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Saint Joseph's School, New Plymouth

Newsletter 2021



2021 CROSS COUNTRY



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

Term 3 Thanks:

Thanks to everyone who has supported our school in so many ways this term. We appreciate the way our community provides support through coaching sports teams, helping in classrooms, baking and meal roster, FOSJ, BOT, chain sawing and mulching, movie production, sewing.....the list goes on. Thanks!

Covid 19:

We reflected as a staff and Board of Trustees last week on how we came through the most recent lockdown. As the change in levels happened overnight, we did not have time to get all of the devices and learning packs out with children as we would have hoped. We were still really happy to have devices and hard material packs out to all families within the week though. We rely on email and the app to get information to you. Please make sure we have up to date parent emails and that you have the app downloaded on your phone or device. The app notifications can also be accessed from the front page of our school website. If you have a change of address, we also need to know, as hard learning material packs and devices were couriered to the address we had on our school database.

We were really pleased with the engagement of children. 100% of our children engaged in online sessions (at some point), a very high percentage engaged in all sessions. I personally enjoyed seeing some of the responses to our Facebook challenges and some of the great learning that teachers shared with me.

Event Updates and Changes:

While we remain at Level 2 for an extended time there will of course be changes and cancellations. The FOSJ raffle will go ahead; we will send out tickets early next term instead of this term. Preparation for the Grandparents and Friends day on the first Friday of next term is going ahead. If we do not move back to Level 1 we will not be able to host this event. The NP and Taranaki Cross Country events have been cancelled as has the Taranaki Catholic Athletic Sports. We will update the community on other Term 4 events as they come to hand.

Staffing Update:

Mr Michael Healion will return from sabbatical in Term 4. We would like to thank Mrs Jenna Gawler who has taught in Fatima this term. Mrs Gawler will be with us for the first three weeks of Term 4 before going on maternity leave. I would like to thank Rochelle Edgecombe and Mylene Tribo for their leadership during Term 3 while Mr Healion has been away. Mr John Elliott will also finish his short term contract with us at the end of the term; we have enjoyed having Mr Elliott as a part of the team. Mrs Jo Carr has joined our admin team. Jo has a dual role looking after the OSCAR accounts and an admin support roll.

OSCAR Update:

The OSCAR Programme is able run at alert Level 2 - adults can not enter the facility while we are at alert Level 2. The upcoming holiday programme has limited off-site experiences planned while we are at alert Level 2. Hopefully we move to alert Level 1 during the holidays.

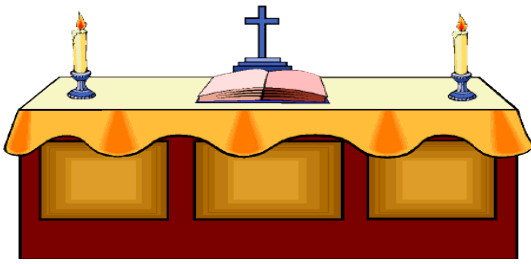
The school year will conclude at 12.00pm on Friday 17th December. Please note that the OSCAR Programme will conclude on Wednesday 22nd of December and will re-open on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Learning Conferences & Reporting and Planned Teacher Only Day:

The Learning Conferences which were planned for Term 3 are now being held after school on Tuesday 2nd November and all day on Thursday 4th November (OSCAR Available). The Teacher Only Day which was postponed during the lockdown will now be held on Friday 26th November.

**Te Atua Manaaki Kotou
Mike Dowd, Principal**

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 event this year will be our **Family Fun Picnic** to be held on **Sunday 14th November**.

CHILDREN'S MASS

Our next Children's Mass is **Sunday 7th November, 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.

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



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' DAY

Thank you all for your generous donations to the Mellowpuff Trust; over \$780.00 was raised. The children enjoyed the activities and the sausage sizzle lunch.



CSD21 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DAY WEDNESDAY 29 SEPT 2021



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During Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week) Lourdes class wrote colour poems. We used the Māori word for each colour as the title for our poems. Can you guess what colours we were writing about?



