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# Saint Joseph's School, New Plymouth Newsletter 2021



Te Hononga ♥ Lawn Class Mass



Kaboom Percussion Show in the Scout Hall



### Taranaki Lit Quiz Team





A large group of Year 6 students headed to Palmerston North recently to attend a National Young Leaders Day conference. The students loved the experience.







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

**SABBATICAL THANKS:** I would like to begin this newsletter by thanking and acknowledging everyone who kept St Joseph's racing along during Term One while I was on sabbatical. Firstly to the Board of Trustees who are so supportive of resourcing leave and professional learning opportunities for our staff. Our staff also did an amazing job, everyone chipped in in some way over the term to keep things running as smoothly as possible. I would also like to thank our staff leadership team and in particular Fiona Hopkirk for leading the school while I was away.

**COVID 19 SCHOOLING:** The recent surge in Covid 19 cases in Victoria, AUS is a timely reminder that we are still living in a global pandemic. While we are at Level One, schooling carries on fairly normally. If or when there is a change to Level Two make sure you have plans and have practised with your children to independently access and leave the grounds, as adults are requested to stay out of the school grounds at Level Two.

**SCHOOL PRODUCTION:** The school is buzzing with excitement with our school production preparation. Classes are learning dances and choirs are belting out hits. Lead characters are learning lines, costumes are being created and sets and props are starting to pop up. More information on ticketing and how you can help will be coming out shortly. If your child will be away from school on Wednesday July 7 please let us know as soon as possible.

**CULTURAL DAY:** The children and staff are really enjoying researching countries and cultures around the world. We are really looking forward to our cultural dress up day this Friday. Families and friends are welcome to come to the parade at the start of the day and to pop in during the day to see what is happening.

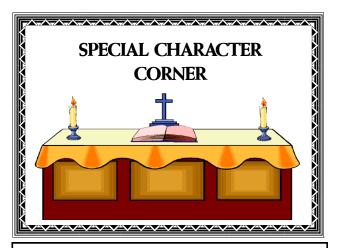
**ONLINE POLICIES:** The Board of Trustees have been busy adapting our policies and procedures into an online system. We have partnered with a company called SchoolDocs to make this happen. There is further information for you all on how to access the system within the newsletter. From time to time SchoolDocs will create opportunities for parents to give feedback for the BOT during policy reviews.

**OSCAR FEES INCREASE:** At our recent Board of Trustees meeting a decision was made to increase the fees at OSCAR. There has been no change to the fee structure since 2017. Our fees will still be very reasonable compared to other providers across the city. The Holiday Programme increases will come into effect from the next Holiday Programme in the July holidays. The After School Programme rates will increase from the start of Term 3. WINZ will be notified of the changes for those who receive subsidies. The holding fee for the holiday program will be waived if more than five working days notice is given. The holding fee for less than five days notice will rise to \$10.00 per booking.

**BIKE TRACK UPDATE:** Unfortunately our bike track has been put on hold until Term 4. The company building the track have had hold ups with other jobs and the field will not cope with heavy machinery after the recent rain we have had. We will look for opportunities for children to use our new bikes and scooters in the grounds in the coming weeks.

**SHOOL/CLASS MASSES AND SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES:** Congratulations to the large group of students who will be receiving their first communion in the coming weeks. We have been thrilled with the large numbers of whānau who have been coming along to our class masses. We have another school mass coming up on Sunday 4th July, we are looking forward to packing the church out with families. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wendie Hildred, our Director of Religious Studies for her leadership with the Catholic Special Character of our school.

Ngā Mihi Nui Mike Dowd, Principal



#### **CHILDREN'S MASS**

Our next Children's Mass is on **Sunday 4th July 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:** still to be held this term, starting at 9.00am.

15th June22nd June29th JuneFatima & CarrollHeidelberg & BarbierCullinane & McKenna

# 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 held on **Sunday 14th November.** 

All tables are booked for our **Quiz Night** on Tuesday 1st June. Thank you to everyone who is participating and also to those who have donated prizes.

New members are always welcome and it is a great way to support our school. Our next meeting date will be advised.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Young Vinnies with their Caritas fundraising efforts at the end of last term. As a community we raised \$370.00.



Open

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Preparation has begun for First Holy Communion (Eucharist) this term. Below is an outline of the dates:

- Children's preparation: During school hours in weeks 4-6.
- First Communion Mass practice: Thursday 10th June 6:30pm St Joseph's Church.
- First Communion Mass: St Joseph's Church 11am Sunday 13th June followed by celebration in the Church Hall . OLHC Church 10.30am Sunday 20th June.

