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Easter Blessings

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

It is hard to believe we are in week 8 of Term 1. We have had a very busy term so far and things don't look like slowing down any as we race towards the end of the term. Our students have had some great experiences outside of the classroom so far this term. The Middle school walk along the Huatoki stream, ending at the Aquatic Centre for lunch and a swim was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The Junior school Teddy Bears picnic day at Ngamotu Beach was a great day out, with lots of fun activities for our little people as well.

Many thanks to all the parents/grandparents/caregivers who happily volunteer to accompany groups of students, on days out and overnight stays. These activities would not be possible without you. Many thanks must also go to all the teachers for the effort and energy that go into the organisation and planning of make these events, to make them happen.

The senior school students are looking forward to their three day, two night camp at Te Wera after Easter. We have begun putting the finishing touches to our planning for the School Production which is scheduled for the end of the Term 2. It is to be held at the City West Church. The production is always a memorable experience for all the students, so keep your eyes and ears open for more information around dates and times, to come later.

The last week of the term we will be holding our Learning Conferences. We love our children to be involved in these conferences, so please plan for them to attend with you. The last few years we have managed 100% attendance. We would love to see this record continue again this year. Please make sure you have booked your conference slots using the link to the online booking site in the letter sent home today. Please note the school will conclude at the normal time on Tuesday 13th April, but will conclude at 12.40 pm Thursday 15th April to allow the Learning Conferences to start after lunch (OSCAR will be available).

The Moulton street modifications are scheduled to be finished by the end of March. The NPDC are very keen to encourage parents to park on Rainsford street or Lawry street and let their children walk along the Mangaotuku walkway and then along the new footpath on Moulton street to and from school. The crossing on Calvert Road is manned before and after school each day. This a safe and easy way for students to take some responsibility for getting themselves to school. We will be running a special 'Park and Walk' day on Wednesday 14th April to promote this further with our families. Watch out for this.

Try to take time over the Easter break to get out into our great outdoors and enjoy the last of the summer weather with your family and friends.

Ngā Mihi Nui
Fiona Hopkirk, Acting Principal



Teacher Only Days 2021

The Collective Agreement for Teachers settled with the Ministry of Education allows for eight Teacher Only Days to be taken across three years.

The Board of Trustees have approved the following dates as Teacher Only Days this year:
Tuesday 8th June and Friday 20th August.





A warm welcome to our new students and their families:

In Trinity: Murray Wegman

In Te Hononga: Matteo Martins Zardo

THE 8 C'S CERTIFICATES: Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded certificates in recognition of how they are living the 8 C's and Gospel Values at school. They had morning tea with Mrs Hopkirk.

Thursday 3rd March

Trinity	Milly Christophers	Christian Living by always being kind, caring and helpful to others in the classroom.
Barbier	Miyah Mathew	Showing the 8C of Christian Living by being a great listener and a great helper and treating others with kindness and respect.
McKenna	Milla Prince	Being a Confident and Connected learner when sounding out words during literacy time.
Mission	Deedee Kerr	A kind and helpful member of Mission. Deedee is making great Connections with her sounds in literacy.
Carroll	Lincoln Egan	Showing Confidence when taking part in swimming lessons and giving everything a try. Being an excellent role model to others by being helpful, kind and caring.
Te Hononga	Stenin Skaria Manu	Christian Living attitude in class - always asking if others need help and being kind to everyone.
Lourdes	Hunter Kerr	An excellent role model of the 8 C's: organised for learning, always giving his best effort & showing kindness to others.
Redwood	Angelrose Prince	Showing Christian Living and quiet Confidence; being a great role model.
Lawn	Adam Bocock	Displaying tika, pono and aroha in the way he Confidently Collaborates with others.
Heidelberg	Lucus Watson	For Collaboration and being Culturally aware by showing good leadership and showing kindness to others.
Cullinane	Kiani Johnston	Being positive in his learning and trying hard when he is challenged in his work.
Fatima	Gracerose Prince	Wonderful Collaboration when working with her partner during writing time.