KIKORANGI *by Mason*

The fishes home in the deep where the water sways
 The hottest flame shooting through space
 Tropical ocean waves
 A dark shaded lapis lazuli
 My bright school t-shirt
 The sky on a hot summer day

TAWA /WAIPOROPORO *by Vinnie*

Painful, patchy bruise
Squishy, soft grapes
Shiny, sharp amethyst straight out of the mine
Yummy, sour plums
Juicy eggplant with a hard outside
Strong rosemary with an oily scent

KĀKĀRIKI *by Scarlett*

Deadly, death-bringing poison
Long, wavy grass
Lush, wild forest
Smooth, glistening emerald
Light, floating leaves
Crisp, juicy grapes
Camouflaged rainwing dragon hiding in the trees
Dripping mint ice cream on a sunny day
Bounding, wet frog
Round, chewed tennis ball
Quick, slimy gecko
Slow, steady twirl
Delicious, steamed broccoli
Four-petaled shamrock



PĀNGO *by Zara*

A dragon as dark as the night
The stripes on a wet tiger fish
A blackberry as sweet as candy
Scary, howling wolf with staring eyes
A dog the colour of a raven
The spots on a fast cheetah

KŌWHAI *by Jaime*

Budgies with little feathers
 Honey as sweet as sugar
 Bees that have cone shaped hives
 Sun that shines on your face
 Kowhai trees with swarming insects in them every day
 Sunflowers with smooth petals



Colours

WHERO *by April*

Volcanic lava flowing down the mountain
 Burning fire in chimneys
 The love inside us
 Juicy, summertime watermelon
 Dancing, fuzzy Chinese dragon with sharp teeth
 Sweet, crunchy apples



A warm welcome to our new students and their families:

In Pohutukawa: Eichelle Eldhose, Lucan Jenkins, Aiden Arun, Sacha Pryor, Sofia Hermogenes & Evania Justin

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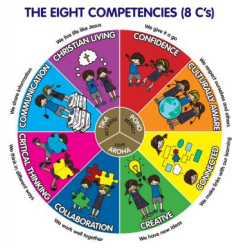


They had morning tea with Mr Dowd.

Thursday 29th July

Pohutukawa	Greta Foggo	Being a super person and showing Christian Living in the way she treats everybody with kindness and caring.
Trinity	Keaton Phillips	Showing Confidence and making great Connections during maths.
Barbier	Brodie Tanner	Making lots of improvements in his reading & writing and trying hard in all learning areas. Brodie is making lots of Connections.
McKenna	Maija Gray	Living like Jesus in all that she does - being a kind, caring friend and a super helper.
Mission	Marley Hoeata	Showing all of the 8 C's all of the time. She is a wonderful role model in Mission and tries hard at everything she does.
Carroll	Elijah Dizon	Being a fabulous role model of Christian Living in the classroom and trying hard in everything he does.
Te Hononga	Hannah Marinovich	Being Confident in class and a Christian Living attitude towards others.
Lourdes	Juan Tone	Being a thoughtful classmate and a hard working student. Juan consistently shows the Gospel Values and the 8 C's in all he does.
Redwood	Koby Prince	Showing Christian Living by being compassionate and caring towards others.
Lawn	Ollie Firth	Showing great Confidence and courage when trying new learning in Te Ao Māori.
Heidelberg	Sophie Shaw	Christian Living - always showing care and consideration for her classmates.
Cullinane	Rico Thomas	Showing great Connections in his writing and spelling.
Cullinane	Miller Utiger	Gaining Confidence in her learning and making Connections in her maths.
Fatima	Caden Horton	Showing independence and Confidence in learning and applying a new strategy in maths.

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Thursday 5th August

Pohutukawa	Abhaya Bijo Chacko	Showing Confidence in everything she does. Abhaya is always happy and keen to give everything a go.
Trinity	Cleo Fabish	Trying hard in all learning areas. Showing Confidence to give things a go and making lots of wonderful Connections with her learning.
Barbier	Sadie Smiley	Making lots of Connections in her learning - adding more detail in story writing and working hard to paint a picture in the reader's mind.
McKenna	Monty Clifton	Being a Confident and Connected learner who has been sharing all his knowledge about bees during topic.
Mission	Mikhael Joby Joseph	Having the Confidence to read the letters and sounds he knows and writing his name by himself.
Carroll	Lucy Cleland	Showing the 8 C's in all she does by being a thoughtful class member and a hardworking student.
Te Hononga	Aesclin Elsa Bibin	Making strong Connections in reading - showing great focus and Collaboration when reading with Jude.
Lourdes	Janielle Dasalla	Showing excellent Collaboration and Creativity while learning about Stop Motion.
Redwood	Cadyn Herbert	Showing Confidence, Collaboration and Critical Thinking in his topic work and maths.
Lawn	Caelyn Jenkins	Showing great focus, determination and Confidence with tackling new learning goals, leading to fantastic progress.
Heidelberg	Teia Te Moana	Making super Connections in spelling, grammar and writing - a great role model for others.
Cullinane	Olivia Currie	Always listening well to instructions and producing well presented and quality work with 100% effort.
Fatima	Grace Murphy-Suren	Being a Confident and engaged learner by willingly sharing her ideas and helping others.

