

First Reading

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord

Psalm 31 (32): 1-2,5,11

R: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading

I Corinthians 10:31– 11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord

'Of course I want to!' he said



Readings for next week 1st Sunday of Lent

1st Reading Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 24(25): 4-6,7-9; 2nd Reading 1 Peter 3: 18-22;

Gospel Mark 1:12-15

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Together we will provide a quality all round education, developing valuable contributors to society who reflect the teachings of Jesus Christ

OUR SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathies and prayers to the Youngman family on the death of Mike husband of Leanne and loved father of Chloe and Mark, Matt, Patrick and Hannah, Sam and Ashleigh and Grandfather of Toby, Penny and Billy. Brother and Uncle of Susan - Brady, Ryley and Carlin. Son in law of Mrs Joyce Murphy. May He Rest In Peace. Mike, his family, his children and nephews all attended St. Joseph's. "A man well loved"



HOUSE FOR RENT - TE KUITI

The house next door to the Catholic Presbytery in Te Kuiti - 22 Seddon Street - is available to rent: Four bedrooms, weatherboard, recently renovated and compliant with insulation standards, electric heating, single garage attached at rear of house, adjacent to Church and School, easy flat walk to town. All initial enquiries please to John Whyte 021 949 101



KS CONNECT APP

Please download this app from the Play / App store on your mobile phone, as all information about events are available from this app connected to our website.



SUNBLOCK

Please apply sunblock to your children before they come to school. We will apply some during the day as it is necessary.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Sunday the 14th March at Memorial Park on River Road, Hamilton. Stalls and family friendly events will be present from 12.30 and the march will commence at 2pm. Bring your family and friends and join us as we march to be a voice for the voiceless



WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

FEBRUARY 2021

11: SWIMMING 1PM
15: SWIMMING 1PM
17: ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 9:15AM ; SWIMMING 1PM
24: SWIMMING SPORTS

MARCH 2021

05: WAITOMO SWIMMING SPORTS
08: BIKE WEEK

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL !!

We would like to welcome Mrs. Kim Shailer to our school as a teacher aide in Rimu and Kahikatea Learning Hubs. We hope you will enjoy teaching at our school!



Whanaungatanga Connections

Together we are more

Kia Ora mai koutou katoa,

Today, I want to acknowledge our students. Transition for any of us is always challenging - sometimes it is just thinking about it that can cause anxiety.

This year we transitioned students into Rimu as Year 2's. We also transitioned students into Kahikatea as Year 5 students. Staff had a transition plan in place last year and they are pleased with how successful it has been. The students are well prepared and have settled into their new environments well. Thank you for your support and positivity.

As you come to the **Whanau Connection Discussions** with your child's teacher on **Monday 15th or Wednesday 17th February**, bring your child's and/or their voice about learning.

Here are some question starters you may like to discuss with them:

1. What would you like us to know about your child?
2. How do you think your child learns best?
3. What are your child's interests?
4. What hopes/expectations do you have for your child's learning development this year?

Do you have a question/problem/concern?

As per our procedures, we publish each term the concerns and complaints policy.

If the teacher or myself are unaware of issues around learning, behaviour or health and safety we cannot do anything about it. Please inform - so the staff or myself can investigate, report back and problem solve together.

The policy is in this newsletter

Wednesday, 17th of February: Ash Wednesday

The church seasons change on Ash Wednesday. The school attends the **Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.15 am** and Saint Lukes Church joins us.

Ashes remind us of our journey in life. "In times of difficulty and loneliness sometimes we see only our dust!

The Lord encourages us. In his eyes, our littleness is of infinite value. So let us take heart. We were born to be loved, born to be children of God"

In these Covid times the significance of Ash Wednesday around the world seems significant as we have come face to face with our weaknesses our mortality and our need for one

another. Let us allow ourselves to be loved so we can love in return. Let us stand up and walk towards Easter....

