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Saint Joseph's School, New Plymouth

Newsletter 2021

Tena Koutou, e hoa ma. Nga mihi nui kia koutou. Dear Parents, Caregivers and friends of the school.

Welcome to the 2021 school year at St Joseph's, New Plymouth. I hope you have all enjoyed some time with your children and shared some special experiences together. I enjoyed a break away to the Whangaparoa Peninsula and spent the holidays recuperating after shoulder surgery, all has gone well and I should be back playing cricket and rugby this year. ☺

Today we welcome 14 new families and 21 new students to our school. The school roll for 2021 is currently full with pre-enrolments taking up the remaining places that we are able to offer. The roll for 2022 is also close to full. Please encourage friends and family to enrol their children at St Joseph's several years before they turn five to ensure they are on our pre-enrolment lists.

We welcome Wendie Hildred to our school as our new Director of Religious Studies (DRS) and teacher in Lawn. We are looking forward to having Wendie in our school, she already has lots of great ideas planned for our staff and children. We are also very excited to welcome Phil Hoskin to our teaching team. Matua Phil will be working across the school teaching tikanga and te reo Māori on Tuesdays. Matua Phil will also be supporting Whaea Unity with our kapa haka roopu. Janine Baldock (Oscar Admin) will be leaving us shortly and Tina Firkin (Teacher Aide) has also resigned to support her husband in their new business venture. We give thanks to both Tina and Janine for their service to our school.

On Thursday 11th February we are looking forward to hosting all parents at our 'Starting Strong' Evening. Check out the whole page flyer on page three of this newsletter. Please make sure you have the St Joseph's App set up on your phones and devices. The App is our main means of communication with our families. Our Facebook page, St Joseph's Catholic School New Plymouth, is also a great page to 'like' and follow to keep up with St Joseph's news and celebrations.

Watch out for details regarding the 'Getting to Know You' letters in school bags, on Facebook and the School App; the info in these letters is very helpful to our teachers. The Year 5 & 6 students will be off to camp during this term and the Year 1 & 2 and Year 3 & 4 students will be involved in some day-based outdoor education. More information on these experiences will be sent home in notices shortly.

The staff have been busy preparing and planning for 2021 over the last couple of weeks. They have a great year of learning and rich experiences organised for our students in the year ahead. Our students are lucky to have such a committed group of teachers and support staff at St Joseph's.

God Bless, Mike Dowd (Principal)

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STAFF OF SAINT JOSEPH'S 2021

PRINCIPAL	Mr Mike Dowd
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Senior School)	Mr Michael Healion
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (Junior School)	Mrs Fiona Hopkirk
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES	Miss Wendie Hildred
LEARNING SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR	Mrs Jenna Woods

JUNIOR TEAM

Trinity	(Year 0/1)	Mrs Julia Ropitini
Barbier	(Year 1/2)	Mrs Jenna Woods
Mission	(Year 1/2)	Mrs Leanne Bartlett
Carroll	(Year 1/2)	Mrs Helen Carswell
McKenna	(Year 1/2)	Miss Tanisha Perrett

SENIOR TEAM

Lourdes	(Year 3&4)	Mrs Rochelle Edgecombe
Lawn	(Year 3&4)	Miss Wendie Hildred
Redwood	(Year 3&4)	Ms Jane Ann Bricknall
Te Hononga	(Year 3&4)	Miss Bridie Zarifeh
Cullinane	(Year 5&6)	Ms Hayley O'Neill
Fatima	(Year 5&6)	Mr Michael Healion
Heidelberg	(Year 5&6)	Mrs Mylene Tribo

PART-TIME TEACHERS

Literacy Support	Mrs Sharon Thomson
Release Teachers	Ms Eileen Murphy, Mrs Sheryl Firth & Mrs Jenna Gawler

TEACHER AIDES

Katie Chapman	Jenny Moore
Angela Watson-Cowie	Jude Fevre

SUPPORT STAFF TEAM

Office Administrator	Sharon Fisher
OSCAR Administration	Janine Baldock
Librarian	Angela Watson-Cowie
ESOL	Jude Fevre
Groundsman	Wayne Hopson
Cleaners	Noreen & Johan Ongchango
OSCAR Co-ordinator	Jenny Moore
OSCAR Staff	Cherryl Wylde, Briar Horgan, Kazarra Castle & Mel Corbett



Starting STRONG 2021



An evening of essential start of the year information for all parents



Thursday 11th February 2021

This year we have organised an evening for all parents with lots of information on how the school day runs, class and team organisation and how to support your child's learning at home. We warmly welcome all families to please come along to the relevant session(s) for their children.



