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STAFF 2019

Senior Leadership

Mrs Carolyn Massey - Principal Mrs Valerie Anderson - DP

Team Leaders

Mrs Cheryl Peters - Rm 1 Mrs Pauline Calvert - DRS/ RM 8 Mrs Elena Figota - Rm 10

Classroom Teachers

Mrs Judi Greenham - Rm 3
Mrs Nadine Fa'alili - Rm 4
Mrs Mavis Lawrence - Rm 6
Mrs Sheela Sesh - Rm 7
Mr Mark Weedon - Rm 9
Mrs Pata Beazley - Rm 11
Mrs Kathryn Powick - BT release
Mrs Rebekah Vallabdas - Reading
Recovery - ALiM - CRT release

Support Staff

Mrs Melanie Duarte - office Mr Greg Hall - accounts Mrs Lon Lauaki - TA Mrs Hazel Pangan - TA Mrs Loretta Wanden - TA Mr Justin Wishart - TA Mrs Saleshni Prasad - TA Mrs Helena Mahoney - TA Mr Olo Tuputala - Caretaker

WELCOME

Warm Pasifika greetings and welcome to the 2019 school year at St Joseph's Catholic School.

We hope you had a very enjoyable and restful holiday and are looking forward to a happy and successful first term.

We especially welcome our new students and whanau. We trust that your time spent with us will be a memorable experience of great growth and learning.

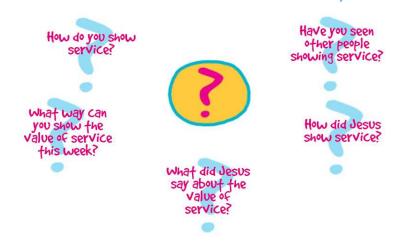
EXPECTATIONS

- SCHOOL HOURS Our school hours are 8.45am to 2.50pm. It is important that the
 children arrive on time to begin school. When children are late to school this creates
 disruption to teaching staff and the students in the class. If your child is going to
 be late or absent from school please phone the School Office by 9.15am on 6368102,
 text through to 021 02298254 or use the School App. It is very important that we
 know where children are for their safety.
- For the health and safety of your children it is compulsory for your child to wear a School Hat during Terms 1 & 4. These hats can be purchased from the Warehouse Royal Oak. There are also still some sizes available from the school office. (S, M XL)
- This week your child will bring home a <u>Student Data Form</u> to be completed. Please ensure that you complete it and return it to school ASAP. Many Thanks

SJS Values for Term 1 - SERVICE

The mercy value of service is about helping others.

For more information about the value of Service visit the Mercy Schools website



School App

One of our communication tools is our School App

To download the app just search SchoolAppsNZ in the app store, and then enter St Joseph's School Onehunga to find our School App.



SKiDs

St Joseph's Catholic school are proud to be working with SKiDs from the beginning of Term 1 2019, offering before and after school care for our tamariki.

SKiDs is run through out New Zealand with more than 6,500 tamariki coming through their doors each day, they consider it a great privilege to support parents, schools, and communities.

SKiDs want all kids to feel AWESOME about who they are, so their programmes have been designed to grow core capabililites in kids, so they flourish in life.

For more information visit their website http://www.skids.co.nz/

School Uniform



YEAR 1-6 GIRLS

Culottes (shorter option for Year 1-2s) Blue Blouse

YEAR 1-6 BOYS

Shorts (2 options)

Blue Shirt

le faitaga - optional (please be aware that The Warehouse does not stock smaller sizes)

YEAR 7-8 GIRLS

Skirt

White Blouse

HATS

2 options - a navy blue cap or a bucket hat Please note that hats are compulsory in Terms 1 and 4

SHOES

Black sandals Term 1 and 4

Ballet flats as an ontion for Year 7 and 8 nirls

Uniforms are available from The Warehouse in Royal Oak. Please see customer service or let us know if there are any issues.

PE uniforms are only available from the school office and all students from the Maungakiekie and Raraotonga syndicates are expected to have these.