God Bless you and your families

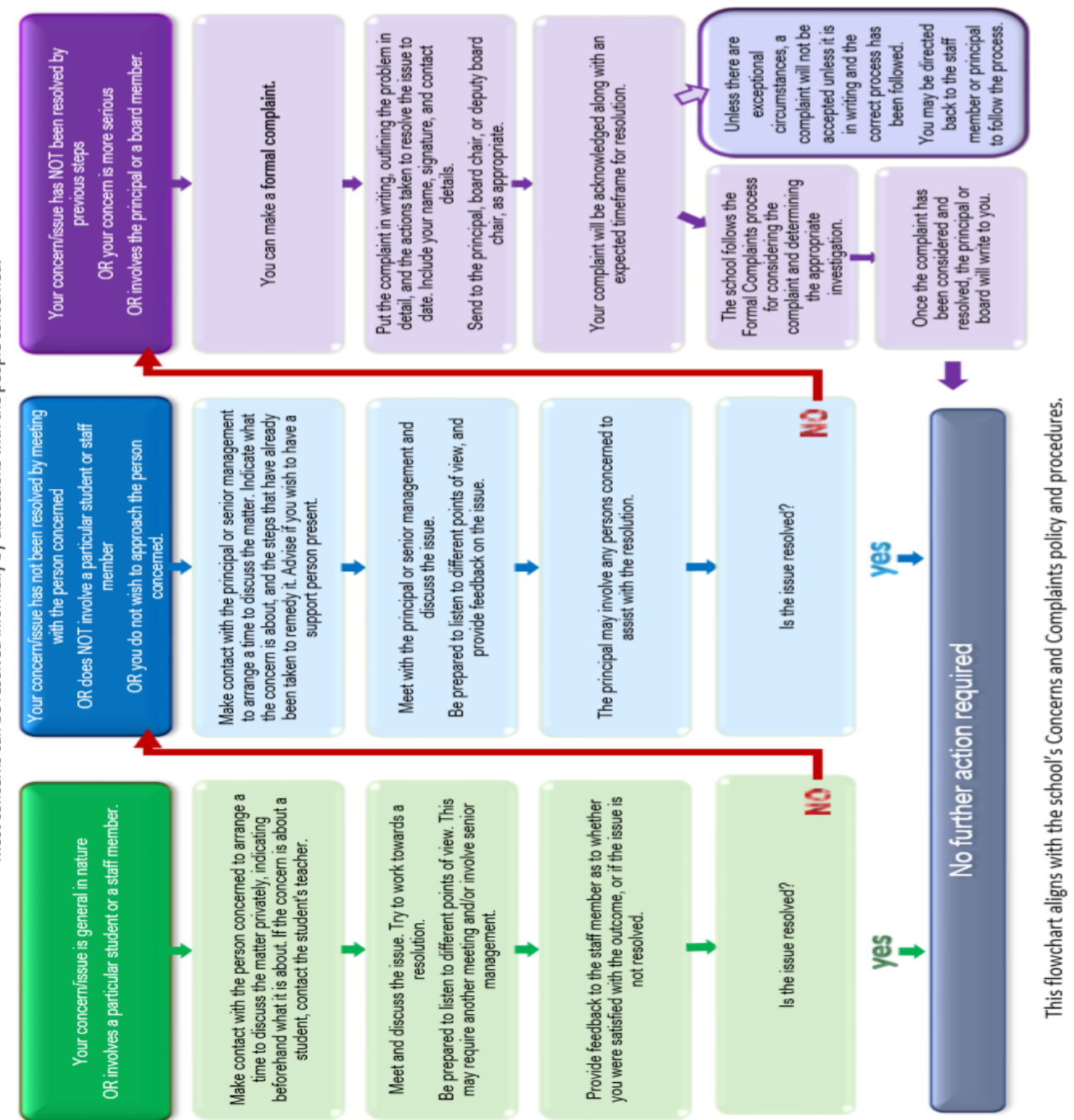
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PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Concerns and Complaints Process

Most concerns can be resolved informally by discussions with the people concerned.



PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

CARITAS ENVELOPES

These should be at the back of the church.

TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

St Patrick's Te Awamutu 7.15am, St George's Te Kuiti 9.15am, Sacred Heart Otorohanga 5.15pm, combined non Eucharistic service St Patrick's Te Awamutu 7pm.

CDH LENT SERIES

9:30 am-12.30pm March 2021 Gerry Sullivan Centre, Hamilton East. A Talk on the Sacraments of Eucharist, Confirmation, & Anointing of the Sick. Come and grow in the knowledge of the Sacraments. Deepen your reflections on the works of Christ as we journey through Lent leading to Easter and Pentecost. Keynote speaker Dr. Rocio Figueroa, a highly respectable lecturer and Theologian from Good Shepherd College, Auckland. This is a **free & open** workshop for all in our Diocese especially to our Catechists helping in the Sacramental Preps of children and the RCIA within our Parishes. Limited room so register quickly your intentions. Contact **027-6274475**.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR DETAILS:

It is imperative that we should be able to contact all parents/caregivers in case of an emergency or an unreported absence. Please e mail us your new details on office@stjosephstk.school.nz

STUDENT ABSENCE

Thank you very much for contacting the school in the case of your child being absent. Please continue to do so if your child is not going to be at school for **any reason**, please call 878 8190/3 and in case of no answer please leave a message, e mail, text on 027 878 8190 or send through an absence notice from the website. Thank you.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

The lunches are provided by New World Te Kuiti and delivered to school. **PLEASE TAKE NOTE:**

- Lunch orders will only be available on TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS.** Order forms will be distributed every Monday and Thursday.
- Orders must be handed into the office by 9am. No late orders please.
- The order form and cash amount is to be sent to the office in an envelope or zip lock bag.
- We are unable to offer lunch orders on credit— If you wish to pay via internet banking for the lunches, this transaction has to be done the night before, in order for us to recognise the funds in our account on the day the order is placed.



Term 1 Activities

Before School Care | 7:30am to 8:30am
After School Care | 3:00pm to 5:30pm

Week 1
RECYCLING

Week 2
VALENTINES

Week 3
TYE DYE

Week 4
TOWERS

Week 5
OOBLECK

Easy DIY OOBLECK Recipe

Week 6
PAPER MACHE

Week 7
WHEELS

Week 8
WORM FARMS & GARDENING

Week 9
EASTER

Week 10/11
MYSTERY / BALLOON

Email: tekuiti@skids.co.nz | Onsite Mobile: 021 188 4500 |

Register now at www.sKids.co.nz click on

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Religious Education



6th Sunday of Ordinary Time 14th February

Jesus cures a man of leprosy a nasty affliction in its day causing social and spiritual isolation. We are assured that whatever our physical, spiritual or emotional afflictions are we can approach Jesus with trust and confidence knowing we will not be turned away. Jesus wants to reach out his hand to us today so that we too may experience his healing touch.

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday on 17th February

Lent: The 40 day Christian season of spiritual preparation before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday. During Lent, many

WHAT CAN WE GIVE UP FOR LENT?

Something that will be missed:

- Screen time
- Desserts
- Soft drinks
- Video games
- Coffee
- Social Media
- Streaming eg Netflix, Neon
- Chocolate
- Meat
- Sugar
- Snacks
- Donate to Caritas
- A carless day once or twice a week
- Donate something each of the 40 days

