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# Saint Joseph's School, New Plymouth

## Newsletter 2021

### LEAD CONFERENCE 2021

The Annual LEAD Conference which offers inspiration and advice to young people in Taranaki adapted to Covid-19 this year by going virtual.

Speakers at the virtual conference, which took place on 23rd October, included media personalities Toni Street, Sam Wallace and Renee Wright, as well as local sports stars Mitch Brown, Niwa Shewry, Beauden Barrett and Paige Hareb. Our Year 6 students thoroughly enjoyed the presentations.



Our students really enjoyed their Water Skills for Life sessions with Cecile Elliott from Swimming NZ last week.

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

#### Learning Conferences

100% of children have Learning Conferences booked - this is an amazing effort everyone. Thanks for being involved and engaged in your children's learning. Although it is later than our usual Term 3 conferences which were postponed after the lockdown, we can be grateful we have been able to have the conferences.

#### Staff News

Mrs Jenna Gawler is finishing with us this week. Jenna worked fulltime in Fatima last term and she has worked as part of our teacher release team throughout the year. Jenna and her husband Scott will be welcoming their third child in December. All the very best for the new arrival, Jenna.

Bride Zarifeh also has exciting news - Bridie is now engaged to her partner, Andrew. I happened to come across Bridie and Andrew moments after the engagement at a beautiful location on our coast. It was great to see them and feel the love and excitement....and a bit funny that I was the first person they bumped into.

Many of you are aware that my wife Tania, a teacher at St Pius X, was diagnosed with breast cancer during lockdown last term. She is having continuing treatment until Christmas following on from surgery last term. Thanks for the messages and support, please keep Tania in your prayers. I will be on leave for pockets of time supporting Tania when needed. A homework for all of our Mum's, Aunties, Nannas....keep up with your mammogram schedule or start having them. Make sure all the men in our lives are also being proactive with health checks too!

#### Term 4 & Covid-19 Restrictions / Vaccination Mandate

We are continuing with Level Two Schooling for the foreseeable future. I would like to thank the community for the way that families have worked in with the restrictions for being on-site. The restrictions will have some impact on some events and planned activities. We do have plans in place to make sure we can still farewell our Year 6 students and families if we remain at Level Two.

We are waiting on advice regarding pool keys. As we make plans and receive information, we will update the community. The School Mass planned for this Sunday 7th November and the Family Picnic on 14th November are cancelled.

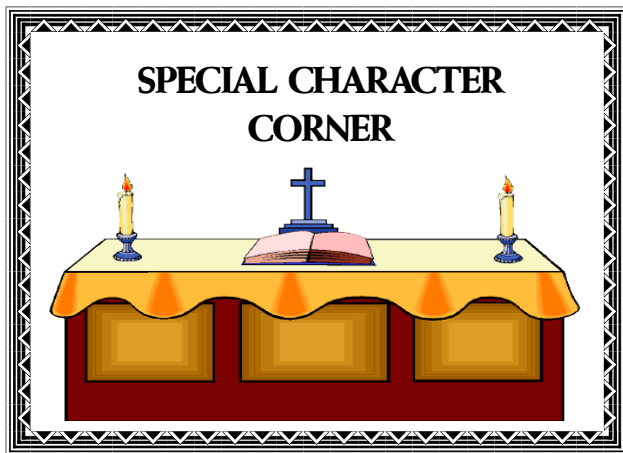
We have been working with our staff and community following the mandated vaccination announcement. To be employed, or to volunteer in schools, a person must have had their first vaccination before 15th November and their second by 1st January 2022. The current information regarding collecting the vaccination status of parents is; 'if parents are just doing normal parent tasks' like picking up their own children, or collecting their own children during the day, we do not need to seek the vaccination status. If parents are volunteering on trips, camps, coaching or managing sports teams, volunteering in classrooms and have direct contact with children, then we do need to seek the vaccination status of the individual.

#### Bike & Scooter Skills (and the Bike Track)

If all things had gone to plan we would have been opening our bike track on the field about now. Unfortunately the track construction team are in lockdown in Auckland. We had a bike and scooter skills program booked in to coincide with the planned track opening. We will continue with the Scooter and Bike Skills Programme - starting 22nd November. More information will come home in the coming weeks.

**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.

New members are always welcome and it is a great way to support our school.

