



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL HAWERA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

December 18th 2020

Issue 40

From the Principal...

As the end of the School year arrives there are many people I would like to thank. Our School is a partnership between Staff, Children, Parents and our wider Parish community.

Firstly, I would like to thank the children. You are all very special with unique talents and strengths.

Thank you also to all the Parents for your support in so many ways this year, your time and energy have helped make our School a supportive and caring environment.

To our P.T.F.... Many thanks for your ideas and enthusiasm in your fundraising projects, with the major one this year being the Grocery Raffle. Without your help we would not be able to provide the many resources throughout our School.

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated and hardworking staff and I thank them for their commitment and support this year.

And finally, I would like to thank Father Craig for his support and Spiritual guidance.

On behalf of the Staff and Board of Trustees, I wish you all
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Happy and Holy Christmas,
a restful vacation and a peaceful, yet
exciting, 2020

Karee Duncan
Acting Principal

STAFF 2020

• PRINCIPAL	Mrs Geraldine Sumner
• Room 1 Year 6/7	Mrs Katie Stables
• Room 2 Year 3	Mrs Marie Bird
• Room 3 Year 3/4	Whaea Jill Denoon/Mrs Karee Duncan (Deputy Principal)
• Room 4 Year 4/5	Mrs Sheree Perrett / Mrs Kirsten Midgley
• Room 5 Year 5/6	Mr Robbie Bird
• Room 6 Year 2/3	Miss Rachel Kowalewski
• Room 7 Year 1/2	Mrs Dianne Meyer
• Room 8 Year 0/1	Mrs Ann Lagan
• Room 9 Year 7	Mr Andrew Bartlett
• Room 10 Year 7/8	Mrs Erica Stephens (Director of Religious Studies)
• Room 11 Year 7/8	Miss Janelle Wright



Term Dates 2020:

Friday 31st January 9am-12:30pm – Meet the teachers

- All new and returning students, parents and caregivers are welcome to pop in and meet their new classroom teacher.
- Keep an eye on Facebook for more details

Term 1: Monday 3rd February - Thursday 9th April (Easter Thursday)

- **Waitangi Day Thursday 6th February**
- **Teacher ONLY days Friday 7th February & Friday 3rd April**

Term 2: Monday 28th April - Friday 3rd July

Term 3: Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September

Term 4: Monday 12th October – TBC

School resumes

8:45am Monday February 3rd 2020

Wishing you a blessed and
MERRY CHRISTMAS

From the fullness of his grace we have all received
one blessing after another. JOHN 1:16



Junior Prize-giving

Congratulations to all of our junior students on an amazing year and we wish you the best for 2020 and beyond.

We applaud you all for; your strength, your spirit, your compassion, trying your best and your never give up attitude.

Following are the awards presented on Tuesday night.

	Trophy (<i>effort and application</i>)	Diligence Certificates
Room 8	Miller Gray	Bella Cox Clare Bower Maddyn Drought
Room 7	Heidi Schumacher	Joaquin Torres Eliza Archrigie Indie Johnston
Room 6	Molly Tippet	Grace Barkla Billie Bourke Keenan Hawkes
Room 2	Ryan Johnston	Caspar Baylis Kyrel Tamaiva Celestine Tudlasan
Room 3	Laura Gyde	Elizabeth Araba Paxton Gray Lachlan Leicester

Mary MacKillop Awards (*Student voted awards*):

Hayden Ingram (*Room 8*), Te Karere Robinson (*Room 7*),
Pippa Williamson (*Room 6*), Lucy Crowley (*Room 2*),
Laura Gyde (*Room 3*)



Cultural Awards

Hata Hohepa o te Hawera Leadership Certificates:

Lachlan Leicester, Te Karere Robinson, Laura Gyde, Oriwa Domb

The following award was left off the Senior prize giving list last week

Kerrie Knapp Scholarship - - - YEAR 8 Student

Kendrick Torres

Our Place – Our Children – Our Future

We are committed at St Joseph's School to the values of Jesus Christ and to excellence in learning and teaching.