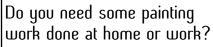
#### THE OPEN HOME FOUNDATION IN NEW PLYMOUTH IS URGENTLY

LOOKING FOR FOSTER PARENTS: We are a Christian, not for profit organisation, dedicated to providing a safe, secure and loving home for all children. Do you have some room in your house do offer respite care for a child? Respite care is when you provide care for a child one weekend a month or a fortnight. Some of these children have never been to a Saturday sporting match, or sat down at the table for a family dinner or enjoyed a night of board games.

You can make a huge difference to a **New Plymouth** child and you will be supported by social workers 24/7. If you think you might have room to help but aren't sure please contact Louisa Parker on 021 440 169 or email <a href="mailto:Louisa.Parker@ohf.org.nz">Louisa.Parker@ohf.org.nz</a> and I can chat with you and tell you more.







Contact Brian Powell on 021 626 372.





A warm welcome to our new students and their families:

In Pohutukawa: Myah Evans, Emelyn John, Greta Foggo & Neve Bourke

In Trinity: Cleo Fabish, Madeline Gall, Tana McDonald, Tiare Joseph & Keaton Phillips

In Lawn: Jay Manu

In Lourdes: Zara Zabidin

# 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 Mr Dowd.



#### Thursday 6th May

Fatima

Lily Edwin

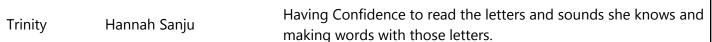
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Trinity	Cian Foley	Making Connections between the sounds and letters he knows to read and write words
Barbier	Blake Schultz	Making a great effort across all learning areas - making lots of Connections in literacy and maths.
McKenna	Leif White	Making great Connections between the letter names and the sounds they make to read and write words.
Mission	Freya Gore	Being Connected in her writing and working hard on her goal to sound out tricky words.
Carroll	Darius Roper	Showing Confidence and applying himself to all learning tasks. For giving everything a go and showing perseverance.
Te Hononga	Fleur Stanley	Showing Confidence in maths by giving tricky things a go and for always showing Christian Living towards others.
Lourdes	Leo Basile	Showing Christian Living and Critical Thinking and always being ready for learning.
Redwood	Audrey Foggo	Showing Confidence and Connected learning in her maths by applying what she knows to new problems.
Lawn	Joshua Welsh	Showing great courage when tackling new learning challenges, leading to fantastic Confidence and Critical Thinking.
Heidelberg	Isaac Welsh	Always using all the 8 C's by being a kind, helpful, Confident student with a positive attitude towards school and his learning - a great role model for others.
Cullinane	Nino Lepasana	Always putting in 100% effort and listening so well to instructions.
Fatima	Lily Edwin	Being a Confident and Connected learner in maths and being

able to Communicate her understanding to help others.

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Barbier Mac Hammond Making lots of Connections between letters and the sounds they

make - adding many wonderful ideas to his writing.

McKenna Crawford Gray Showing lots of Confidence when learning letter names and the

sounds they make.

Mission Roy Evans Showing wonderful Critical Thinking and Confidence in his maths

learning.

Carroll Macy O'Byrne Trying her best across all learning areas - Macy is making lots of

Connections in maths and literacy.

Te Hononga Tessa-Jay Komene-Hana Speaking with a Confident, clear voice in Class Mass.

Lourdes Arlo Murray Incredible effort in all areas of his learning, showing Confidence,

Critical Thinking and great Communication.

Redwood Angina 'Ahio Showing wonderful Christian Living, Communication and

Collaboration skills while partner story re-telling.

Lawn Benji Carter Showing great Critical Thinking and Confidence when tackling

challenging new concepts and learning.

Fatima Ryan Tooman Being a Connected writer who has a wonderful ability for Creative

storytelling.