## CHILDREN'S MASS

Our next Children's Mass is **Sunday 5th December, 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.



## Raffles

Thank you all for the donations for the FOSJ grocery and luxury grocery hampers for our raffles. The raffle books are selling really well, Please send the raffle butts and money back when sold.



If you would like more, just pop a note in with the returned raffles and money, with how many more books you would like. All raffles are due back before Wednesday 24th November.

## You are invited to participate in the first phase of a Global Synod Consultation Process

**POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

**DIOCESAN CONSULTATION & DISCERNMENT PHASE - NOVEMBER 2021**

JOIN THE CONVERSATION IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER!

FIND OUT MORE AT [PNDIOCESE.ORG.NZ/SYNOD](http://PNDIOCESE.ORG.NZ/SYNOD)

A synod is about listening to and journeying together. This Synod is important as it will give an important steer to how we are church in years to come. Your voice is valuable, and we want to hear it! Make sure you get a chance to be part of the conversation during the month of November.

Follow the link on the left to find out more about participating and the different ways to respond (look for the Participation booklet - several hard copies will be available in each church foyer for reference). More information will follow regarding group discernment.



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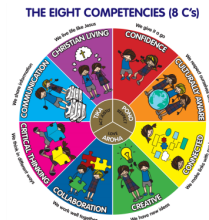




A warm welcome to our new students and their families:

In Pohutukawa: Brooklyn Kenny, Porsha McGlinchey, Charlotte Rodrigues, Stephen Roy, & Johnathan Tone

**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 30th September**

Pohutukawa	Sacha Pryor	Having the Confidence to give everything a go.
Trinity	Hannah Sanju	Christian Living - Hannah is kind, helpful and always uses her manners.
Barbier	Sofia Seguin	Consistently showing all of the 8 C's by making positive choices all of the time, working hard on tasks given and being caring and helpful to others.
McKenna	Attila Seddon	Making wonderful progress in all areas of his learning, especially literacy by using letter names and sounds to help read and write words.
Mission	Edan Fleming	Showing Christian Living and consistently putting his best effort into his work.
Carroll	Aiva Vedder	Being a Connected learner by using newly learnt spelling rules to read 'tricky' words with Confidence.
Te Hononga	Olivia Seguin	Making fantastic Connections in maths and improving in her number knowledge test.
Lourdes	Sonni Douglas	Living out the Gospel Values of Tika, Pono and Aroha by being an encouraging and supportive friend.
Redwood	Chris Arun	Showing great Connections and Confidence when learning all of his spelling words.
Lawn	Jay Manu	Great Confidence and courage in tackling his learning goals, and awesome Christian Living when supporting and celebrating the learning of others.
Heidelberg	James Hucker	Confidence in the delivery of his speech and having the courage to step out of his comfort zone.
Cullinane	Marcela Lizarde	Great Critical Thinking and Creativity during our 'Miniature House' building.
Fatima	Mileka Naus	Increased Confidence and independence in both writing and reading.

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### Thursday 21st October

Pohutukawa	Neve Bourke	Putting lots of effort into all she does in the classroom - showing Confidence in what she does.
Trinity	Cleo Fabish	Making lots of Connections between the letters and sounds she knows during writing time and writing lots of new words by herself.
Barbier	Flynn Moselen	Making many wonderful Connections in maths and working hard on his problem solving. Showing the 8C of Collaboration in the positive way he interacts and works with others.
McKenna	Monty Clifton	Showing lots of Confidence in his learning - trying really hard to reach his learning goals.
Mission	Abraham Alex	Showing Christian Living in the classroom by sitting and working quietly, listening attentively and being kind towards others.
Carroll	Renee Christiansen	Listening well and always being prepared for learning.
Te Hononga	Addy Reynolds	Growing Confidence in maths - making strong Connections and contributing to discussions.
Lourdes	Vinnie Scott	Being a Confident and Connect learner, showing a positive attitude and awesome effort to present his best work.
Redwood	Maddix Naus	Showing Christian Living by listening, encouraging and caring for his friends.
Lawn	Sam Fisher	Showing great Confidence and Connected learning with his maths - challenging himself to tackle new concepts with determination.
Heidelberg	Susi Vea	Always using all the 8 C's by showing kindness and working hard in everything she does. Susi is a fantastic role model for others.
Cullinane	Cillian Whelan	Displaying fair play and always encouraging his team members during games and activities in class.
Fatima	Jethro Young	Being a Collaborative, Creative and Connected learner when completing his reading task with a partner and using correct spacing in his writing.

