

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## St. George's Parish Community Newsletter

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### PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

If you have a fantastic fundraising idea please let the PSG know. It's so important that we raise funds for the school so that extra resources can be purchased for our students.



### UNIFORMS

Please take note that when you are ordering uniform items from Elizabeth Michael, **you are welcome to have the items shipped to the school at 26 Seddon Street Te Kuiti.** You can also add this request into the "Comments" box on the order form and Elizabeth Michael will send it to the school address. If delivery is made in the holidays, the items will be sent home once term starts again, as the office will not be open during the school holidays. Students start wearing winter uniform after Queen's birthday weekend. Please ensure you order what you need in good time.

ElizabethMichael  
UNIFORMS

### WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

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

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

### NOTICE FROM BETHLEHEM BUS COMPANY



**Face masks are mandatory on all public transport and Ministry of Education funded school buses for students 12 years and over. (Unless exempt)**

### A REMINDER

Please let the school office know if your student/s are not going to go home on the bus on any school day. This is important to ensure our students are safe and go where they are intended to be after school. Thank you

### ATTENDANCE

Please remember to let us know should your student/s be absent from school, for any reason on any school day. Thank you



## FROM MRS. DOWNEY'S DESK

Kia Ora e te Whanau/ Mālō le soifua  
Hello and Good Health to you all.

Māku tēnei kiwai Māu tēna kiwai

The Waitomo Kahui Ako W.A.K.A. (Community of Learning) uses this whakatauki.

'Each of us at a handle of the basket'. The kete symbolises the shared 'load'

It is a useful one for us all to reflect on in relation to our own St Joseph's Community.

Do each of us have a handle of the basket? This is a patai Principals and leaders at the table ask of each other - not to find criticism, but so we can whakawhanaungatanga (build relationships) get to know each other better and manaaki (care) for each other.

We ask our students at St Joseph's to have a voice and hold a handle of the basket. What is in the basket??

Whakaaro: Maybe as parents we could use this analogy in our homes - ensuring that the dignity and wellbeing of the family unit is kept strong and healthy and the 'load' is shared.

### Thank you:

- To those teachers and parents who have stepped in to support the school in my absence this week.
- To the Cross Country helpers - the marshalls, sausage sizzle organisers, motorbike suppliers and general support crew!
- To our past students who came to help out due to the Secondary TODays. We loved having you back!

The event was threatened by the weather for sure. Both Mrs Were and myself were very pleased to have it completed. The students do enjoy being at Motakiora and we need to make these events fun and enjoyable. I think we succeeded.

Daily activity within a sporting context or not, in later life must be the paramount goal.

There are a few photos below and a few more later in the newsletter too.

### **The Ascension (when Jesus was taken up body and soul into heaven) is celebrated this Sunday.**

The Religious Education page has information on this event. It is important to see The Ascension is 40 days after Easter. In scripture the number '40' signifies new life, new growth, transformation, a change from one great task to another great task etc. The event of the Ascension is a bit like a bridge between Easter and Pentecost linking Jesus and the Holy Spirit. In a sense we are standing on a bridge too, between what is behind us when we didn't feel as challenged by risks to our health or economy, and what is in front of us.

The Ascension offers us the assurance of the presence of heaven, the promise that the Holy Spirit will be with us always and finally the task of mission - beyond our borders where God needs us.

May Ascension day be a joyful one for your families.



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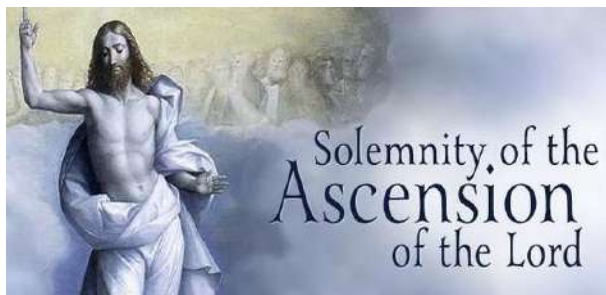
Have a great weekend.

Suzanne.





# Religious Education



## Sunday 29th May The Ascension of the Lord

Forty Days after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ he ascends into heaven. An important Christian feast attesting and celebrating the reality of the God-Man Jesus Christ's returning to the Father, to return again in the future parousia. The Ascension is the final component of the paschal mystery, which consists also of Jesus' Passion, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Descent Among the Dead, and Resurrection. Along with the resurrection, the ascension functioned as a proof of Jesus' claim that he was the Messiah. Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again. As the head of the Church, he precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever. Having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