40 Lenten Activities for Catholic Families

Give up television and internet for one day.	Genuinely compliment someone who isn't expecting it.	Donate a bag of food to a local church or charity.	Go to a weekday Mass.	Pray for good things for someone who has been unkind to you.	Visit an elderly friend or relative who doesn't get a lot of visitors.	Make homemade pretzels, a traditional Lenten food.	Make an almsgiving box and collect change throughout Lent to donate.
Plan a simple meal and talk as a family about how to help the hungry.	Pray for people in your parish's RCIA program preparing to enter the Church.	Do a craft, piece of art, or creative project that glorifies the Lord.	Send a card or note of encouragement to a priest or a member of a religious community.	Pray for an increase in religious vocations.	Ask for forgiveness from someone that you have wronged.	Not just Friday: Have an additional meatless day one week during Lent.	Pray for someone preparing for First Communion or Confirmation.
Light a candle at church and pray for someone in your life.	Volunteer some of your time to help at church, school, or home.	Clean up a mess that somebody else made (without complaining).	Memorize a prayer that you don't already know by heart.	Surprise someone by doing a task or chore that they normally do.	Donate a bag of things that are still nice, but that you just don't use.	Pray the Rosary (or even just a decade) as a family.	Thank someone who has been a good influence in your life.
Read a religious book individually or as a family.	Listen to religious music while doing a task you have been putting off.	Attend (or read at home) the Stations of the Cross.	Pray for world political and religious leaders.	Make hot cross buns.	Learn more about a saint that your family is unfamiliar with.	Do something healthy to take care of the body God gave you.	Clear your mind of other things and sit quietly with God.
Do something to help the Earth.	Go to Adoration, even if it's just for a little while.	Pray for the Pope.	Watch a religious movie together as a family.	Give up sweets and other snacks for a day.	Read one book of the Bible.	Do a foot washing with your family members.	Attend a Holy Week Mass.

Swimming Sports 2021



Wednesday 24th February

10.30am: Width Races in the big pool
Junior Roopu Relay Race Yrs 2, 3, 4

11:15am (ish): Length Races in the big pool starting with:
Grand Roopu Relay Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8

12.15pm: Year 1 & 2 swimming display in small pool

2.45pm (ish): Lunchtime for width and length swimmers

2.15pm (ish): Length Races continue
Roopu Relay - Senior Relays - Yrs 5, 6, 7, & 8.
Supreme Relay - Adults vs. Seniors

- All students to come to school, not the pools, we will take a bus down to the pools.
- Parent helpers are needed to assist with place getters, please make yourself known to Kirsten or Shelley.
- All children are to remain with their house group during the day. Parents are welcome to come and sit with their children on the bleachers.
- Students to wear their sports uniform to school and will get changed into their togs at school.
- Please bring extra towels, food and a large drink of water.
- No public swimming in either pool, including preschoolers.
- BBQ food for sale: Sausages \$2.00, Juices \$1.50 and Baking \$1.00.
- Waitomo Inter-School Swimming is on Friday 5th March. Adult helpers are needed to help out during this event - our school is rostered on catering.



If you are taking your child home early please let their teacher know.
Yr's 5-8 and all those involved in the relays are expected to stay at the swimming pools for the day.

Thank you
 St Joseph's Staff

WINTER SPORTS CODES

2021 Sports Coordinators

A huge thank you to the following people who will be volunteering their time to support our students in team sports this year.

Netball - Lizzie Rendall
 Hockey - Shaina Downey
 Football - Belinda Cammock and Pip Kirkland
 Miniball - Nikki Taylor
 Touch Rugby - Belinda Cammock
 Rugby - **Position to be filled**



Rugby - At this stage we have had **no volunteers for the coordinator role for rugby**. It is essential that we have a coordinator for the rugby season to go ahead. Keryn Herbert is happy to run over what is required in this role with the new person/s. Please contact Belinda if you are able to help. belinda@stjosephsk.school.nz

Bike Week - Week 6

If your child does not have a bike please start asking around for one now.

JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

Junior Coaching will start on Wednesday 10th February at 5pm.

The sessions will run for 8 weeks for \$20 per child for the entire course - an absolute bargain!!! It's OK if you're not able to attend every week. Racquets available if you need.

Please contact Donna on 027 206 6644 or email otorohangatennis@gmail.com for more information and to sign up.



NEW ACTIVITIES

JELLYBEANS MUSIC

If your child has come home talking about Jellybeans at school - they are right!

The ministry of education released some money last year to schools to assist with attendance issues, re-engagement in learning and wellbeing for children and young people following the COVID -19 lockdowns. I applied for funds to bring the magic of learning music into our school. Each Thursday Margaret White will travel from Auckland to deliver this programme for the term.

The joy on the faces of the children today said it all!