Teachers will be available following all sessions.

5.45pm - 6.15pm: Junior School Session (in McKenna Classroom)

For parents with children in Trinity, Barbier, Mission, Carroll & McKenna.



6.15pm - 6.45pm: Middle School Session (in Lawn Classroom)

For parents with children in Lourdes, Redwood, Lawn & Te Hononga.

6.45pm - 7.15pm: Senior School Session (in Fatima Classroom)

For Parents with children in Fatima, Heidelberg & Cullinane (this session will also include some camp information).



We share information

WELCOME

A warm welcome to our new students and their families:

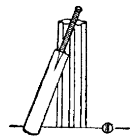
- In Trinity: Aadit Arun, Chris Binoy, Harry Christiansen, Milly Christophers, Coco Clifton, Peyton Crosswell, Cian Foley, Neuel Gonzales, Mitchell Kelly & Xander Read
- In Carroll: Brooklyn Tutemahurangi & Luke Forbes
- In McKenna: Sebastian Dollesin, Crawford Gray & Chrisanta Binoy
- In Mission: Mikhael Joby Joseph
- In Barbier: Eli Flynn
- In Lourdes: Elsie Rose & Christa Binoy
- In Redwood: Shea Flynn
- In Fatima: Hans Holgado



CRICKET REGISTRATION: It is time to start organising the cricket teams for Term 1. Please register your children using the link below. Rules, etc, for the grades can be found on the Taranaki Cricket Website on the Junior Tab.

All gear is provided. Please note that the cricket subs for Term 1 are \$25.00 per player. Bank Details are 15-3948-0066788-00 using your child's name and cricket as the reference or send to school in a well named envelope with your child's name and cricket subs written on the envelope. Players wear the school sport shirt (to be given out in Term 1) and black shorts. Older children may choose to wear cricket white pants, but this is optional.

Please register by going to the following link. <https://registrations.crichq.com/register/108525>.



SUNSMART: Please ensure that your child/ren have school **sunhats** to wear for outdoor activities.



Those individuals 'without hats' during lunchtimes are required to spend their time safely under shade.

It is advisable for children to apply sunscreen (day-long sunblock) at home before coming to school.

PARENT HANDBOOK: Instead of sending a hard copy to existing families, we have posted a copy on the school website and the notices tab on the App. New families have received a hard copy.



Please have a read to make sure you are familiar with key information about our school and the processes and systems in place for smooth operation at the school.

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CHILDREN'S ABSENCE

To ensure children's safety it is essential that you notify the school if your child is going to be absent or late. This can be done by:

- ◆ Use the Absentee tab on the App
- ◆ Telephone the school office on 758 0364
- ◆ Email admin@stjosephsnp.school.nz

Please leave a brief message explaining the reason for your child's absence. As a matter of procedure, unexplained absences are followed up by office staff. Please further assist our communication network by ensuring we have up to date phone numbers and contact details.

Both e-mail communications and answer phone messages are regularly checked over the course of the school day.

We do ask however, that if you are notifying the school at late notice regarding some changes in after school arrangements for your child, please be sure the message will be received and can be relayed to your child on time.

SCHOOL HOURS 2021

8.15 - 8.30am	- Best time for students to arrive
8.50am	School commences
11.00 - 11.20am	Morning interval
12.40 - 1.30pm	Lunch
2.50pm	School finishes

Parents are reminded that **8.15am is the earliest time that children should be arriving at school.**

Supervision of children will not be available until this time, so in the interest of safety, please attempt to ensure that children do not arrive any earlier.