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THAT WAS SUMMER - Writing From Fatima

*Remember that time
When the barbecue was sizzling
The chicken wings crackled
Your Dad burnt himself,
You smelt the smoke as it floated around?
When you finally got to eat
The birds were squawking for food?
That was summer.*

*Remember that time
When you were cluelessly flipping over rocks
Looking for Kina?
You could hear waves crashing against boulders,
The next rock you turned over revealed a Kina
You smelt fresh salt water from the sea?
After hours of work you're finally done
The Kina juice drips off your fingers?
That was summer.*

*Remember that time
When you got peer pressured to belly flop
But back slapped,
Then you tried again
But back slapped again?
The lifeguard told you off for splashing
When you dove perfectly?
That was summer.*

*Remember that time.
When you were sprinting on the hard forest floor
The little sticks piercing your feet,
You could hear your friend frantically chasing you
Your toe slammed into a tree
But you ignored it
The trees rustled in the wind?
That was summer.*

*Remember that time
When you were watching
As the sun reflected off the river,
The river was as calm as the sky?
You could hear seagulls squawking,
Sand crunching as you walk
Waves are calmly splashing,
And dusk was turning into night?
That was summer.*

*Remember that time
When you were running along the beach
With your best friend,
Hiding behind huge rocks
Getting ready to frighten each other
With lots of little crabs
With the sand burning beneath your feet?
That was summer.*

*Remember that time
You were sitting on the sandy beach
Eating fish-and-chips,
Watching the beautiful sunset
Glisten on the nice calm water
With your dad hugging you?
That was summer.*

*Remember that time
You were sitting on the on the swing
Eating delicious ice-cream
With it running down your hand
Like a little boysenberry river?
That was summer.*

*Remember that time
When you were rolling down a freshly cut
grass hill
Getting lots of clippings in your hair,
With the sunburn on your skin
Getting grass stains on your t-shirt?
That was summer.*

*Remember that time
You woke up one morning
And you thought your hair was blonde,
Because the sun dyed it?
But that didn't really happen
And you got so embarrassed?
That was summer.*



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MIDDLE SCHOOL WALK



Fatima News

Who is this Mysterious Lady Everyone has been Talking About

Last week on 13th October 1917, there were up to 70,000 people gathered in Fatima, Portugal. All of the crowd all were waiting to see if these three innocent young kids were telling the truth that they saw a lady appear.

It was wet and all the people had their umbrellas up. It had been hours since everybody arrived at Mt. Carmel. Finally the lady appeared after hours of praying the rosary. The lady said, "I'm Mary of the Rosary. The people of Fatima shall build a chapel here in honour of me." Then Mary disappeared.

Suddenly the sun started swirling around in the sky and came down and dried up all the land. Everyone was amazed. They were so amazed that they dropped to the ground and started praying. Eye witness Paige Macalalag said, "I thought they were lying at first but after I saw the sun dance I believed them."

Now the builders are planning what the chapel will look like.



COMMUNITY DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP PARENT EVENING

We are running a parent information evening on cybersafety for our families on Monday 29th March at 7:00pm in the Staffroom. Anjela Webster from Generation Online will be leading this presentation. Please see below an introduction from Anjela about what she will be sharing with families.

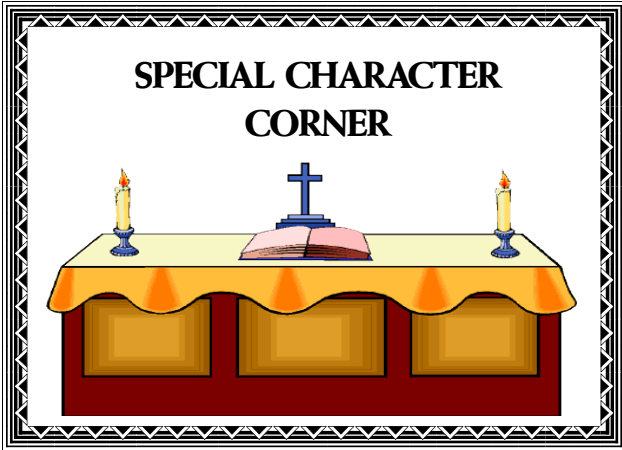
Life online and offline for young people is a seamless experience, however, the safety of children has not been at the forefront in the design of many of the spaces and sites they enjoy and engage in. The role of whanau is vital, and makes the greatest difference in how young people learn what's needed to be safe, and how to navigate the online space.

Anjela Webster (M.Ed. hons), founder of Generation Online, will be sharing about the online landscape for young people in Aotearoa from an evidence position, and offering pragmatic strategies, approaches and easy wins for families around the digital safety and wellbeing of young people.

