orders and **cash sales only** at the office. It is a dark liquid honey, a mixture of native and pasture, and is locally produced. \$15 for 1kg.



FAMILY CHRISTMAS PICNIC – THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER AT 5-8pm

The PTFA discussed details for this at our meeting last night. It is going to be a fun night and all families are warmly welcome to attend. We ask that families bring their own takeaway dinner and come to socialise with other families. As a thanks for supporting our fundraising efforts this year, the PTFA is providing an ice cream truck for the children, and strawberries and cream for the adults. We are also going to do a Christmas themed chalk art 'coin trail' for the children to do. Please start saving some New Zealand currency 10c, 20c, 50c, \$1, \$2 coins so we can create a masterpiece on the concrete. Coins collected on the night will be gifted to Catholic Social Services.



PIZZA LUNCH

These have been a great success this year, and we have one more left for the year, on Friday 4 December. Pizza is \$2 per slice or two for \$3 with different flavours and gluten free bases available. Orders taken at the school library from 8.15am on the day.

St Joseph's Fairfield PTFA Fundraiser 2020



The PTFA would like to say a huge "Thank you!" to our community for making this fundraiser so successful. In a year when other fundraising attempts had to be put on hold due to covid, we asked you to support this Spellathon as our major fundraiser for 2020, and you really did get behind it! The current total raised is just over **\$14,000!** We thank our children for getting sponsored and learning their spelling words, and we thank our families and friends for their generous support. Money is still trickling in and is still gratefully accepted. This money will help pay for the Year 0-6 swimming lessons, the Year 4-6 camp and the Year 7&8 camp next year. Thank you.

The class who raised the most money on average and will get pizza for lunch is.....Mrs Helm's class from Kohuri! Congratulations!

Credit Union Banking - Last Day!

The last school banking pickup for 2020 will be next week, Wednesday 1st December. This will ensure they have the books back to our students in time for the end of the year!

Disco! Tonight and Tomorrow Night!

Don't forget our annual school disco's which are on tonight for the Year 0-3's at 5pm, and the Year 4-6's at 6.30pm. The senior school (Year 7&8's) will have their turn to boogie at 6pm tomorrow night. Check out the notice below for more information. Remember parents, you are welcome to come and fun also!



The Year 7&8 Student Councillors are excited to announce our school disco!

Venue: Church Hall Entry: \$2

Snacks and drinks will be available to purchase so bring a few dollars to spend! Proceeds to Year 7&8 events.

Wednesday 25th November 2020

Yr 0-3: 5.00-6.00pm

Theme: Superheroes

Yr 4-6: 6.30-7.30pm

Theme: Movie Characters

Thursday 26th November 2020

Yr 7&8: 6.00-7.30pm

Theme: 'We like Tutu Party'

Parents, you are welcome to stay and dance!

Reporting to Parents - Term 4 2020

Towards the end of Week 9, parents will be notified via email when Digital Reports go live on HERO. This term your child's report includes:

- Dials showing curriculum sublevels for Reading, Writing and Maths
- Goals/next steps for Reading, Writing and Maths
- Posts about Topic work, Spelling and PE
- A "General Comment"

We will hold a **Parent Information Session** about HERO on **Thursday 10 December at 3pm** in Matatipu (the Year 1 classroom).

This session is for:

- Parents who are new to our school, to understand our HERO reporting system. We will go over the curriculum levels and how progress information is shown on HERO.
- Those who want a refresher on how to understand the progress information in the report.

Drop in session for HERO technical issues: Ms Svendsen will be available on **Friday 11 December in the school Library from 2.00-3.00** for anyone having any technical issues accessing their parent HERO account; bring your device and we will try to get it sorted for you!

If you want to discuss the progress of your individual child, please make contact with their classroom teacher.

NZpray2day App

Following the successful launch on Android platforms last year, the National Centre for Religious Studies (NCRS), are very pleased to announce the launch of [NZpray2day](#) for Apple devices also.

NZpray2day is designed to support people, young and old, particularly in Catholic schools and parishes to simply enter into the richness of the ancient Christian cycle of seasons, saints and readings. It is not an exhaustive source of all information in these areas, but rather takes 'snapshots' and encourages people to seek a moment to reflect, pray and respond. It also brings in pieces of history to link this liturgical journey with aspects of the story of New Zealand and the wider world.

It is already proving an inviting and useful tool for individual, class and staff prayer for those in schools, and for whānau and parishioners throughout Aotearoa and abroad.

To install on Android or Apple devices simply go to Google "Play Store", or Apple's "App Store" search for NZpray2day and install. It is completely free – a gift for you from NCRS and Te Kupenga.

