



St Joseph's Catholic School, Fairfield

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Principal's Piece

Kia Ora Koutou,

Nau Mai, Haere Mai I Te Kura
Welcome back to school

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a restful break with their families and enjoyed the summer weather. It has been wonderful to see how well our students have settled back into school. A very special welcome to those families who are new to our school. We know your time at St Joseph's Catholic School will be very special.

We welcome a number of new staff to the school. Please make them feel a part of the school community.

- Ms Shannon Dons - Room 7 Teacher
- Ms Maria Cameron - Kohuri Teacher
- Mrs Claire Velzian- Kohuri Teacher
- Mrs Shelley Thorndike - Teacher Aide
- Mr Keegan Greene - Teacher Aide
- Brooke Hardman - ORS Teacher
- Alicia Goodhall - CRT Teacher

Year of St Joseph

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021. With Saint Joseph being the patron saint of our school there will be different events to celebrate the 'Year of Saint Joseph'.

A daily prayer to St Joseph... and a challenge

In his letter, Pope Francis notes how, "Every day, for over forty years, following Morning Prayer" he has "recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary." This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph," on account of its closing words: "My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power."

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At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Covid 19

Over the summer period we have seen in the news other countries entering lockdown to prevent the spread of the new strain of Covid 19. With people still arriving in the country from those Covid hotspots we still need to be vigilant. As a school we are following the guidance from the Ministry of Education and will be encouraging good hygiene practices with students. If your child is unwell they must stay at home. At the different entry points to the school is the QR code.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Team Information Sessions for parents next Tuesday.

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa

Grant Stuart
Principal

School Value Focus



We are faithful to Christ
and honour our commitments and promises.
The Lord rewards us for our faithfulness.



Week 1 Term 1 2021

**Enjoy developing a
fantastic place to
learn with your new
class and teacher.**

What
agreements will
your class
make about
how to learn
well together?

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28 - Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit and his fame spreads throughout Galilee.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the pre scientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

Invitation to the Commissioning Mass

Mass will be at 6pm Tuesday 16th February at the Cathedral. Bishop Steve will celebrate a Commissioning Mass to begin the school year. All the Hamilton Parishes and schools are invited. It would be wonderful if families were able to come along with their children to celebrate Mass. Children can come in their school uniform.

Children's Liturgy

The Parish is looking for new people to help take Children's Liturgy on a Sunday. The commitment is two Sunday's a term. The resources are provided and there is training available. If you are interested in becoming part of the team then please email admin@stjosephs.school.nz

Sacramental Programme 2021 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 4 Monday evenings at St Joseph's Church, Fairfield commencing on Mon 22 Feb at 6pm. Registration forms are available from the Parish office at St Joseph's, 86 Clarkin Rd, Office Hours: Mon to Fri 9am to 3.30pm, or via email upon request to: Email: parishhc@cdh.org.nz

SPORT NEWS

Sports Team Update

Primary School Sport is evolving with the latest research and Covid 19. Many of the major sporting codes have moved away from Representative teams and are focusing on participation and enjoyment. Locally we have lost Project Energize, a joint initiative between the Waikato District Health Board and Sport Waikato to get children out there and active. We have found post Covid the numbers have dropped with students participation. This has affected the number of sports teams that we have been able to field. A number of our students have missed out in being involved in a range of sports.

There are a number of sports that can be provided by clubs that will allow our students the opportunity to be involved in sport rather than missing out. Our local clubs have a huge amount of resources and funding available to them. They have expert coaches with world class experiences behind them.

There are some sports that don't have clubs and the school will continue to provide opportunities for those students. Sports like Water Polo, Flipper Ball, Netball and Volleyball. St Joseph's will continue to support the Saints Sports Club for Year 7-8.

We thank you for your understanding and support as we try to provide sporting opportunities for all our students.

Kia manaaki te Atua koutou katoa
Grant Stuart
Principal

New St Joseph's Sports Coordinator

Amy Bygrave has been appointed as the new sport coordinator. Amy has a wealth of experience and is familiar with the role.

As a school we would like to thank Michelle Peoples for her work over the years to ensure St Joseph's students could participate in team sports.

Any sports enquiries should be directed to: sports@stjosephs.school.nz

Titans Futsal Club Enrolment

Registrations are now open for all players aged 7 - 17+ wishing to play Futsal for the Titans Futsal Club. Please email titansfutsal00@gmail.com with your interest or query.

Titans play in the local WaiBOP leagues and enter teams in the U9, U11, U13, Junior HS, Senior HS & Senior divisions. Titans have a range of players from social through to representative players and have a focus on extending all players, regardless of current skill level, in a fun family like environment.

