



# St Joseph's Catholic School

## Newsletter : Issue 49

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## **He Waka eke noa - We're all in this together**

**Dear families and friends of the school**

**Talofa, Hola, Kamusta, Kia ora, Malo e lelei, Ciao**

It is hard to believe that we are now into our very last term of 2021. What a year it has been and continues to be. Like everyone, we continue to try and be as positive as we can by pushing on with all the activities that we would usually have in Term 4. Unfortunately we have been forced to make compromises to how we would normally run things but we greatly appreciate the cooperation that we are receiving from our school community.

This year we will be running our Athletic Sports without spectators and on our own (without Wakanui). This is unfortunate but necessary under level 2 restrictions. We hope to be able to continue with the Dance Champs, Grandparents Day and our Production in some form but much of this will depend on what happens in the coming weeks. Unfortunately the Hakatere Festival has already been cancelled. Our camps and end of year activities will also unfortunately be at the mercy of alert levels. This year we all need to be prepared for the fact that these things may or may not happen for our children. One thing we do know is that as vaccine levels improve, so does the opportunity for us to get back to some normality.

### **New Build**

It is great to see that our new buildings continue to be on track to being completed in November. We will not be using the classrooms this year but we will be well organised for their opening in January of next year. Part of our new build includes a new asphalt basketball court. We have missed having a basketball court this year and the new half court will be well utilised, I am sure.

### **Dates for next year**

As a heads up, our starting date for school in 2022 will be Monday 31st January. The year will begin as we did this year with parent/student/teacher interviews. This proved to be a very successful way of settling the students into the school year, as well as giving teachers and parents a chance to connect with each other.

## Reporting

This year we have made a move to paperless reporting. We experimented with our new Hero app at mid year and at the end of this year, your child will receive their entire report on Hero. You can expect to receive a written report on how your child is progressing in RE, Maths, Reading and Writing, as well as a general comment from the classroom teacher. The general comment will focus on how your child is progressing as a learner, with particular focus on the St Joseph's learners' qualities. Please see below. We hope you enjoy our new reporting format and we look forward to continuing our use of the Hero app more fully in 2022.



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## LEARNER'S QUALITIES

 <p><b>I AM A Contributor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ I belong and I serve my community.</li><li>▪ I am a role model.</li><li>▪ I share my talents and gifts with others.</li><li>▪ I am a risk taker.</li><li>▪ I participate and I collaborate with others.</li><li>▪ I share what I know and what I think.</li><li>▪ I make a difference by working with others.</li></ul>	 <p><b>I AM A Communicator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ I listen and I ask questions.</li><li>▪ I share and explain my thinking.</li><li>▪ I know that my actions affect others.</li><li>▪ I am respectful and caring.</li><li>▪ I value other people's opinions.</li><li>▪ I listen and respond in a caring and respectful way.</li><li>▪ I communicate effectively using language, symbols, and texts.</li></ul>	 <p><b>I AM A Motivated Learner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ I am a goal setter.</li><li>▪ I own my learning.</li><li>▪ I manage my equipment and my time.</li><li>▪ I overcome challenges and I complete my work.</li><li>▪ I am focused, I love learning and I don't give up.</li></ul>	 <p><b>I AM A Thinker</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ I make connections.</li><li>▪ I know that learning can be challenging.</li><li>▪ I use strategies and tools to help me learn.</li><li>▪ I use my learning in creative, innovative and purposeful ways.</li><li>▪ I reflect.</li><li>▪ I am curious, creative and reflective. I use our Learner's Process.</li></ul>
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## Level 2 reminders

- All parents coming into the school grounds must sign in - using the Covid app or at the school office.
- All parents entering the school grounds must wear a face mask.
- However, parents are encouraged not to enter the school grounds unless it is necessary.
- All school events at level 2 have a number limit of 100 which means that as we are a school of 255, we are unable to have extra spectators at whole school events.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation with the requirements at level 2. Parents have been amazing and very understanding. We will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible before events as to the organisation and requirements at the appropriate level at that time.

Kind regards  
Cath Blacklow

### **School Vision**

**To learn, to grow, and to live our faith by being the hands and voice of Jesus**

## Term 4 Calendar (also accessed on our school website)

<b>WEEK 2</b>	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 7/8 Senior Camp at Wainui
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	New Entrant Parent Meeting 5.30pm
<b>WEEK 3</b>	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 5/6 Science Roadshow 9.30am Year 7/8 Rotary Speech Competition Board Meeting 5.45pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Grandparents' Day Reading Together 2pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Counties Athletics
<b>WEEK 4</b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Dance Championships
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Reading Together 2pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Canterbury Anniversary Day Public Holiday
<b>WEEK 6</b>	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Ashburton College Year 9 Scholarship Exam
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	School Production 'Lost in the Library' 1pm and 7pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Ashburton College Year 9 Open Morning
<b>WEEK 7</b>	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov-Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Tui Team Swim Week
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 8 Leavers' Mass and Dinner 6pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Zones Athletics
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Loud Shirt Day fundraiser
<b>WEEK 8</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> -Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5/6 Camp at Living Springs
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Board of Trustees Meeting 5.45pm
<b>WEEK 9</b>	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Year Mass 6pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day for 2021

**NB: These are the dates we currently have on the calendar. This will be updated each fortnight to include new dates as they are decided upon throughout the term.**

# *"Lost in the Library"*



**A School Production including all St Joseph's school students  
years 0-8**

**Where: The Event Centre**  
**When: Wednesday 24th November**  
**Time: Two performances - 1pm and 7pm**



**Tickets will be available soon!**

## **Principal's Awards**

Here are the proud recipients from the final school assembly last term. Congratulations and well done everyone!



## Closing Prayer

*Dear Lord, strengthen me today as I compete.  
Strengthen my body to do the best it can.  
Strengthen my mind to help me stay in the game.  
Strengthen my heart to accept the outcome.  
Help me remember that trying my best  
is the most important prize of all. Amen.*