Conversely at the end of the school day **arrangements should be in place for children to be picked up at 2.50pm.** It would be appreciated if parents could wait outside the classroom for their children and not arrive before 2.45pm.

Children who have not been collected by 3.00pm will be placed in OSCAR.

FEES/DONATIONS REMINDER

SCHOOL DONATIONS: In 2019 the Board of Trustees applied to the Ministry of Education for a review of our school decile. Our school decile changed from an 8 to a 7. This meant that our school was able to opt into the government donation funding for schools programme. This means that families will not be requested to pay a donation to the school. Optional activities such as sports teams, art activities, Kiwi Academic tests, etc, and stationery will still be charged as a fee. We will still request a donation from families to cover costs of overnight camps (Year 5 and 6 students).

We expect prompt payment for all stationery items that are being used in the classroom, see stationery lists or school statements for the amount required for your child's classroom.

Our preference is that the 'classroom lunchbox' system be used for **return slips** for trips and sports, and **money** etc. Please note the details on an envelope (*recycled is fine*) and hand to the classroom teacher to increase efficiency and prevent a long queue at the office in the early morning and at home time.

Of course anything out of the ordinary and any queries, please direct to the Office.



SPORTS UNIFORM

AMNESTY: If you still have sports uniform items, ie, netball skirts, rugby, soccer or touch shirts that have not been handed in, please return them to the office.

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CHILDREN'S SAFETY

Not surprisingly your child's safety and welfare is paramount to us! With this in mind we would remind parents of their responsibilities as drivers when delivering and collecting children.

In particular - **no parking on yellow lines, no double parking or parking over the school main gate.**

Children and parents to use the Kea Crossing to cross Calvert Road, abiding by the instructions given by our Road Patrol wardens.

Children not collected at the school gate by 3:00pm will be placed in OSCAR where the children can be collected (a fee will be charged).

- ◆ To avoid congestion and as a further safety measure, please do not use the staff car park in the mornings and afternoons for 'drop-off' and 'pick-up' purposes.
- ◆ It is preferable that Year 3-6 students are picked up from St Aubyn Street or Lynmouth Park at the end of the day.

Children wishing to cross Devon Street: These children need to meet the duty teacher at the junior playground straight after school.

The children will be walked up and across the Devon Intermediate driveway, across the pedestrian crossing by the Devon Intermediate Driveway and across the Lorna Street intersection if necessary.

Children wishing to cross St Aubyn Street: These children need to meet the duty teacher outside Lourdes classroom straight after school.

The children will be walked along Calvert Road and across the St Aubyn Street pedestrian crossing and across the bottom of Calvert Road if necessary.

The Friends of St Joseph's (FOSJ) welcome all new families to the School and wish you all a happy 2021

NEW MEMBERS: If you are interested in becoming a Friend of St Joseph's you are most welcome to come along to the meetings or contact the school on 758 0364.

Our major fundraiser this year will be our Fun Fair to be held later in the year.

New members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be advised shortly.

MEAL ROSTER

The meal roster will be up and running again this year. The meal roster is a way of supporting or welcoming families. It involves cooking a meal or some baking a couple of times a term.

Please contact Wendie Hildred if you are interested: wendie@stjosephsnp.school.nz

OSCAR is up and running: please do not hesitate to use this fantastic service. On-site care for students 2.50pm - 5.30pm (\$1.75 per 1/4 hour, \$7.00 per hour).

To book your child into OSCAR, please sign up to the online booking system Aimy Plus using the address <http://stjosephsnp.aimyplus.com>.

You must be registered and have your children enrolled on Aimy Plus to ensure you are able to book your children into our OSCAR programme.

If you have any problems, please contact Sharon in the School Office or the OSCAR Manager, Jenny Moore, at the Cricket Pavilion on 757 2644 during OSCAR hours or on 021 0828 2998.

Please advise OSCAR/Office staff if your child has been booked into OSCAR but the service is not required.

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Search the App Store / Google Play on your apple or android device to **download the SchoolApps NZ** app to your phone or tablet.