Expression of Interest Singing Lessons & Beginner Guitar Lessons

- If we have enough interested parties we **may** be able to offer these lessons from Term 1 2021 for Year 5-8 students.
- These lessons will be taught during the school day.
- These lessons will be charged for termly, and children may be in small groups or individuals, depending on numbers.
- These lessons will be taught by Donna Hughes, St Joseph's Performing Arts Teacher.
- If you are interested in one/or both of the above lessons for your child please email d.hughes@stjosephs.school.nz a.s.a.p. Expressions of interest must be received by Monday 7 December so that we can plan accordingly.

Once we know the number of interested students we will send out more information.

FRIDAY
=PIZZA

Sponsored by Davies Car
Domino's



Last Pizza Lunch for this term Year!

(PTFA Fundraiser)



⇒ **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 on Friday 4th Dec.

Parent Helper Morning Tea



You can't imagine how much we appreciate you!
thank you

Please join us on:

Wednesday 9th December

11.00am – 11.30am

St Joseph's School Staffroom

*St Joseph's School would like to take this
opportunity to thank you for your support during
the 2020 school year.*

*Please join us for morning tea as a small token of
our appreciation for all your hard work.*

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Year 8 student Noah Gibson, who received the following awards and placings at the Fairfield athletics club this season. Well done Noah!

- Trophy for first overall winner for short distance running
- Trophy for first overall winner for mid distance running
- 1st in 100m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, discus, long jump and high jump

CIS Athletics Success

Congratulations to the following students that achieved success at the CIS Athletics Competition at Porritt Stadium:

Year 7 Girls

- Ashley Lander - 3rd - 800m
- Grace Quigley - 1st - cricket ball throw, 1st - 800m
- Nadia Turner - 3rd equal - high-jump, 2nd - long-jump
- Chunwa Ogechi-Okoro - 3rd - long-jump
- Muireann O'Toole - 3rd equal - high-jump

Year 7 Boys

- Alfie Mason - 2nd - 800m, 2nd - 1500m
- Boyd Archibald - 2nd - high-jump, 1st - long-jump,
- Noah Pritchard - **2nd - long-jump**
- **Relay team - 3rd**

Year 8 Girls

- Lily Ashton - 2nd - 200m, 2nd - 800m, 2nd - 1500m, 1st - high-jump, **3rd Overall Year 8 girl**

Year 8 Boys

- Steven Vivas - 1st - 100m, 1st - long-jump, 3rd - 200m, 3rd - high-jump **2nd Overall Year 8 boy**
- Noah Gibson - 1st - 20m, 1st - 800m, 1st - 1500m , 1st - high-jump, **1st Overall Year 8 boy, CIS Year 8 boys high-jump record 1.50m**
- Blake Pitchford - 2nd - 100m, 2nd - 200m, 2nd - cricket ball throw, **3rd equal Overall Year 8 boy**
- Mason Hewins - 2nd - discus, 3rd - long-jump
- Relay team - 1st
- William Peoples - 3rd 800m, 3rd - 1500m, 2nd - shot-put, 3rd cricket ball throw
- Ryan Cole - 3rd - 100m
- Noah Gibson - 2nd - long-jump
- Nathan Tebbutt - 2nd - high-jump

Yr 4-6 School Athletics Success

Year 4 Boys

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
50m Run	Jena Anotida	Daniel Harvey	Nate Lugton
100m Run	Daniel Harvey	Anotida Jena	Riley Schilov
800m Run	Daniel Harvey	Levi Bulamba	Zach McLauchlan-Hillary
Long Jump	Levi Bulamba	Joseph Langley	Noah Fernando
High Jump	Oscar Ott	Noah Fernando	Riley Schilov
Cricket Ball Throw	Rafael Bainbridge	Rafael Drent	Anotida Jena

Year 4 Girls

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
50m Run	Samara Gosai	Olivia Moore	Holly Gera
100m Run	Olivia Moore	Maggie Mutter	Phoebe O'Halloran
800m Run	Olivia Moore	Maggie Mutter	Holly Gera
Long Jump	Holly Gera	Tessa-Mhy Tane	Olivia Moore
High Jump	Olivia Moore	Holly Gera	Maggie Mutter
Cricket Ball Throw	Clare Williams	Ruth Brightwell	Tessa-Mhy Tane