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Thursday 12th August

Pohutukawa	Flynn Semenoff	Having lots of Confidence in all he does at school and giving everything a go.
Trinity	Madeline Gall	Making lots of Connections with the letters and sounds she knows to read and write words.
Barbier	Noah Ninu Eapen	Being a wonderful member of Barbier. Noah shows Christian Living in the kind and caring way he treats others. He is helpful and always makes good choices.
McKenna	Sebastian Dollesin	Making lots of Connections between letter names, the sounds they make and how to form them to read, write and spell words.
Mission	Lila Hagenson	Being Confident and Connected in her writing. Lila is working independently and sounding out the sounds she hears when writing unknown words.
Carroll	Brielle Delos Reyes	Christian Living and Confidence. Brielle always takes her time to do her best work and has a positive attitude towards everything she does.
Te Hononga	Alice Alex	Confidence and Connections in all her learning.
Lourdes	Jackson Drew	Making excellent Connections between his spelling, reading and writing.
Redwood	Natalia Verbeek	Showing Confidence, Creativity and Connected learning in her writing and topic work.
Lawn	Zayden Watson	Showing great Confidence by challenging himself to meet his reading goals.
Heidelberg	Zoe Cameron	Confidence and Christian Living - always having a positive attitude towards her learning by giving everything a go and always showing kindness to others.
Cullinane	Mason Drew	A positive attitude and effort in all he does - a fantastic role model to others.
Fatima	James O'Donnell	Continuing to grow in Confidence in oral language and backing his own ideas and abilities in writing.

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Thursday 16th September

Pohutukawa	Lucan Jenkins	Showing lots of Confidence and giving everything a go.
Trinity	Herbie Murray	Christian Living - Herbie has been a great friend this week by being very kind and helpful.
Barbier	Juan Jacson	Showing Christian Living by making a great effort to share and take turns with his friends. Juan is trying hard to listen and follow instructions.
McKenna	Caelan Sullivan	Being a Confident and Connected learner who shared his ideas and knowledge on our top 'Food to Table' with others.
Mission	Solara Collis	Showing Christian Living in all that she does. Solara is a kind and caring member of Mission who is always doing the right thing and helping others - a wonderful role model.
Carroll	Lily Laird	Showing lots of Confidence and making Connections during writing and reading time - giving it a go and making great progress.
Te Hononga	Alexander Rice	Confidence and Critical Thinking.
Lourdes	Xavier Ramos	Excellent Confidence and Communication - keep up the awesome effort to produce your best work.
Redwood	Marcela Gerente	Showing Confidence and Connected learning in maths.
Lawn	Lauren Knight	Absolutely awesome Confidence - showing determination and focus on her learning goals.
Heidelberg	Drew Potter	Being a fantastic role model for others by always showing his Christian Living values through his words and actions - a kind, helpful and thoughtful team member.
Cullinane	Riley Haira	Great effort and focus during Cross Country training, and displaying an improved leadership role in class.
Fatima	Alyssa Avery	Always putting in her best effort across all learning areas, even during lockdown when she shared an eighteen minute, very entertaining cooking video with us as part of a challenge.

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Thursday 23rd September

Pohutukawa	Emelyn John	Making great Connections between letters and the sounds she can hear.
Trinity	Mitchell Kelly	Being a Connected learner - using the letters he knows to make words.
Barbier	Mika Te Moana	Showing Creativity in her story writing by painting a picture in the reader's mind. A great improvement in spelling also.
McKenna	Fiona Dinu	Showing lots of Confidence during cross country and trying her best.
Mission	Psalm Hermino	Psalm has settled into Mission wonderfully and is making great Connections in her reading and writing.
Carroll	Rinoa Vibora	Showing the 8C of Christian Living by being a kind and caring class member who likes to help others and does the right thing.
Te Hononga	Fletcher Hannam	Fabulous Collaboration with others in the class and Confidence that is shining through.
Lourdes	Khloe Haira	Being a motivated learner who is showing Critical Thinking and putting in 100% effort.
Redwood	Xavier Elder	Showing great Communication skills and making Connections between his reading and finger spelling.
Lawn	Jack Firth	Connected learning across the curriculum, Communicating and linking our learning concepts.
Heidelberg	Jessica Bock	Christian Living by showing kindness and aroha towards a classmate and showing more Confidence to give challenging tasks a go.
Cullinane	Maria Alice Zuliani	Always offering to help and support others throughout the day.
Fatima	Keely Phillips	Being a Connected learner who continues to develop in Confidence throughout our oral language programme, projecting his voice and making more eye contact.