Titans will provide dedicated weekly training, administration and team coaches. Titans has an ongoing focus on developing futsal coaches so if this is something you are interested please feel free to make contact also. Any queries to Wezz Hendricks on 021 820 909

Volleyball

Waikato Regional Volleyball are running an Academy at The Peak, Rototuna for four weeks starting next week. This is to help beginners and improve players current skills.

For further information please contact a.bygrave@stjosephs.school.nz for further Information.

Youth Development Program

The popular Youth ADP sessions are on again in Term1 - for girls and boys in Yrs 6-8 who want to learn more about the fundamentals of physical training. Mondays or Thursdays, 5-6pm starting 8 Feb. Sign up here <https://forms.gle/hSQC42cREZ1fMW2W6>

Saints Cricket

We have confirmed three teams for this term already need another two players as two teams have the minimum number of 9 players each.

Details are as follows:

- Games are Saturday mornings 9am (First game is 13th February- 27 March)
- All gear will be provided (you just need your own white pants and sneakers)
- Cost is \$40 per term
- The first two children registering to play will be placed into a team - we can only take two more players
- Registrations close on Friday 5th February

Saints Basketball

We are only having Social Teams in term 1 this year. We will look to hold trials for a "Top Gold" team at the end of term 1 if enough players are interested in this option. If trials are held then this team will get to play in a higher grade together for the remainder of the year.

Details are as follows:

- Games are played on Tuesday evenings (anytime from 4pm to 8pm)
- Cost is \$50 per term
- Teams have to have a minimum of 7 players to register and a maximum of 10. We will try and ensure all children get to play but numbers dictate what I can do
- Registrations close on Friday 5th February

Please email: jmcintyre@marian.school.nz to register your child's interest to play in either the cricket or basketball teams or if you have any questions asap.

ONLINE KINDO SCHOOL SHOP

(more details at the end of the newsletter if required)

Say goodbye to paper forms and having to find cash, and hello to online purchases and payments!

We are very excited to introduce our new online Kindo school shop where you can order lunches, view, and make payments on your personalised account, order uniforms, and much more!

[New Users can click here](#) to set up your myKindo account.

Simply enter in the same email address our school has on file for you.

Already have an ezlunch or myKindo account? You can [click here](#) to login and update your details.

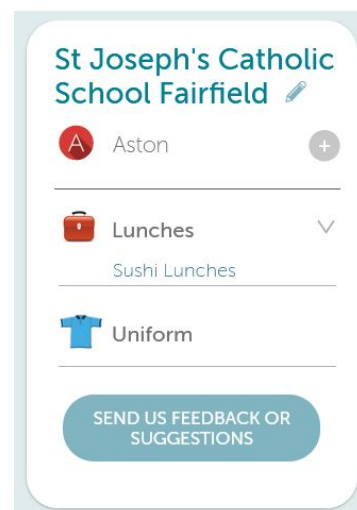
The myKindo app is also available to download for both android and iPhone once you have registered online.



Need assistance? Our Kindo helpdesk is open 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

Freephone: 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636) Email: hello@myKindo.co.nz

Online support: support.myKindo.co.nz



SAVE TIME – PAY ONLINE

Mobile Phones

At St Joseph's Fairfield cellphones are not permitted at school unless the parents have written a letter to the Principal outlining the purpose. If this is agreed, the cellphone will be powered off and left in the Principal's office until the end of the day when it will be handed back as the child leaves the school grounds.

Team Information Sessions for Parents

Tuesday 9 February 2021

Next Tuesday each teaching team in the school will hold information sessions. Come along to meet the teaching team, find out about how learning is organised for your child's age level, and find out about upcoming events for the term in each syndicate.

The times of the meetings are staggered to allow families to attend each session if necessary, and the sessions will be repeated twice as follows:

Yr 0-3 3.00 - 3.25pm in Matatipu

Yr 4-6 3.30 - 3.55pm in Room 8

Yr 7-8 4.00 - 4.25 pm in Room 1

Yr 0-3 4.30 - 4.55pm in Matatipu

Yr 4-6 5.00 - 5.25pm in Room 8

Yr 7-8 5.30 - 5.55pm in Room 1

Meet the Teacher Appointments

Monday 22 February (2.00-6.00pm)

and Tuesday 23 February (3.00-5.00pm)

We invite you to make an appointment to meet with your child's classroom teacher in Week 4 of this term. This is a time for you to get to know your child's teacher, discuss how the first few weeks of school have progressed, and let us know anything we need to know about your child. The appointments will be 10 minutes long.

Bookings are now open through the online School Interviews system:

Click on this link, or go to the School Interviews website and enter the booking code:

[Booking Link: St Joseph's Fairfield Meet the Teacher Term 1 2021](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Event code: yw22t

Safety

A reminder that students waiting to be picked up after school need to wait either by the office at Strowan Avenue, or in front of the church with the duty teacher. If they are not collected from the front of the church by 3.00pm, they will then be taken to wait at the office. Please do not tell your children to play on the playground while they wait for you, as this is not supervised; they need to wait at one of the designated spots. We remind all families to be considerate with parking around our school, and please do not drive or walk down the driveway to drop off or to collect students.