Year 5 Boys

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
50m Run	Gabriel O'Halloran	Jack Holah	Cillian Breen (3rd Equal) Sione Vaea (3rd Equal)
100m Run	Gabriel O'Halloran	Jack Holah	Sione Vaea
800m Run	Jack Holah	Archie Mason	Viktor Fletcher
Long Jump	Jack Holah	Gabriel O'Halloran	Tommie Parrott
High Jump	Gabriel O'Halloran	Viktor Fletcher	Carmelo Mangampat
Cricket Ball Throw	Jack Holah	Gabriel O'Halloran	Sione Vaea

Year 5 Girls

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
50m Run	Maddie Kovacs	Aoife Whaley	Caitlin Richardson
100m Run	Maddie Kovacs	Caitlin Richardson	Samantha Alderton
800m Run	Caitlin Richardson	Maddie Kovacs	Samantha Alderton
Long Jump	Aoife Whaley	Caitlin Richardson	Layla Carter
High Jump	Layla Carter	Caitlin Richardson	Aoife Whaley (3rd Equal) Zara Mawdsley (3rd Equal) Shelby McLeod-Dunn (3rd Equal)
Cricket Ball Throw	Layla Carter	Caitlin Richardson	Maddie Kovacs

Year 6 Boys

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
50m Run	Liam Coombes	Finn McCabe	Taane Wetere
100m Run	Liam Coombes	Finn McCabe	Paxton Polaczuk
800m Run	Liam Coombes	Finn McCabe	Paxton Polaczuk
Long Jump	Liam Coombes	Ollie Penfold	Finn McCabe
High Jump	Ollie Penfold	Liam Coombes	Finn McCabe
Cricket Ball Throw	Ollie Penfold	Liam Coombes	Paxton Polaczuk

Year 6 Girls

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
50m Run	Ashleigh Van Eyk	Tessa Scott	Bella McLauchlan-Hillary
100m Run	Ashleigh Van Eyk	Tessa Scott	Catherine Scanlon
800m Run	Tessa Scott	Bella McLauchlan-Hillary	Ashleigh Van Eyk
Long Jump	Catherine Scanlon	Tessa Scott	Ashleigh Van Eyk

High Jump	Catherine Scanlon	Ashleigh Van Eyk	Ava Moore
Cricket Ball Throw	Anisha Gosai	Tessa Scott	Keira-Lee Tane

Year 7 Boys

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
100m Run	Noah Pritchard	Boyd Archibald	William Riley
200m Run	William Riley	Noah Pritchard	Luke Richardson
800m Run	Alfie Mason	Luke Richardson	William Riley
1500m Run	Alfie Mason	Luke Richardson	Boyd Archibald
Long Jump	Boyd Archibald	Noah Pritchard	Aidan Pan
High Jump	Boyd Archibald	Luke Richardson	William Riley
Shot Put	William Riley	Thomas Healy	Jayden Ace
Discus	Samuel Mateer	Boyd Archibald	William Riley

Year 7 Girls

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
100m Run	Eva Conlon	Ashley Lander	Zara Morris
200m Run	Eva Conlon	Grace Quigley	Ashley Lander
800m Run	Grace Quigley	Ashley Lander	Eva Conlon
1500m Run	Eva Conlon	Ashley Lander	
Long Jump	Chunwa Ogechi-Okoro	Nadia Turner	Zara Morris
High Jump	Muireann O'Toole	Nadia Turner	Eva Conlon
Shot Put	Grace Quigley	Jaya Baker	Eva Conlon
Discus	Muireann O'Toole	Grace Quigley	Jaya Baker

Year 8 Boys

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
100m Run	Steven Vivas	Noah Gibson	Ryan Cole
200m Run	Noah Gibson	Steven Vivas	Blake Pitchford
800m Run	Noah Gibson	Ryan Cole	William Peoples
1500m Run	Noah Gibson	Samuel Scott	William Peoples
Long Jump	Noah Gibson	Steven Vivas	Mason Hewins
High Jump	Noah Gibson	Nathan Tebbutt	Blake Pitchford
Shot Put	Mason Hewins	William Peoples	Yunho Choi
Discus	Noah Gibson	Mason Hewins	Nathan Tebbutt

Year 8 Girls

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
100m Run	Lily Ashton	Eboni Davies	Kayla Garvey
200m Run	Lily Ashton	Eboni Davies	Kayla Garvey
800m Run	Lily Ashton	Kayla Garvey	Eboni Davies
1500m Run	Lily Ashton	Tasmin Autridge	Kayla Garvey
Long Jump	Tamsin Autridge	Kayla Garvey	Eboni Davies
High Jump	Lily Ashton	Bella Kovacs	Elle Louange
Shot Put	Lily Ashton	Brooke McKay	Tamsin Autridge
Discus	Tamsin Autridge	Brooke McKay	Lily Ashton