## The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:44-53

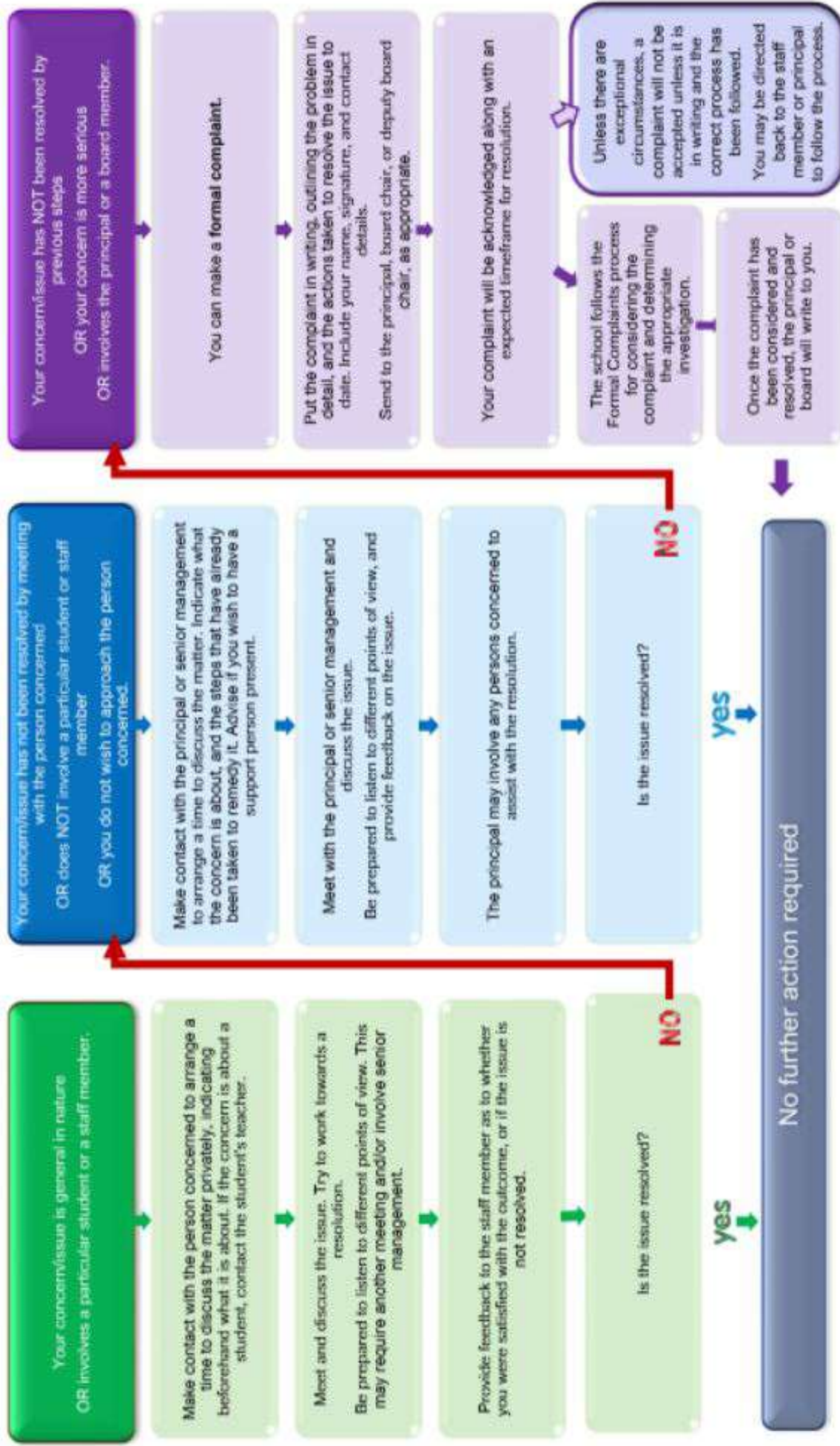


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RISE	REPENT	PROPHETS	TAKEN
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# Concerns and Complaints Process

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



This flowchart aligns with the school's Concerns and Complaints policy and procedures.

## ORIENTEERING 2022

Our St Joseph's **Orienteering** for year 4-8 children will take place on **Wednesday 8th June** and the Postponement date is set for the 13th June 2022

Children will leave school at 11.00am and be transported by bus to **Motakiora (Brook Park)** for an **11:30am start**. They will be bused back to school around 1.30pm.

Children are to come to school dressed in their school uniform with sports gear and running shoes packed in their bags. Children will change into sports gear/shoes at school. If wet, please include a small towel/hand towel and a bag to put dirty, muddy clothes and shoes in.

Please ensure your child has a large packed lunch and drink bottle of water.

Nga mihi,

Kirsten Erasmus



## CROSS COUNTRY 2022



## CROSS COUNTRY 2022 RESULTS



### St Joseph's 2022 Cross Country Results

Year	First	Second	Third
Year 8 Boys	<u>Fynce Laranjo</u>	JV Hutson	
Year 8 Girls	Sky O'Toole		
Year 7 Boys	Cameron Downey	Eti Tanielu Lava	
Year 7 Girls	Fern Kersel-Stubbs	Charlotte Holmes	Zoe Hitchen
Year 6 Boys	Edward Penny	Noah Murrell	Rikihana Salmond
Year 6 Girls	Imogen Hutson	Priyashi Bahuguna	Thanya Pandian
Year 5 Boys	Tawita Taie	Ptolemy Read-Bloomfield	
Year 5 Girls	Sophie Downey		
Year 4 Boys	Sam Kirkland	Kellan Dilley	Derick Penny
Year 4 Girls	Eden Bradley	Ava Murrell	
Year 3 Boys	Beau Riley	<u>Dev Buhuguna</u>	<u>James Bolger</u>
Year 3 Girls	Macie Kearins	Angel Taie	
Year 2 Boys	Brayden Rickit	Blayz Tata Goldsmith	Mason Walker
Year 2 Girls	Darcie Pollock	Sophie Grainger	Endeavour Tanielu Lava
Year 0 + 1 Boys	<u>Zkaiya</u> Tata Goldsmith 1st	Jacob Holmes -2nd	Thomas Van Der Poel -3rd
Year 0 + 1 Girls	Charlotte Downey -1st	McKenna Kearins -2nd	Feagaiga Tanielu Lava-3rd

**First Reading**

**Acts 1:1-11**

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout

Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

*The word of the Lord*

**Psalm 46 (47):2-3,6-9**

**R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**



**Second Reading**

**Ephesians 1: 17-23**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

*The word of the Lord*

**Gospel**

**Luke 24:46-53**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**Readings for next week: Pentecost**

First reading Acts 2: 1-11

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Psalm 103 (104):1,24-29,34

Gospel John 20: 19-23