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LEARNING CONFERENCES



During the third week of Term 4, **Learning Conferences** will be held at school. These were originally planned for this term, but due to the lockdown, they have moved to next term.

- ◆ On Tuesday 2nd October the conferences will be from 3-6.45pm. School will close at the normal time of 2.50pm.
- ◆ On Thursday 4th October the school will not open for teaching (OSCAR will be available) and Learning Conferences will be able to be booked from 8am to 6.45pm.

This provides a formalised opportunity for you and your child to meet with the classroom teacher to discuss your child's social and achievement progress and to share in the 'next steps' for their learning and development.

We are encouraging students to be present at conference times. We understand that at times there are some things parents would prefer not to discuss in front of their child. Provision can be made for the child to leave the conference at this time, if required.

Each **conference will be for 15 minutes.** We seek your co-operation by asking that you please arrive sufficiently early to keep to your allotted time.

We are using an online booking system again so that you can book your appointment time. The information for making bookings will be shared in early Term 4.

TOUCH RUGBY 2021



City Touch Taranaki are waiting until the Government announcement on Monday 4th October to confirm if Term 4 Touch is able to go ahead. **Touch can not go ahead if we are still at Level 2.** A draw for Week 1 will be available as soon as possible, if Level 1 is announced.

Team shirts will be given out this week ready for Week 1. Team balls will be given out for the coaches on the first Monday back in Term 4

Devon Intermediate Grounds

During the recent classroom addition, the playing fields have been compromised. Should the fields not be safe to play on by Week 1, City Touch have secured a backup venue in Hickford Park. Bell Block. A call will be made on Monday 4th October along with the Covid update. If some teams do need to move to Hickford Park then the draw will be sent out with times to allow for everyone to get across town.

KIWI TESTS: Congratulations to all of the participants in the Year 5 & 6 Canterbury University 'Kiwi Tests'. Children participated in tests in English, Mathematics and Science. The following children received special rewards:

Mathematics:

Achieved Aiden Sullivan
Merit Daniel Han & Blaise Roldan

English:

Achieved Eleanor Bridgehouse & Eva Hodson
Merit Blaise Roldan
Excellence Aiden Sullivan

Science:

Achieved Liam Firth
Merit Daniel Han



SUMMER UNIFORM: A reminder that summer uniform is to be worn during Term 4

BOYS

- Grey Shorts (lightweight)
- Short Sleeve Polo Shirt (sky blue) with logo
- Royal Blue Fleece with logo
- Brown / Black sandals (flat soled)
- A sunhat to be worn outside (cricket style - royal blue)

GIRLS

- Tunic/Culottes which are worn summer and winter.
- Short sleeve Polo Shirt (sky blue) with logo
- Royal Blue Fleece with logo
- Brown/Black sandals (flat soled)
- A sunhat to be worn outside (cricket style – royal blue).

We wear our school uniform with pride - please wear the short sleeved school shirt monogrammed **with our school logo.**

FDMC/SHGC SURFING SQUAD 2022

Students who plan to attend FDMC & SHGC in 2022 and are interested in surfing, please contact Tony Basile tba@fdmc.school.nz.

Confidence in the sea is a prerequisite (this is not a learner programme).



WEETBIX TRYATHLON 2022

A Reduced number of tryathlons will be held next year and **New Plymouth is not included in the 2022 schedule.**

Instead a programme called **TRY CHALLENGE** will be offered where tamariki will have the opportunity to earn their Champions Medal and TRYathlon T-shirt by working towards a fitness goal. Further details will be available in the coming months.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Pohutukawa/Trinity Girls

- 1st Mila Haydon
- 2nd Peyton Crosswell
- 3rd Madeline Gall
- 4th Coco Clifton

Junior Girls

- 1st Alesha Taylor
- 2nd Olivia San Diego
- 3rd Sylvie Swan
- 4th Marley Wegman

Middle School Girls

- 1st Eva Cleland
- 2nd Thea Forster
- 3rd Angina 'Ahio
- 4th Sonny Douglas

Senior Girls

- 1st Anika Pryor
- 2nd Chloe Rice
- 3rd Eleanor Bridgehouse
- 4th Rania Bennett



Pohutukawa/Trinity Boys

- 1st Xander Read
- 2nd Cian Foley
- 3rd Herbie Murray
- 4th Murray Wegman

Junior Boys

- 1st Ollie Gillum
- 2nd Aden Wells
- 3rd Monty Clifton
- 4th Robbie Bollen

Middle School Boys

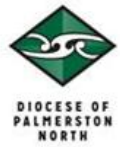
- 1st Ollie Firth
- 2nd Jack Firth
- 3rd Caden Herbert
- 4th Noah Begg

Senior Boys

- 1st Liam Firth
- 2nd Cillian Whelan
- 3rd Louis Maunder
- 4th Nixon Hannam



Attendance Dues Information September 2021



Thank you to all families who have made payment or made contact and organised payment arrangements for Attendance Dues this year.

