

# St Joseph's School Hawera NEWSLETTER

February 4<sup>th</sup> 2022

Issue 01

**RESPECT - RESPONSIBILITY - RESILIENCE  
- REACH YOUR POTENTIAL -**



**Kia ora koutou**

It has been a pleasure to see all our students return to school this week under what is 'unusual circumstances', I have seen many smiling faces. I know for you as parents/caregivers it is strange to send your children off to new classes and in many cases to a new teacher who you may not have had the opportunity to meet - thank you for putting your trust in us.

*Thank you also for supporting the Covid protocols which we have in place - this allows us to get on with what we are here for - teaching and learning.*

With my Board hat on, I would like to announce that we have appointed a new 'Presiding Member' (formally known as 'Board Chairperson'). Andrew Hurley has stood down as Presiding Member but will remain on the Board for a little longer as a parent representative. I would like to sincerely thank Andrew for his time and dedication to our School and the Board. We wish him and his family all the best. I would like to congratulate Sumen Sahani, who has been elected as our new Presiding Member - Sumen has been on the Board as a parent representative for the past 18 months.

I would also like to inform you all that a Review has taken place around our Statutory Intervention which has been in place since 30 April 2020. The Minister of Education's delegate is now satisfied that the risk has reduced to the extent that this intervention is no longer required and has revoked the notice directing the appointment of the LSM.

Roz Mexted (Limited Statutory Manager) has been an inspirational person for the Board and myself to work alongside and I want to extend my thanks to her for her support and guidance.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā  
Tracey Drought



## Swimming Lessons

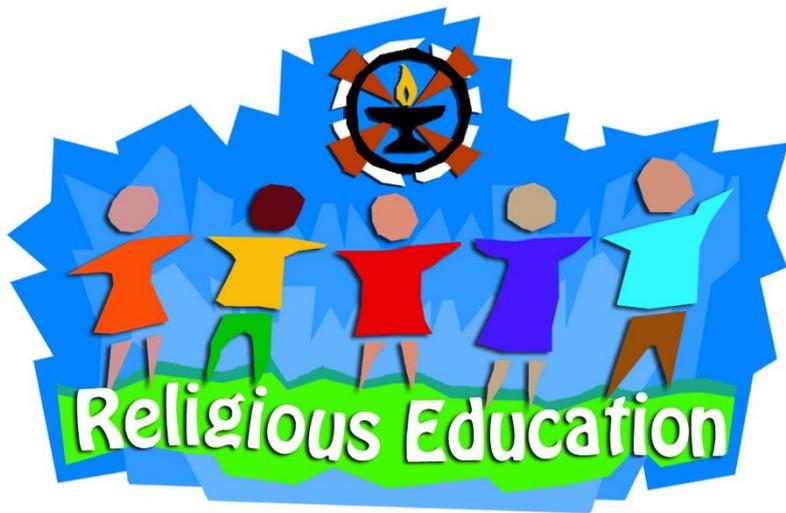
**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>,  
11<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:15am – Rooms 8, 7, 2 & 3

11:30am – Rooms 4, 5 & 6

1:45pm – Rooms 9, 10 & 11

Remember to have your togs and towel **every day** and if you wish to bring goggles, please bring these as well.



**Welcome back  
to 2022.**

Over the next couple of weeks, each class is focussing on our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Resilience and Reach your Potential before moving into our Jesus Strand.

This morning, classes went over to the hall for a prayer service with Fr Craig to receive their classroom candle and to bless their teacher and class

#### Beginning of Year Prayer

We give you praise, O God, for everything that is new and beautiful, for everything which holds promise and brings us joy.  
Bless us as we start this New Year with our friends and teachers.  
Help us to make the most of every chance we have to start afresh.  
May we show love to one another and to all.  
May the new beginning of this school year remind us that you give us chances to start over again and again.  
Help us to forgive others as we receive your forgiveness.  
Help us to learn and to work together.  
Help us to listen when we should and to know the best words when we speak and when it is better not to speak.  
We thank you for our friends.  
Help us to be good friends this year. Help us to be patient with ourselves and with others.  
Bless our school and keep us safe. Be with us as we travel each day.  
Help us to be aware of your love shown to us in the people around us.  
Bless all those who care for us in school and at home.  
Help us show our care for them and to say sorry when we need to.  
May St Joseph protect us and help us to live as well as we can, giving thanks and glory to God as they did.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

Rachel Kowalewski - DRS

# Meet our Teachers

Their classroom, what level they teach and what are their responsibilities

**Ms Tracey Drought**



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**Mrs Karee Duncan**



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**Mrs Myra Taylor**



School Administrator  
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**Mrs Ann Lagan**



Room 8 (Year 1&2)  
Special Character  
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**Mrs Bridget Tesar**



Room 7 (Year 1&2)  
Special Character  
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**Mrs Casey Gidlow**



Room 2 (Year 3&4)  
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**Mrs Dianne Meyer**



Room 3 (Year 3&4)  
Literacy / Structured Literacy  
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**Miss Karla Swainson**



Room 4 (Year 5&6)  
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**Mrs Sharlene Clark-Va'aelua**



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**Miss Rachel Kowalewski**



Room 6 (Year 5&6)  
Director of Religious Studies  
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**Mr Andrew Bartlett**



Room 9 (Year 7&8)  
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**Mrs Katie Stables**



Room 10 (Year 7&8)  
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**Miss Janelle Wright**



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Character  
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## Staff Update

After 7 years as St Joseph's School amazing Librarian, Mrs. Inge Smythe has decided to leave us to focus full time of her studies. Inge last day will be Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>.

We will also be farewelling Mrs Kelly Palmer in her Teacher Aide role; Kelly last day will be Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

We thank you both for the incredible work you have done, and we wish you all the best for the future.

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## Start of School Prayer 2022

This year our start of school prayer looked a little different. With us being at Red Traffic light, our Start of School Prayer was held in the hall in clusters of classrooms.



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