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Principal's Piece

E ngā mātua, tēnā koutou katoa, talofa,

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that we are in September! Thanks again for your support of our Covid-19 Alert Level 2 protocols. Although parents are asked to stay off site unless necessary, please be aware that you can still contact teachers via email, or make appointments if necessary; it is crucial that we stay connected in these very strange times!

Unfortunately, the extension of Alert Level 2 has meant that more inter-school events have been affected. Here are some updates:

- The **Year 7&8 CIS and WFPS Cross Countries** have both been **cancelled**.
- The **Year 5&6 Fairfield Cluster Winter Sports Tournament** planned for Tuesday 15 September **is waiting for the next revision of Alert Levels before a decision is made**. If we stay in Alert Level 2, it will be cancelled.
- We are still planning for the Year 4-6 camp at Finlay Park in Term 4 to go ahead. Ministry of Education guidance is that camps can proceed in Alert Level 2 if appropriate safety plans are in place.

We are aware that some children are consistently arriving at school far too early, even before teachers are onsite. This is a huge concern as there is no one supervising them and we cannot be responsible for children arriving so early. By 8.15am staff have arrived and are on duty to supervise children in the playground.

Policy Review: As part of the continuous cycle of reviewing policies, the BOT invites parents to contribute to our scheduled policy review for Term 3 which is Learning Support. Our policies are hosted on a site called School Docs.

To review the Learning Support Policy, follow these steps:

- Go onto the School Docs [website](https://stjosephs.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm) <https://stjosephs.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm> or you can do this directly from our St Joseph's school website by going to the Parents tab, click on Policies and then click on the link to School Docs.
- Enter the username (stjosephs) and password (joseph).
- Follow the link to the Learning Support policy and read the policy.
- Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
- Select the reviewer type "Parent".
- Enter your name (optional).
- Submit your ratings and comments.
- If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

God Bless,

Tracy Svendsen
Acting Principal

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16:21-27*

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

School Value Focus

Rangimarie and Aroha - Peace and Love

Peace: We are examples of Christ through peace and understanding of people, nations and cultures. Peace be with you; and with your spirit



Take peaceful moments to connect with God.
God's beauty is everywhere.



WHEN WE PUT
OUR PROBLEMS IN
GOD'S HANDS,
HE PUTS HIS PEACE IN
OUR HEARTS.



Week 7 Term 3: Monday 31 August

Cultural Corner - Week 7

Junior and Senior Kapa Haka

Due to Level 2 restrictions, we are having to manage our Kapa haka groups differently this term. Boys and girls are alternating weekly, with our Kapa haka tutor. This means the boys are getting specialised time with Haka and the girls are learning new skills with Poi. Unfortunately Junior Kapa haka is on hold until we move to Level 1.

Te wiki o te reo Māori

Te wiki o te reo Māori (Māori Language Week) is a popular, government-sponsored initiative promoting the use of Māori language. The week is part of the broader Māori language revival and raises public awareness for Māori language revitalization, learning, and public usage.

This year, Te wiki o te reo Māori falls in Week 9 of Term 3 (September 14-20). This national week of celebrating Te Reo, has become a significant celebration within our school.

During Week 9, in the middle block of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, rotations will take place. Each teacher will have an activity set up and groups will rotate through these activities. We trialled this way of integrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori into our Kura last year and it was a very successful week. So we are looking forward to doing this again.

Te Reo Context - Term 3

Our Term 3 Te Reo context is 'Weather'. Our focus is something that is ideal for this time of the year, as our weather changes from day to day. It is also something that is significant in Māori Myths and Legends. Within the classes there is also a continued focus on using classroom commands and general greetings in Te Reo.

Sports Notices

Term 4 extra curricular sports sign up will be online soon. Just awaiting the next Covid19 announcement first. Please remember to regularly check the School App and FaceBook for updates.

Do you want to keep up your fitness training from cross country? You can by joining our St Joseph's Round the Bridges Team for the event on Sunday 15 November.

Go to www.roundthebridges.co.nz. Early bird entries end on the 30 August. (Entries payable by individuals entering). On the first page of registration, you need to select "Team", then "Join a Team". Once you do that, a drop-down menu appears. Select our team name "St Joseph's Catholic School Fairfield" from the alphabetical menu. Then complete your entry. Good luck!

Years 4-6 Speech Finals Results

Year 4

- 1st: Zach McLauchlan- Hillary
- 2nd: Riley Schilov
- 3rd: Oscar Ott

Year 5

- 1st: Caitlin Richardson
- 2nd: Laura Barton
- 3rd: Zara Mawdsley

Year 6

- 1st: Alex Johnston
- 2nd: Veronica Jovanovic
- 3rd: Ashleigh Van Eyk

House Happenings

The Can tab competition is going well, so well that we have decided to extend this competition until the end of Week 9. It is for a great cause and the House shield will be awarded in Week 10! So keep bringing those tabs in, support your House and support New Zealand kidney kids!