Anjela worked for Netsafe as an Education Advisor, and currently works with a number of organisations including Netsafe, The Light Project, and MindShift. Anjela is also an MoE facilitator, working in association with Digital Circus and Cyclone Computers in schools and kura around New Zealand.

Fostering Digital Safety
and Wellbeing in a
Connected World





SPECIAL CHARACTER CORNER

The Friends of St Joseph's (FOSJ)

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 on Sunday 14th November.

Thank you to the following people who have remained on the committee and have offered to fill key roles in the FOSJ:

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| Chairperson | Nikki McCormack |
| Secretary | Jaydn Hammond |
| Treasurer | Karen Scott |

New members are always welcome and it is a great way to support our school. Our next meeting is: **4th May, 7.30pm in the Staffroom.**

A notice will be going home this Friday with order forms for a **Bought Lunch** to be held on the last day of this term. Please return these to the office promptly.



CHILDREN'S MASS

Our next Children's Mass is on **Sunday 23rd May 9:00am at St Joseph's Church.** I would encourage all families to make sure they have arrangements in place to be at our School Mass at St Joseph's Church.

CLASS MASSES: will be held next term, starting at 9.00am.

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| 11th May | Lawn & Te Hononga |
| 18th May | Trinity, Pohutukawa & Redwood |
| 25th May | Mission & Lourdes |
| 15th June | Fatima & Carroll |
| 22nd June | Heidelberg & Barbier |
| 29th June | Cullinane & McKenna |



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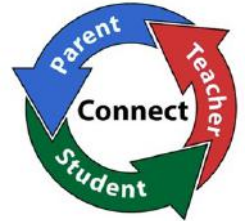
The Scout Hall is due to be re-roofed in the coming weeks with scaffolding being erected this Wednesday, 24th March.



- Please note that the Staff Car Park is not to be used during this scaffolding and re-roofing period.
- School Prayer on Monday mornings will be outside under the Pohutukawa tree, weather permitting.



Learning Conferences will take place on Tuesday 13th April & Thursday 15th April this term. School will close at the normal time of 2.50pm on Tuesday 13th April and at lunchtime (12.40pm) on Thursday 15th April. We will be using an online booking system so that you can book your appointment time. If people do not have access to a computer, bookings can be made by ringing the School Office.



The website is www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. Please use the code 'xc76a' to make your bookings or use the link in the notification tab of the School App.

SCHOOL POOL CLOSURE



Instructional classroom swimming has finished. The last day for community swimming in our school pool is Sunday 28th March.

Please return your key to the School Office promptly to receive your \$5.00 refund.

We are running a School Holiday Programme again during the April school holidays.

Details are available on the App and School Website.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

WEETBIX TRYATHLON 2021

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



Registration is still 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.

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SCHOOL & PARISH COMMUNITY EVENTS

MARCH

- 24 BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
- 25 First Reconciliation Celebration at St Joseph's Church
- 29 Community Digital Citizenship Parent Evening, 7pm
- 31 Weetbix Tryathlon

APRIL

- 1 Easter Liturgy, 2.00pm
- 2 Good Friday - School Closed**
- 5 Easter Monday - School Closed**
- 6 Easter Tuesday - School Closed (OSCAR available)**
- 7-9 Year 5 & 6 Camp, Te Wera - *New Date (due to Covid-19 Level 2)*
- 13 Learning Conferences, 3:00-7:00pm
- 15 Learning Conferences, 1:00-7:30pm (school is finishing early at 12.40pm)
- 16 FOSJ Bought Lunch Day
- 16 Young Vinnies Caritas Appeal Mufti Day
- 16 Last Day of Term 1**

MAY

- 3 First Day of Term 2**
- 4 FOSJ Meeting, 7.30pm
- 5 Kids Lit Quiz
- 11 Class Mass, Lawn & Te Hononga
- 13 National Young Leaders Day, Palmerston North (Year 6 students only)
- 17 SHGC Open Afternoon, 2:00pm
- 18 Class Mass, Trinity, Pohutukawa & Redwood
- 19 Kaboom Percussion Show
- 20 Otago Problem Challenge
- 23 School Mass, 9:00am at St Joseph's Church
- 25 Class Mass, Mission & Lourdes

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