



STAFF 2020

Senior Leadership

Mrs Carolyn Massey - Principal
Mrs Valerie Anderson - DP
Mrs Pata Beazley - DRS/Rm 11

Team Leaders

Mrs Cheryl Peters - Rm 1
Mrs Pauline Calvert - RM 8 / ALiM
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 Margaret Lavulavu - Rm 9
Mrs Pata Beazley - Rm 11
Mrs Kathryn Powick - Classroom
release, music and makerspace
Mrs Rebekah Vallabdas - Reading
Recovery - ALiM 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
Mr Cliff Tuckey - TA
Mrs Saleszni Prasad - TA
Mrs Helena Mahoney - TA
Mr Olo Tuputala - Caretaker

WELCOME

Warm Pasifika greetings and welcome to the 2020 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.
- This week your child will bring home a Student Data Form to be completed. Please ensure that you complete it and return it to school ASAP. Many Thanks

Mercy Value for Term 1 - RESPECT

The mercy value of respect is about recognising the gifts and talents of the people around you. It is also about being responsible for our own actions and our own choices. For more information about the value of respect visit the [Mercy Schools website](#)

I show the Mercy Value of Respect ...

...when I am polite

...when I am a good listener

...when I follow the school rules

...when I keep promises that I make

...when I show good manners

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.



School Uniform

At St Joseph's Catholic School, we have a compulsory school uniform which is to be worn correctly to promote pride in our school. Our uniform provides several options for students and aims to be smart, practical, and comfortable.

All students are expected to be in the new school uniform this year. You will be aware that the BOT of St Joseph's Catholic School approved uniform change in 2018 with transition of the uniform happening at the start of 2019. Students were given a year's grace in which they could continue to wear the old uniforms.

There is no longer a separate winter and summer uniforms. One uniform for the year.

The uniform is stocked at The Warehouse Royal Oak.

FOR UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS GO TO <http://www.sjs.school.nz/2019schooluniform/>

SJS GIFTING FUND



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SCHOOL UNIFORM
+ STATIONERY

For the first 40 new entrants students for 2020

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09 636-8102 - admin@sjs.school.nz



10
SCHOLARSHIPS
available for Year 7 girls
in 2020

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Wishing you God's richest Blessings in 2020
From the SJS Team



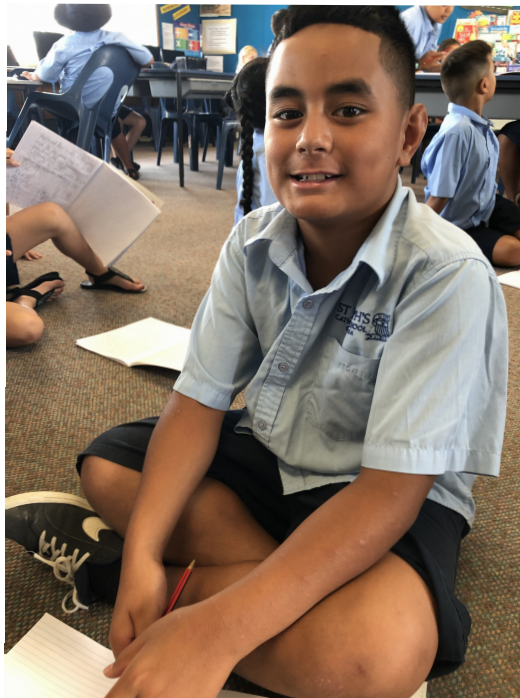
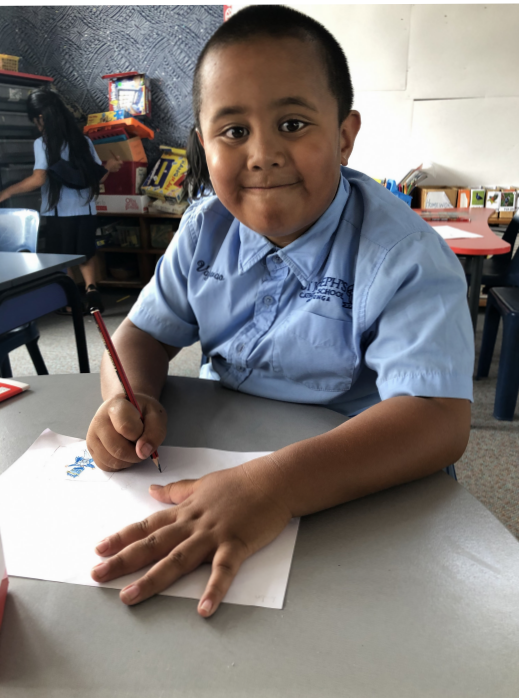
Rarotonga whanau - Rooms 6, 7 and 8

Dear Parents, Caregivers and members of our school Whanau,
Kia ora , Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Kamusta, Namaste, Bula Vinaka and a
warm welcome to the new school year, 2020.