The 4th and final statement for Attendance Dues 2021 and any arrears for this year and previous years will be emailed or posted by the end of this week. Emails will be sent from **Diocese of Palmerston North Attendance Dues Team** dues@pndiocese.org.nz and may appear in your junk/spam folder.

One-off payments by credit card or debit card (Visa or Mastercard only) can be made using our website: www.pndiocese.org.nz/education/dues. We have extended the due date from late September to **15th October 2021** to allow families additional time to make payment. Any questions, please get in touch. We are only a call away.

The Attendance Dues team are happy to advise payment options that will help your family to pay your Attendance Dues. Please contact the Dues team before **15th October** to discuss this with you.

Our contact details are as follows: 0800 200 208; or dues@pndiocese.org.nz

SCHOOL PHOTOS



Our school photos are being taken on **Thursday 28th October** and will be available for you to view and order OnLine with PhotoLife Studios.

Your child/ren will bring home an OnLine slip with their unique Access Key detailed on it. This Access Key will display all the photographs of your child. It is then an easy process for you to shop on-line and purchase the photographs you want.

If you place your order within two weeks of receiving your Access Key you will receive free delivery for your photo orders. PhotoLife has agreed to despatch all the orders back to the school and your child will bring their photographs home.

Any orders placed after this two-week period will be sent directly to your specified delivery address and will incur a \$6.00 Postage & Packing charge. You will see this message when you go Online to view and order your photographs.

SCHOOL DROP-OFFS & PICK-UPS: A few reminders to ensure the safety of all students:

- Park safely and legally, and then walk to school to drop off and pick up your child.
- Wet days mean more traffic and less visibility. Extra care and patience is needed. Use your lights so your vehicle can be seen, bring an umbrella and be prepared to walk a bit further than usual to collect your child. It is better to catch a cold than to collect a car!
- Children cannot accurately judge the speed of approaching traffic so they struggle to pick a safe gap in which to cross the road. Never call your child across the road.

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SCHOOL & PARISH COMMUNITY EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 1 Last Day of Term 3**
- 18 First Day of Term 4**
- 21 Certificate Assembly, 2.20pm in the Scout Hall
- 22 Grandparents & Friends Day - only if in Level 1
- 25 Labour Day - School Closed**
- 26/27 Whole School Water Safe Workshops
- 27 Year 6 Leaders Conference online at school
- 28 School Photos
- 28 BOT Meeting, 5.30pm in Staffroom
- 29 Mufti Day - Luxury Item

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints Liturgy 9.00am
- 2 Learning Conferences 3.00pm-6.45pm
- 4 Learning Conferences 8.00am-6.45pm - OSCAR is available
- 7 School Mass, 9.00am at St Joseph's Church
- 8 Puanga Kapa Haka Festival
- 11 Assembly led by Redwood, 2.10pm in the Scout Hall
- 12 FDMC Orientation
- 14 Fun Family Afternoon, 3-6pm
- 18 Assembly led by Lawn, 2.10pm in the Scout Hall
- 22-24 Junior/Middle School Scooter Skills
- 25 Assembly led by Carroll, 2.10pm in the Scout Hall
- 25 Senior School Cycle Skills
- 26 Teacher Only Day - OSCAR available**
- 29-30 Senior School Cycle Skills

DECEMBER

- 1-2 Senior School Cycle Skills
- 2 Certificate Assembly, 2.20pm in the Scout Hall
- 2 BOT Meeting, 5.30pm in the Staffroom
- 3 Year 6 Retreat Day at St Pius X
- 5 School Mass, 9.00am at St Joseph's Church
- 6 SHGC Orientation
- 16 Nativity & Graduation, 5.45pm
- 17 School Finishes at 12.00pm**

School Starts on Tuesday 1st February 2022
(please note change of date)

You are invited to
GRANDPARENTS & FRIENDS DAY
 Friday 22nd October

Mark the date on your calendar and come and join us on this special occasion.
 Visit classrooms from 8.50am,
 Liturgy at 9.45am.
 Will only take place in Level 1.



Labour Day, Monday 25th October
 School is Closed.

2022 TERM DATES

Term 1	Tuesday 1st February	Thursday 14th April
Term 2	Monday 2nd May	Friday 8th July
Term 3	Monday 25th July	Friday 30th September
Term 4	Monday 17th October	To be confirmed