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St. George's Parish Community Newsletter

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SWIMMING SPORTS: MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2022

10.00 am start.

Children will bus to the pools from school.

Children who are swimming in the small pool will remain at school with Mrs Lawrence.

NO JUNIOR DISPLAY ON THE DAY. Displays will be videoed at a later time during our swimming sessions.

We will begin with the width races in the big pool followed by the length races.

Picnic lunch before some FUN relay races for everyone!

- All students come to school. We will take a bus down to the pools.
- Students wear their sports uniform to school and will get changed into their togs at school. Children are welcome to wear their house colours. No vivid markers on arms, face painting or hair dye.
- Please bring extra towels, food and a large drink of water.
- Own sunscreen.
- We will be returning to school by bus and school will finish at the normal time.

UNFORTUNATELY WE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAVE WHANĀU SUPPORT AT THE POOLS FOR THE DAY.

WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

PLEASE HEAD TO OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE VIA THIS LINK

<https://www.stjosephk.school.nz/calendar/>

SWIMMING SPORTS: MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2022

We appreciate the offers of help we have had so far for the day but will be managing the swimming sports with St Joseph staff.

Please note that the Waitomo Interschool Swimming Sports have been canceled for 2022 due to Covid restrictions.

Thank you all for your understanding.

The staff at St Joseph's

STATIONERY DELIVERY DELAYS

The message from OfficeMax is that their operations are being impacted by the Omicron outbreak.

Workforce challenges due to a small number of Covid-19 cases in their North Island Distribution Centre and nationwide labour shortages, combined with extra social distancing and other safety measures have regrettably led to a delay with OfficeMax orders.

They understand how important it is for us to have the supplies we've ordered, and they're really sorry for the delays. They recognise the inconvenience caused for you and again, sincerely apologise for these unexpected delay.



FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK ...

"Take fresh courage"

Kia Ora te Whanau

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday.

This special day begins our Lenten journey. It is the start of 40 days of prayer, penance and almsgiving as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. But why does Lent begin on a Wednesday, and what is the significance of ashes?

Here is a great video from Butterfly House called ASHES - that explains Ash Wednesday very well. The children have been listening to it in class.

[Ashes - by Drew Lane](#) *"The sign of the cross The mark on my head The call you gave to me To live the way you did Honestly"*



Changes to the Omicron Phases:

You won't be surprised to know that after my last communication to you re Covid, that things have changed yet again. Tonight we move into Phase 3. I have a Ministry online meeting this afternoon about this change for schools.

One of the biggest changes is around the definition of Close Contact for schools and the isolation time. The CTUT - Health Department spreadsheet required to be filled out for each positive case, is no longer required.

Those in a room for longer than 2 hours with a masked positive case are no longer Close Contacts, they are Casual Contacts. Casual Contacts are able to attend school unless they become symptomatic.

The schools toolkit will be updated and the information from the meeting this afternoon will be shared with you. You may be able to throw some paper off the fridge!!

House Leaders Appointed

This week we appointed our House Leaders, and today I heard chants loud and clear as each Roopu met to acknowledge each other and get prepped for Swim Sports. Watch out Assisi and MacKillop - Pompallier have an expert cheerleader on their side!!

Congratulations to our new leaders!!

Pompallier: Lachlan and Fern

Assisi: Ben and Cameron

MacKillop: Carta and Fynce

Further leadership roles will be announced next week following an online leadership learning option with a Restorative Practice Team from the University of Waikato.



Thank you:

Thank you to Te Kuiti High School who have worked hard this week to replace the Year 7/8 Technology day that our students had to miss their lesson on Tuesday. We really appreciated the rescheduling of this day. Ka Rawe!

Swimming Sports:

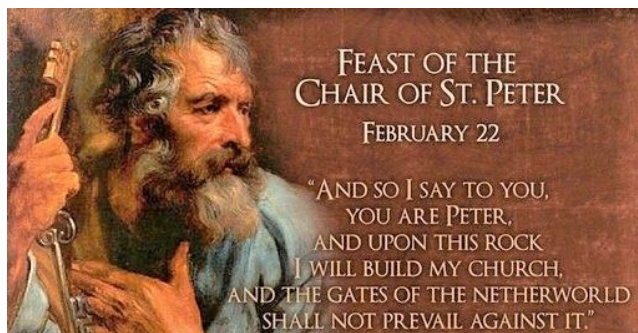
There is a notice on the front page of this newsletter today about Monday's Swim Sports. We will so miss you all at this event. We recognise how hard this is for families - equally it is hard for staff, managing the day on our own. To respect your ongoing enthusiastic support, we have organised a person to come and film/live feed the day for us. Watch our facebook space/seesaw space. If there are any families who signed authority for **not** publishing your child/ren on our facebook / Seesaw spaces, please could you inform us by Monday morning. Thank you.

Stay Safe. Ma te wa

Suzanne.



Religious Education



Sunday 27th February

Jesus reminds us that God sees the heart and always will. We may put on a great show of words and actions, but it is what is at the root of these that is so visible to God. Focusing on the faults of others, no matter how true, take the focus off our own.

February 22 Feast of the Chair of St Peter

An anniversary and celebration of the "authority" of the Papacy, and the particular mission entrusted to St. Peter by Jesus.

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

Shrove Tuesday March 1st: traditionally the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast - and what better way to use them than making pancakes.

Ash Wednesday 2nd March: solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season of 40 days leading up to Easter. It is commonly observed with ashes and fasting.

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DISEASES	DANCE	HAPPY
POOR	REWARD	KINGDOM
HUNGRY	ALAS	DENOUNCE

PARISH NEWS

ASH WEDNESDAY

The times for Ash Wednesday are as follows:

St George Te Kuiti: 9:15am

St Mary's Otorohanga: To be advised

St Joseph's School only: 11:30am

TONGA RELIEF APPEAL

Donations can be made to Caritas online through the Pacific Relief Fund (www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online) or via our bank account 03-0518-0211216-00 - please include your first & last name and put 'Tonga' as the code. Alternatively, you can donate by credit card over the phone by calling 0800 22 10 22.

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the
quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord

Psalm 91 (92): 2-3,13-16

R: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

When this perishable nature has put on
imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put
on immortality, then the words of scripture will come
true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is
your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the
sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the
Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit
defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always,
knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in
vain.

The word of the Lord

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind
man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit?
The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully
trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do
you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and
never notice the plank in your own? How can you say
to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter
that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in
your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own
eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take
out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit,
nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For
every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not
pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from
brambles. A good man draws what is good from the
store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what
is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words
flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord

'A man's words flow out of what fills his heart'



Readings for next week:

First reading Baruch 5:1-9

Psalm 126 (127): 1-6

Second Reading Philipians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel Luke 3:1-6