Gymnastics

Last Thursday, a group of 16 gymnasts represented St Joseph's at the Regional Schools Gymnastics Festival. All competitors proudly represented our school. They had a great day and took all the extra measures that were in place this year (due to Level 2 restrictions).

We had success in all areas, with medals and certificates presented at the festival.

Open Junior Aerobics

- Samantha Alderton - 2nd Overall

Open Junior WAG Yr 5-6

- Ashleigh van Eyk - 2nd Overall
- Claudia Noble - 3rd Overall
- Layla Carter - 2nd Vault, 2nd Floor

Open Junior MAG Yr 2-6

- Ryder Pritchard - 2nd Overall
- Sam McCarthy - 4th Overall
- Adonis Polaczuk - 5th Overall

Open Junior WAG Yr 7-8

- Eva Conlon - 1st Overall
- Nadia Turner - 5th Overall

Open Junior Advanced MAG Yr 5-6

- Finn McCabe - 1st Overall
- Paxton Polaczuk - 2nd Overall

Open Junior Advanced MAG Yr 7-8

- Noah Pritchard - 1st Overall
- Boyd Archibald - 3rd Overall
- Mason Hewins - 5th Overall

SJF U10 Girls Ravens Soccer Team

We have had an enjoyable season so far with many 'away' Saturday morning games to places like Cambridge, Raglan, Morrinsville and Matamata. As the season has progressed, our results have improved with a 2-0 win against Matamata United last weekend; and a 1-0 win against Northern United the week before.



Yummy Apple Stickers

Remember to keep collecting the *Yummy* cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual *Yummy* apple stickers. *Yummy* apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores. The more you collect, the more sports gear we get so start collecting your *Yummy* cut-out [labels](#) and [stickers](#) now!

FOCUS ON FAITH

"The very first truth I would tell each of you is this: "God loves you". It makes no difference whether you have already heard it or not. I want to remind you of it. God loves you. Never doubt this, whatever may happen to you in life. At every moment, you are infinitely loved." (Pope Francis, Christus Vivit Chpt 4:112)

Week Seven Term Three

Young Vinnies Mufti Day Appeal

The Young Vinnies were unable to hold their bake sale this term due to Level 2 restrictions. They wanted to raise money to donate to the Westpac Helicopter Service, so instead of the bake sale, a mufti day was held. Thanks to everyone who wore mufti, the Young Vinnies were able to make a generous donation of **\$450** to this worthy cause.

Thank you once again from the Young Vinnies! Your support is appreciated.



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the Church's
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Te Wiki o te Whai Tika



**Māmā Noa, Pēnei
i te CST:
Te Tuku i ngā
Pūmanawa o te
Hāhi kia Whai Hua**

Social Justice Week

Social Justice Week 2020

Social Justice Week runs from September 6-12 and focuses on Catholic Social Teaching principles. Throughout this week, we will be learning more about these key principles and how they can be used to view social issues around us and how we can take action to seek justice for all.

Learning will take place in our classes and in our House groups over the week.

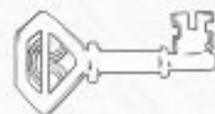
Next Thursday 10th September, we will also hold a mufti day to raise funds for Caritas and the work they do to address these social issues. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Catholic Social Teaching Principles Overview Tirohanga Whānui ki ngā Akoranga Pāpori Katorika



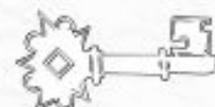
HUMAN DIGNITY | TE MANA I TE TANGATA

We are beautifully made in the image and likeness of God.



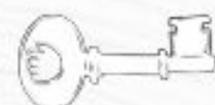
COMMON GOOD | HE PAINGA MĀ TE KATOA

We are called to work for the good of each and of all.



PARTICIPATION | NĀU TE ROUROU, NĀKU TE ROUROU

We all have the right and duty to participate fully in society.



SUBSIDIARITY | MANA WHAKAHAERE

We are called to empower communities, to let everyone have a say.



STEWARDSHIP | KAITIAKITANGA

We are kaitiaki of God's creation, living sustainably and enhancing the well-being of our planet.



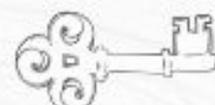
PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE | HE WHAKAARO NUI MŌ TE HUNGA RAWAKORE

The needs of the poor and vulnerable should be put first.



SOLIDARITY | WHAKAWHANAUNGATANGA

God created us as one global family called to support our brothers and sisters.



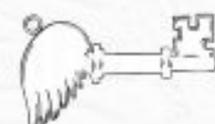
DISTRIBUTIVE JUSTICE | TE TIKA KA TOHAINA

Everyone should have access to their fair share of resources.



PROMOTION OF PEACE | TE WHAKATAIRANGA I TE RANGIMĀRIE

We can be God's instruments of peace through seeking justice.



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MUFTI DAY

THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

Gold Coin donation please - Proceeds will go to Caritas.



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