The five smiling faces in the picture are your children's teachers and teacher aides for this year. We look forward to a positive year of fun as well as academic success for your child. Every child is blessed with talents which we hope to be able to recognise and develop. With your valuable support, this can surely be achieved.

From left to right - Mrs Calvert, Mrs Lawrence, Mr Tuckey (TA), Mrs Prasad (TA), Mrs Valladbas.
Mrs Sesh (absent)



Introducing Mrs Pauline Calvert - (Room 8- Year 5) Rarotonga Whanau Leader

Kia ora, I'm Pauline Calvert and I am delighted to be your child's class teacher for this year. Let me tell you a little about myself. My great passion for working with children prompted my career as a teacher which began in 1986 in India. Here, I taught at different levels and held teaching as well as management positions.

I moved to New Zealand with my family in 2001. My children attended St. Joseph's Onehunga and received a great Catholic education here. In January 2003, I was appointed at St. Joseph's School, Onehunga. I enjoyed teaching a year 1 and 2 class for a period of ten years and then moved to teaching the intermediate level for five years. I have been teaching year 4 and 5 since 2018. Teaching in a Catholic school has given me a sense of fulfilment, enriching me and making me who I am today.

It is a privilege to be able to work with your children and I welcome each child into my life. I look forward to working collaboratively with you and your child and ask God's blessings on us as we journey through this year together.

Arohanui

Pauline

Introducing Mrs Sheela Sesh (Room 7 - Year 4)

Namaste! I'm Sheela Sesh.

I grew up in the big city of Bombay and I did my Masters in Educational Psychology from Bombay University. 'How children learn' is a topic that interested me even when I was a student. After my studies I worked on a UNICEF project in Bombay and then after marriage at a learning center in Chennai. We moved to New Zealand with our two sons in 1996. With the Lord's grace I have had the pleasure of working with students and serving the St Joseph's School community for over twenty years. It has been a blessing to get to know and interact with generations of some families.

I welcome you and your child to Room 7 and seek the Lord's blessings as we journey through 2020. I pray that your child is able to reach his or her full potential and has a happy time in Room 7.

Arohanui

Sheela

Introducing Mrs Mavis Lawrence (Room 6 - Year 2 & 3)

Kia Ora! I'm Mavis Lawrence

Teaching is an absolute passion for me and I am so excited to work with your child this year. It is going to be a year full of fun, learning, and adventure. In addition, I cannot wait to see what the year has in store for us! I thought you would like to know a little about myself.

I have lived all my life in India, Mumbai and have been teaching since 1994. I come from a closely-knit Catholic family. I have received my Catholic education right from primary school through to my Bachelor of Education and this has encouraged me to teach in Catholic schools. I got married and moved to NZ in 2008. I began teaching at St. Joseph's in 2015. I have a son who has just joined St Peter's College this year.

I look forward to the year, hope to keep the lines of communication open between us, and would love to talk to you if you have any questions or concerns about your child. God's richest blessings and guidance as we journey together leaving lasting memories in our lives.

Arohanui and God Bless,

Mavis

Introducing Mrs Rebekah Valladbass (Collaborative Room 8 - Year 5)

Kia ora Parents and Whanau. I am Rebekah Valladbass.

I have been teaching in New Zealand for the past 15 years as a Primary School Teacher. I have had the privilege of working at St. Joseph's School for the last five years. I feel blessed to work in a Catholic school that provides quality education within a caring community.

This year I will be leading Reading Recovery and implementing ALiM strategies in teaching Mathematics for year 7 and 8 students. Additionally, I will be job sharing with Pauline Calvert, Room 8 class teacher. My role in Room 8 is to help children develop their skills and knowledge in Spelling, Handwriting, Religious Education and Visual Arts. I am excited to work with your children and help them achieve great success. I look forward to working with your children.

Arohanui and God Bless,

Rebekah