Once downloaded, search in the SchoolApps NZ app for **St Joseph's School NP**.



Please ensure you enable 'push notifications' when you download the App to ensure that you receive school-wide messages regarding sports cancellations, emergencies, school updates, etc.

Features of the App are:

- One touch calling to the school
- Ability to notify student absences from the App
- Viewing of school events (allowing the App to "use your current location" will also allow users to view maps and get directions to events). Events can also be added to your calendar using the '+' symbol while viewing the details of the event.
- Viewing of school notices which will be uploaded to the App
- Direct link to the school website to view school newsletters
- Direct link to the school Facebook page
- Ability to update contact details from the App
- Push notifications of school news
- Viewing of OSCAR Holiday Programme information

We encourage all families to download our School App and share it with family members (this facility is available in the App through 'Tell a Friend').

HOME & SCHOOL COMMUNICATION: Should you have a query or concern regarding your child's welfare/education, please contact us at school at the earliest possible opportunity. Classroom teachers are available to discuss such matters, though I would ask that an appointment time be made convenient to all. The initial point of contact should ideally always be with your child's classroom teacher.

Communication is a two way process so with this in mind if there is anything happening at home that may impact, or have an influence on your child's attitude, health or behaviour, please let us know so we can be more supportive of their individual needs.



Home School
Communications

LEARNING CONFERENCES



Mark your diaries now ... Learning Conferences will be held on Tuesday 13th April and Thursday 15th April.

School will close at the usual time of 2.50pm on 13th April and at the early time of 12.40pm on 15th April. OSCAR will be available.

CONTACTS UPDATE

Today all students have been issued with a **Student Profile Sheet**.



Please amend contact details where necessary and return the form to the School Office this week or use the Update Details tab on the School App.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEW PLYMOUTH
COVID 19 ALERT LEVEL 1 SCHOOLING – UPDATE /REMINDER

Information for Parents, Caregivers and Children

**Alert Level 1 Schooling is still in place as we start the 2021 school year.
Please remember we are at Alert Level One, not Alert Level 'None'.**

REMINDER: What St Joseph's NP School looks like at Alert Level 1.

Classrooms and Pick Up and Drop off

- ◆ Soap is available for handwashing. Hand sanitiser is also available in classrooms.
- ◆ Parents are able to access the school site and are able to visit classrooms and the office. Please be aware if there is a return to Alert Level 2 schooling, adults / parents will not be able to access the school grounds or buildings. Please make sure you are helping your children to be independent at arriving and leaving the school on their own as soon as possible. If we change to Alert Level 2 schooling, children will need to be able to come up to their classroom and leave the grounds at the end of the day on their own. They all proved last year that they could do it 😊.
- ◆ The Government QR Code will be on every classroom window / door and at the office. (Please scan the Government QR Code when you enter the first building or classroom on every visit to the school. The Track and Trace function on the school app remains active and can also be used (front screen of the App– remember to log in and log out).

In the Playground

- ◆ Drinking fountains are turned on. Please remind your children to not place their mouth on the mouth piece – just allow the water to run into their mouth. Students should all have a named drink bottle of water at school.

Managing Attendance

- ◆ Students and staff will not attend school if they are unwell. Students and staff who become unwell during the school day are required to be sent home. If people are sick, they must stay home (phone Healthline or their GP if they have flu-like symptoms). Use the App to notify the school if a student is not attending school - please include a detailed reason.
- ◆ Parents who take children out during the day must sign children out at the office. Visitors will continue to sign in and sign out at the office and use the Government Tracing App.

Hygiene

- ◆ At Alert Level 1 we will continue to follow good hygiene practices (coughing and sneezing into elbows, sanitising, handwashing with soap and drying hands).

OSCAR

- ◆ OSCAR will continue to be up and running while we are at Alert Level 1. The OSCAR Programme will be using the same protocols as the school.