## SHOW REVIEWS BY TE HONONGA

 My favourite moment was when they hit the air bottles like a humongous drum and it sounded beautiful. It was very interesting how they made instruments out of recycled materials, they were amazing! \*Clare



- I rated it 5 stars because it was very entertaining and it blew me away... it was an
  amazing performance! I really would love to see them again. It would be good to show it
  to my children when I am a principal. \*Alice
- My favourite part was the squeaky toys. I liked the squeaky toys because people had to get up
  and it was very funny. I also enjoyed the drums because they made cool sounds. I felt like I could
  do it too. \*Lachie
- I rated the performance 5 stars because I was astonished about how much they can do with just rubbish. It was extremely fun guessing the movies. You should get in contact with them asap for your school. \*Oli



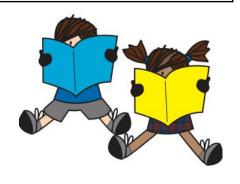
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Trinity	Xander Read	Being Connected with his learning - using the letter sounds he knows to read and write words.
Barbier	Sylvie Swan	Showing greater Confidence in maths - jumping in the 'Learning Pit' and giving it a go.
McKenna	Michael Abin Issac	Showing lots of Connections between letter names, the sounds they make and how to write them correctly to read and write words.
Mission	Robbie Bollen	Christian Living and being a Confident and Connected learner. Being a fantastic helper in class, a great role model during dance practice and working hard to meet his writing goals.
Carroll	Darcy Bourke	Showing Christian Living and Confidence with a fantastic 'can do' attitude. Darcy always gives everything her best and treats others with kindness.
Te Hononga	Hunter Kerr	Making fantastic Connections in maths and being kind to others in class.
Lourdes	Jaime Webber	Approaching everything she does with a smile, a positive attitude and her best effort. Jaime truly shows all the 8 C's.
Redwood	Maniaroa Tuirirangi	Great Confidence, Connected learning and Critical Thinking during his research.
Lawn	Naysa Duggempudi	Christian Living by showing the Fruits of the Holy Spirit to others.
Heidelberg	Sophia Guo	Always using all her 8 C's by being kind and helpful to others - a fantastic role model.
Heidelberg	Kees Ruakere	Using Christian Living by being a great team player and having the Confidence to give things a go.
Cullinane	Mathew Roy	A consistent positive attitude in all he attempts and showing resilience when faced with a challenge.
Cullinane	Rania Bennett	Always displaying Christian Living towards her peers and taking on challenges with a positive attitude.
Fatima	Paige Macalalag	Being a Connected and independent learner who always completes her follow-up tasks to a high standard.







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#### Thursday 27th May

Trinity	Tiare Joseph	Showing Confidence - settling into school and giving everything a go.
Barbier	Lennox Thomas	Being a wonderful member of Barbier - making lots of positive choices in the classroom and putting in a super effort when working on her learning tasks.
McKenna	Ollie Gillum	Showing Christian Living in all that he does, being a wonderful member of McKenna who is always willing to help out his peers and teachers.
Mission	Aleesha Taylor	Showing Christian Living and the 8 C's and being a kind person.
Carroll	Luke Forbes	Showing Christian Living and Confidence by always being kind, caring and helpful. Luke is working really hard to achieve his learning goals.
Te Hononga	Georgia Rodrigues	Growing Confidence to give new things a go and a continual caring nature towards others.
Lourdes	Isabel Young	Spreading the fruits of the Holy Spirit to all her classmates, especially joy, kindness and self-control.
Redwood	Hannah Watson	Showing great Confidence, Connected learning and Collaboration in maths and topic work.
Lawn	Joanna Binoj	Showing wonderful Christian Living and Collaboration with her classmates, encouraging and celebrating others.
Heidelberg	Sally Carter	Christian Living and being Culturally aware - being a kind and helpful member of her class who always does her best in all areas of learning. A fantastic role model for others.
Cullinane	Jessica Taylor	Always showing consideration and kindness to her peers and displaying Christian Living in her daily life.
Fatima	Mitchal Grainger	Showing wonderful Confidence, Creativity and commitment during Fatima's dance practice for the production.



Our school has been working with SchoolDocs to create a website for our policies and procedures. We are excited to announce that the site is now Policies and Procedures live and available to our school community.

The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our board of trustees has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can provide feedback.

We invite you to visit the site at https://stjosephsnp.schooldocs.co.nz (note that there's no "www."). Our username is "stjosephsnp" and password "stjosephsnp".

#### SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Life can have many ups and downs. For some children, because of events outside of their control, they may benefit from additional support. In term three, we will once again be hosting the **Seasons for Growth programme** here at St Joseph's. Seasons for Growth is a programme for young people who are suffering grief and loss through death or life threatening illness of a parent or close relative;



separation or divorce of parents; long-term imprisonment of a parent or close family member; long-term placement with foster parents; migration or other circumstances.