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**Tuesday 26th October**

Pohutukawa	Eichelle Eldhose	Making lots of great Connections in her learning.
Trinity	Murray Wegman	Having the Confidence to have a go at writing the letters and sounds he knows during writing time.
Barbier	Miyah Mathew	Making lots of Connections between letters and the sounds they make by adding lots of detail in her story writing.
McKenna	Chrisanta Binoy	Makings lots of Connections and Communicating her wonderful ideas about St Mary in her writing.
Mission	Alesha Taylor	Showing the 8C of Christian Living by being kind and caring towards others and a wonderful classroom helper.
Carroll	Elijah Dizon	Showing Christian Living by being a great role model to others by always being kind and caring towards others in the class.
Te Hononga	Zaydae McDonald	Showing Christian Living to others by always being inclusive and kind to everyone.
Lourdes	Mila Edmonds	Showing Christian Living through kindness to others in need.
Redwood	Amiria Hayman	Independence, Confidence and Communication in her spelling, writing and reading.
Lawn	Georgia Bourke	Creativity and Critical Thinking, especially within the classroom's Integrated Learning.
Heidelberg	Blaise Roldan	Being a Connected learner by applying his new learning in reading, writing and maths - a great role model for others.
Cullinane	Daniel Han	Making great Connections in his maths and solving problems using efficient strategies.
Fatima	Hans Holgado	Making great Connections when learning about fractions and putting into practice his new learning.



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**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.**

## OSCAR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

An OSCAR Holiday Programme will be running in 2022, starting Wednesday 5th January until Monday 31st January 2022.

**HOLIDAY**  
PROGRAMME

- \* A Holiday Programme will also run prior to Christmas from the 18th - 22nd December 2021.
- \* OSCAR will also be available on the afternoon of Friday 17th December (school finishes at 12.00pm) at After School rates.

Programme details and enrolment forms will be available on the App and school website soon.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos were taken on 28th October.



All students had their individual photos taken and will bring home a 'shoot keycode' in a couple of weeks. Parents/caregivers can use this code to view their child's photos and place orders online.



## The Open Home Foundation in New Plymouth is looking for Foster Parents

We are a Christian, not for profit organisation, dedicated to providing a safe, secure and loving home for all children.

We are looking for Foster Parents in Taranaki who can provide a safe, stable and predictable environment for children who have experienced trauma. We need Foster Parents for Respite Care (when you provide care for a child one weekend a month or a fortnight or sometimes more) and we also have a need for emergency and permanent Foster Parents. You can make a huge difference to a child and you will be supported by social workers 24/7.

If you think you might have room for one more in your home or have any questions please contact Louisa Parker on 021 440169 or email [Louisa.Parker@ohf.org.nz](mailto:Louisa.Parker@ohf.org.nz).



# SCHOOL & PARISH COMMUNITY EVENTS

## **NOVEMBER**

- 11 Firewise Visit - Barbier, McKenna, Carroll & Mission
- 11 Assembly led by Redwood, 2.10pm in the Scout Hall
- 12 Firewise Visit - Trinity & Pohutukawa
- 17 Firewise Visit - Redwood & Lourdes
- 18 Firewise Visit - Lawn & Te Hononga
- 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
- 5 School Mass, 9.00am at St Joseph's Church (tbc)
- 6 Guitar Concert, 9.00am in the Scout Hall (tbc)
- 6 SHGC Orientation (tbc)
- 8 Year 3-6 School Athletics, 9.30am-11.45am
- 9 Year 1&2 Tabloids, 9.0am-11.00am
- 9 Assembly led by Mission, 2.10pm in the Scout Hall
- 13 Piano Concert, 9.00am in the Scout Hall (tbc)
- 14 Red & Green Day
- 17 School Finishes at 12.000pm (OSCAR available)**

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

*"This is what Yahweh asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly  
and to walk humbly with your God"*

Kia mau ki te tika, Kia aro ki te hā o te tāngata,  
Kia hikoi whakaiti ki te taha o tou Atua  
*(Micah 6:8)*

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

**Teacher Only Day  
Friday 26th  
November**

**OSCAR is available.**