Mike Dowd
Principal



UNIFORM

A further reminder to parents of the rationale behind our school's uniform policy: **To encourage an attitude in the pupils and community of St Joseph's School that to wear a uniform is to show a pride in ourselves and demonstrates a commitment to school philosophies. Feature Guidelines include:**

- ◆ The approved sunhat is compulsory in the summer months for outside activities.
- ◆ Other than watches, earstuds (one per ear), items of cultural/spiritual/medical significance to the wearer, the wearing of jewellery is not permitted.
- ◆ Summer uniform is to be worn Term 1 and Term 4.

Please ensure that your child is correctly 'kitted out' in a neat and tidy uniform, one that engenders pride in self and our school community at large. In addition for reasons which are clearly apparent we would ask that **all clothing and related personal possessions are clearly named. Remember to label it or risk losing it!** (*Campus Casual on Gill Street can arrange printed labels for your child's uniform items*)

ST JOSEPH'S SUMMER UNIFORM

BOYS:

Royal blue unisex fleece with logo
Sky blue short sleeve unisex polo shirt with logo
(*doubles as P.E. shirt also*)
Grey shorts
Royal blue cricket hat
Brown / black leather sandals

GIRLS:

Royal blue unisex fleece with logo
Sky blue short sleeve unisex polo shirt with logo
(*doubles as P.E. shirt also*)
Pinafore or culottes
Royal blue cricket hat
Brown / black leather sandals (no high heel sandals)

BRIGHT BUTTONS

Bright Buttons will resume in week two on Wednesday 10th February. Mrs Wendy Clough will run Bright Buttons in 2021.

There is a waiting list for this popular school transition programme. For more information please contact the school office on 758 0364.

Contact Tracy Christiansen our 'on-site' piano tutor for lessons during school time.



Phone 753 7997 or 027 7130 351
or email tracyaaron@xtra.co.nz

SWIMMING

Please ensure that your child is suitably equipped for daily swimming instruction during the first half of this term.



All classes will swim each day.

As the teaching of swimming is a formal part of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum the expectation is that all children will actively take part.

A parental note is required if children are not swimming.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON 2021

When: 31st March 2021
Where: Ngamotu Beach, NP



Registration is now open on the website: www.weetbix.co.nz. Families are responsible for registering their children.

This year we will have staff in attendance who can supervise your child at the event and walk them and their bike to Ngamotu Beach and back to St Joseph's at the end of the day.

Please let the office know if you wish for this to happen for your child.

SWIMMING POOL

A huge thank you to Danny Lawn for all his hard work in maintaining the pool's water quality, etc., over the summer.





SCHOOL & PARISH COMMUNITY EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 4 First Day of School 2021**
- 8 Waitangi Day Holiday - School Closed**
- 10 First Bright Buttons of 2021
- 11 Starting Strong Evening
- 16 Year 6 Leadership Day
- 16 Year 6 Badge Blessing, 2pm in the Scout Hall
- 17 Ash Wednesday Liturgy, 9am in the Scout Hall
- 18 BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
- 19 St Joseph's Duathlon/Tryathlon

MARCH

- 3-5 Year 5 & 6 Camp, Te Wera
- 8 Taranaki Anniversary - School Closed**
- 14 School Mass, 9.00am at St Joseph's Church
- 16 FOSJ AGM, 7.30pm in the Staffroom
- 19 St Joseph's Feast Day Liturgy, 9am in the Scout Hall
- 25 BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
- 31 Weetbix Tryathlon

APRIL

- 1 Easter Liturgy, 2.10pm in the Scout Hall
- 2 Good Friday - School Closed**
- 5 Easter Monday - School Closed**
- 6 Easter Tuesday - School Closed (OSCAR available)**
- 13 Learning Conferences
- 15 Learning Conferences

ASSEMBLIES



During Term 1 Certificate Assemblies will be held on Thursdays. Check the School App Events Tab for updates.

We will also continue to come together as a school on Mondays at 9.00am for combined **School Prayer.**

2021 TERM DATES

Term 1	Thursday 4th February	Friday 16th April
Term 2	Monday 3rd May	Friday 9th July
Term 3	Monday 26th July	Friday 1st October
Term 4	Monday 18th October	No later than 20th December