Support is provided in small, age-appropriate groups of young people who work alongside two volunteer adult companions. It runs for nine weekly sessions. We are looking for registered interest for children who may benefit from this programme. If you have any queries relating to the programme you are welcome to contact Judy Wood (NP co-ordinator) 027 7033 769; <a href="mailto:newplymouth@seasonsfg.org.nz">newplymouth@seasonsfg.org.nz</a>. Or, if you would like to register your child to begin this programme in term three, please let Wendie Hildred (wendie@stjosephsnp.school.nz) know by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **INCREASE IN CHARGES**

From Term 3 there will be a small increase in charges for both the After School & Holiday Programmes. The new rates are as follows:



After School \$8.00 per hour

Holiday Programme Half Day \$25.00 Holiday Programme Full Day \$36.00

Current Discounts for the After School Programme will remain the same. The Holiday Programme which will run from 10th-23rd July will be invoiced at the new rates.

#### WINTER UNIFORM

A reminder that winter uniform is to be worn during Terms 2 & 3:

**Boys** - knee length grey socks & black 'school' shoes. Grey shorts, long or short sleeve polo shirt and royal blue fleece with logo.

Girls - knee length grey socks or navy tights & black 'school' shoes. Tunic or culottes with long or short sleeve polo shirt and royal blue fleece with logo.

The royal blue fleece with our school logo is the official school fleece. Polyprops or singlets, etc, worn under polo shirts should not be visible i.e., no long sleeved polyprops under short sleeved polo shorts.

#### SCHOOL PRODUCTION

We will be holding our School Production 'An Animated Adventure' in the last week of Term 2, on Wednesday 7th July.



Can families please advise the school office or classroom teacher if children will be away for the production, so that we can plan accordingly. All students will be participating in the School Production.



If you are able to help out with sewing costumes, creating headgears/masks, etc, please talk to your classroom teacher or email Fiona Hopkirk at fiona@stjosephsnp.school.nz or Julia Ropitini at Julia@stjosephsnp.school.nz









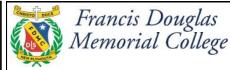












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# SCHOOL & PARISH COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### **JUNE**

1	Class Mass - Trinity, Pohutukawa & Redwood			
1	FOSJ Quiz, 7.00pm at The Good Home			
2	First Communion Preparation, 2.00pm	First Communion Preparation, 2.00pm		
3	Certificate Assembly/Production Signing 2.00pm			
4	St Joseph's School Cultural Extravaganza			
7	Queen's Birthday - School Closed			
8	Teacher Only Day - School Closed (OSCAR Available - HP rates apply)			
9	First Communion Preparation, 2.00pm			
10	Interschool Sport vs Frankley (home)			
10	First Communion Mass Practice, 6.30pm at St Joseph's Church			
13	First Eucharist Mass, 11.0am at St Joseph's Church			
13	School Choir - Kids Sing Festival, time TBC			
15	Class Mass - Fatima & Carroll			
15	Trinity Classroom Art Gallery Visit, 9.15am			
15	Carroll Classroom Art Gallery Visit, 11.00am			
16	Year 5/6 Rippa Rugby Tournament			
16	McKenna/Pohutukawa Classrooms Art Gallery Visit, 9.15am			
16	Barbier Classroom Art Gallery Visit, 11.00am	SCHOOL		
17	Mission Classroom Art Gallery Visit, 9.15am	An Animat		
17	Certificate Assembly/Production Signing 2.00pm			
20	First Communion Mass, OHLC, 10.30am	6th July		
22	Class Mass - Heidelberg & Barbier Production			
23	Kiwi Science Test (for those children who have entered)	City West Chur		
24	Certificate Assemly/Production Signing 2.00pm	7th July		
24	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm in the Staffroom	School Product City West Chur		
28	Kiwi English Test (for those children who have entered)			
29	Class Mass - Cullinane & McKenna	*Matinee *Evening Show		
29	Kiwi Maths Test (for those children who have entered)	]		

# SCHOOL PRODUCTION An Animated Adventure

#### 6th July

Production Rehearsals, City West Church

### 7th July

School Production. City West Church

\*Matinee 12.50pm \*Evening Show 7.00pm

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		

### **Teacher Only Days 2021**

The Board of Trustees have approved the following dates as Teacher Only Days this year:



**Tuesday 8th June** & Friday 30th August (note the change)