



Kiaora, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Bula, Mabuhay, Annyeong, Ni hao, Greetings to you all.

COVID-19

You may have seen that the World Health Organisation has now declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic.

On 14 March the Prime Minister has announced new and strong protective measures to keep individuals, families and communities safe and healthy. This now includes border restrictions, and a requirement to self-isolate on arrival in New Zealand for a period of 14 days. The Prime Minister also advised that we should stop handshakes, hongis and hugging.

We have 8 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand and it is pleasing to know they are all doing well and are at home. Their children, four students at Auckland schools, continue to be well and show no symptoms. While we expect that more cases will arise, the Ministry of Health says that with continued vigilance the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low in New Zealand. We all have a role to play in this.

For St Joseph's Catholic school, our pandemic plan is ready to be implemented if needed. In the mean time we will continue to focus on good hygiene practices. Hand washing and good cough etiquette are very important tools in preventing the spread of illness including colds, flu and COVID-19.

With that, there is a good video clip from Nanogirl that will help your children to better understand the virus, scan the QR code or go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPsY-jLqaXM>



One other action we can all take is to be vigilant about our own health and that of our children. I will be encouraging our staff to stay away from school if they are showing signs of illness such as coughs and colds. I ask that you please do the same with your children. Colds and flus are common in schools and by staying away, seeking medical attention and practicing good hygiene, we can all keep any spread of illness to a minimum.

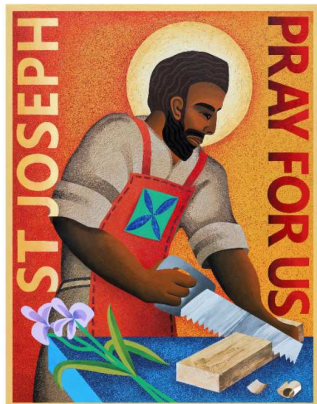
St Joseph's Feast Day - Thursday 19 March

A warm welcome to our St Joseph's Feast day SCHOOL MASS - St Joseph as spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 19th March; 9:30am at our Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Church which will be led by our Mangere Whanau

We also welcome Sr Rosello & Sr Priscilla to come and join us for Mass to celebrate with us

Prayer for St Joseph



We ask that all our St Joseph's families pray our Prayer to St Joseph so that we may grow in faith and community today and always.

St Joseph, teach us by your example to see the hand of God at work everyday in our lives. St Joseph, patron of Family life obtain for us by your intercession joy in harmony and unity. St Joseph, help us to see that faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible. Amen

UPCOMING DATES

WEEK 7

MONDAY 16

- KiwiSport - Rms 1 3 and 4

WEDNESDAY 18

- Polyfest Year 7 and 8
- "Sneaky Sneakers" - Walk to school Day

THURSDAY 19

- ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY - School Mass 9:30am
- Recorder Groups
- Ukulele Groups
- MakerSpace

FRIDAY 20

- FUN SPORTS DAY - come dressed in your house colours

WEEK 8

MONDAY 23

- KiwiSport - Rms 1 3 and 4
- Assembly Rm 8

THURSDAY 26

- Recorder Groups
- Ukulele Groups
- MakerSpace
- BOT Meeting - 6.30pm

FRIDAY 27

- Year 7 and 8 Manual
- Kiwisport - Rms 6 - 11



WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Walk to School Day

18 March 2020 



Come to school in your Sneaky Sneakers and join the 'Walk to School Day'. Those interested please meet at Captain Spring Street Reserve at 8.20 am to arrive to school before the bell.

CLASS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for the value of RESPECT at last week's assembly.

Gianna Hall	Amini Finau
Sky Iglesia	Adolf Muller
Mina Ah See	Pio Lefai
Malia Muller	Jamie Navoa
Anastasia Fa'alili	

FAITH PRIDE and EXCELLENCE award - Anastasia Fa'alili

Sporting Achievements

Well done to the following students:

Julia Cudicio - Self Defence - Student of the Month

Please let us know your child's sporting successes.



SCHOOL HOURS



Official school hours are 8.15am to 3.15 pm Monday to Friday during the School Term.
Classes start at 8.45am and finish for the day at 2.50pm.

If you require before school or after school care for your child outside of these official school hours we encourage you to enrol your child/children in SKiDs.

SKiDs is run throughout 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 capabilities in kids, so they flourish in life.

Enrolment details are on our SJS school website <http://www.sjs.school.nz/before-school-and-after-school-care/>

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

St Joseph's Board of Trustees and SKiDs are delighted to be able to offer you "\$2 Breakfast Club"

This is a new initiative for 2020, and has come about over safety concerns with children being on the school grounds early. We know traffic and work commitments are factors to early drop offs, and so as to ensure your child's safety we ask that if you are going to be dropping off your child prior to 8.15 am you take up this generous offer.

A graphic for the '\$2 Breakfast Club'. It features a large red '\$2' on a brown background that looks like a slice of toast. Above the toast is the SKiDs logo. Below the toast, it says 'Breakfast CLUB' and 'Skids \$10 per week breakfast club open 7- 8.20am in Room 13'. At the bottom is the St Joseph's Catholic School logo.

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ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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WINZ families can apply for a subsidy