Oven Donation

If anyone has a freestanding electric oven with ceramic cooktops for sale or knows of one available, please let the office know.

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. Children's lunch boxes are checked regularly. For more information, ask at the school office or speak to a teacher.

School Communication

Make sure you keep up to date by checking out our school app and website, in particular, the calendar, as this will have all the latest information. School App If you have not already downloaded it, download free from Google Play Store: St Joseph's Catholic School Fairfield. 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. Simple and easy to use - download it today at <https://stjosephsfairfield.apps.school.nz/install/>

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**

*Please note that School is closed Friday 4 February

The Teacher Only Days are:

- **Term 1: Monday 8 March (Week 6)**
- **Term 2: Tuesday 8 June (Week 5)**
- **Term 3: Tuesday 31 August (Week 6)**
- **Term 4: Tuesday 26 October (Week 2)**

School Lunches 2021

This year we are changing our school lunch providers.

The Year 7 & 8 students have driven the change and put forward alternatives and are looking forward to trying out the new menu. The School has partnered with St Pierre's Sushi and Subway Ulster Street. To view the menu available and to order you will need to login into Kindo (details below about Kindo and how to set up an account). Sushi orders start next week and Subway soon after. Orders must be in by 9.30am for lunchtime that day.

Any credits you may have with last year's lunch provider *LunchOrders*, will need to be contacted directly for more information regarding it.

ONLINE KINDO SCHOOL SHOP (full details)

SCHOOL PAYMENTS ONLINE - WITH KINDO

Introducing our Kindo School Shop!! You can view your personal account, make part or full payments on your outstanding items, order lunches and uniforms, and much more. It's easy, convenient, open 24/7 and available on our school website. It is our preferred method of payment and we encourage you to set-up your myKindo account today.

New users can set up a myKindo account easily! [Click here](#) to register & create an account - all you need is the email address the school has on file for you.

Existing users Already have an ezlunch or myKindo account? Simply login with your email and password, update your details and start shopping! [Click here](#) to log in.

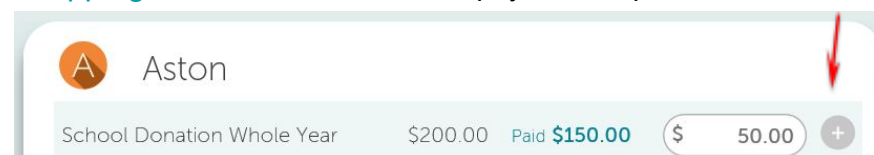
Payment

There are a number of ways you can choose to top-up your account, and this can be done at the checkout, or by selecting the 'top up account' icon.

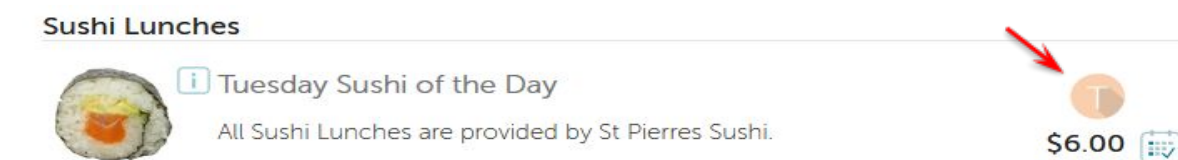
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POLi	No fees. Instant transfer. **RECOMMENDED**			
Credit/Debit Card	50 cent charge + 2.5% fee. Instant transfer. Visa / MasterCard / American Express and China UnionPay available.			
Bank Transfer	No fees. Allow 2 days for processing.			

Shopping

Personalised payment requests can be made by clicking the + next to the item.



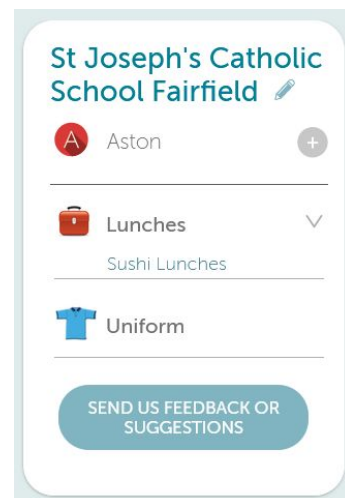
Optional items can be added to your shopping cart, by clicking on your child's initial next to an item.



Once you have made all your purchases click on the **Checkout** option to complete your transaction. If you have sufficient funds, then simply click **Place Order** at the checkout and you're done! Your order will automatically go through to the School or lunch supplier, and you will receive an email receipt confirming your top-up and/or purchase!

mykindo App

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