Students will be given a years grace in which they can continue to wear the 2018 uniforms. By the start of 2020 every student of St Joseph's is expected to be in this uniform.

Wishing you God's richest Blessings in 2019 From the SJS Team



Maungakiekie whanau - Rooms 9, 10 and 11

Tena koutou katoa, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Kamusta, Namaste, Ni sa Bula Vinaka and a warm welcome to 2019.







As we begin our year we would like to introduce to you our Maungakiekie whanau teachers of Year 5-8. As we will be working together we believe that your children will be all our children. Your child will be aware of which class they will be this year and our expectation is that we will also work with you to give them the best education they deserve.

As follows are our teachers Ms Elena Figota (Room 10 - Year 5 & 6), Mr Mark Weedon (Room 9 - Year 5 & 6) and Mrs Pata Beazley (Room 11 - Year 7 & 8).

Introducing Ms Elena Figota - (Room 10 - Year 5 & 6) Maungakiekie Whanau Leader

It is truly a pleasure to be teaching your child in Room 10. I am of Samoan descent and was born and and raised here in Aotearoa, New Zealand. I am the youngest of five siblings and both my parents come from the island Samoa:-) I am a mother of two crazy, but fun loving teens who keep me grounded and busy.

I had a Catholic upbringing through home and school and studied at The University of Auckland to become a Primary school teacher. I have taught at various schools, primarily in Intermediate.

It has already been a blessing working with Room 10 students, and your child has settled in quickly. We have established our classroom routines, class treaty and the SJS expectations. I looked forward to working alongside your child this year. Many blessings and God Bless.

Introducing Mr Mark Weedon - (Room 9 - Year 5 & 6)

It is a pleasure to be teaching in the senior syndicate this year. I am a father of two boys, Jack, 8 years and Rory 5yrs. I have had a Catholic upbringing through home and studied at The University of Auckland to become a Primary school teacher after a varied career in sport and coaching.

I have taught at various schools and look forward to my third year at St Joseph's.

Many blessings and God Bless.

Introducing Mrs Pata Beazley - (Room 11 - Year 7 & 8)

Once again I am the Intermediate teacher for our ladies this year, I am very much looking forward to working hard to prepare our ladies to be faithful, confident and self-directed young woman.

I am of Samoan descent, although I was born and raised in New Zealand. Over the break I have been blessed to have led a pilgrimage with my husband to the Holy Land and to Rome and this gives you an insight to my commitment to my faith and how important it is to me and my family. I am married to my husband Manuel and we have two girls, my daughter Paris and grand daughter Leah who are our life, love and absolute blessing.

This year marks my tenth year of teaching and I will continue to work hard with you, our families to support your daughters to share what they have, while also be open to learn and be problem solvers in this changing and innovative world we live in today.

Introducing Mrs Kathryn Powick (Rm 10, Monday)

My name is Kathryn Powick, I will be teaching in Room 10 on Mondays.

I have 5 children, 4 of whom attend St Joseph's School. I love being in our School and as well as teaching here, I am a parent representative on our School board. I am currently completing a post-graduate certificate with MindLab in Digital Literacy and Collaborative Leadership. My passion is in growing and developing our students as 21st Century learners where they can take more responsibility for their learning and develop skills to be lifelong learners. I also enjoy playing the violin and sharing my love of music with our School. Our family attend Our Lady of the assumption Parish and my Catholic faith is a big part of who I am. I am looking forward to a wonderful 2019 with your Whanau.

Introducing Ms Lon (Maungakiekie whanau TA)

Malo e lelei, My name is Lon Lauaki Sangster (Ms Lon) and I will be working in Room 9, 10 and 11. My nationality is Tongan/Fijian. I have been a Teacher aide at St Joseph's for over 17 years and have worked with many children along the way and have enjoyed helping them. I have two boys who have left St Joseph's School and they really enjoyed their time here. My eldest son William has Cerebral Palsy so I personally know the impact a Teacher aide can bring to a child who needs support. In my spare time I am a qualified Personal Trainer and Zumba Instructor providing free classes for our Church community. I look forward to working alongside this amazing group, Ofa atu.