What a huge effort by our amazing junior school students and their teachers last night with a spectacular nativity. A lot of time and effort was put in and it really showed . . . well done



RESPECT - RECONCILATION - RESPONSIBILITY - MANAAKITANGA - WAIRUA - KOTAHITANGA

Year 8 Mission Group Leadership Camp to Palmerston North - 2019

A huge 'Thank you' to Miss Wright, Mrs Brown, Mr Hockly, Mr Logan, Mr Campbell, Mr Gopperth and Mr Carradus who helped make this exciting trip possible.

It was a great opportunity to continue to build relationships with each other and our faith. It was a lot of fun with awesome activities and plenty of time to share food and experiences together.

Giving up your time away from work and family for us is very much appreciated.

I wish all our Year 8s all the best as they venture on to their next stage of their journey.

God Bless you all, Mrs Erica Stephens - Director of Religious Studies



3rd Week of Advent: *(15-21 December 2019)*

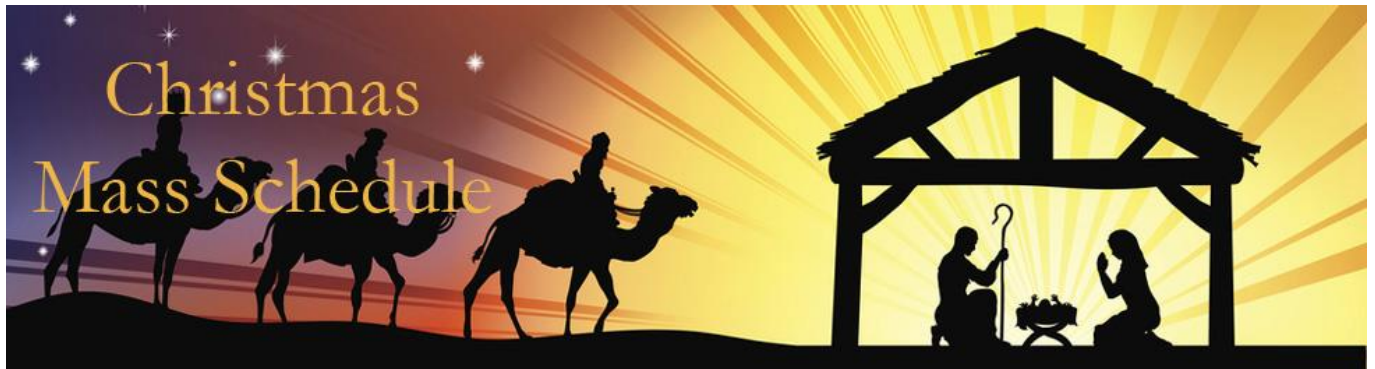
Christmas is nearly here. When Jesus was born the shepherds received light from him. They were transformed into shining witnesses of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Experiencing the light and joy that Christmas brings, let us too, be witnesses to Christ's mission to spread the word of God and peace in our world.



Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the light and joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger at Christmas. Amen.

Happy, blessed and safe holidays everyone!

PARISH NEWS



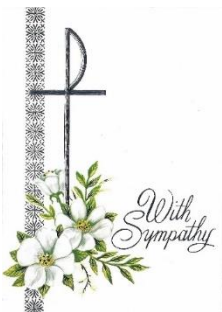
- Vigil Christmas Eve 24th Dec Mass begins at **9pm**
- Christmas Day Mass 25th Dec Mass begins at **9am.**

Children are welcome to come dressed as sheep, shepherds, wise men & angels. We require people to help with all ministries for our Christmas Masses. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Power point operators, Mass Coordinators, Offertory.

If you are available, please leave your names on the sheet in the foyer & we will contact you.

Date for the Diary

On behalf of the PPC we invite you to join us in celebrating Fr Craig's 25th Ordination Anniversary on Sunday 15th February. There will be a shared brunch after 9.30am Mass. If you wish to contribute towards a monetary gift for Fr Craig, envelopes can be left with Patrea at the Parish Office.



GRAHAM, Sandra: *St Joseph's School, Hawera and the community wish to offer our sincere condolences to Pam, Shawn, Joshua, Cooper and extended family on the sudden passing of an amazing sister, sister-in-law and Auntie*

The school would like to offer our thoughts, prayers and aroha during this time, and we hope that you find solace in the fact that she is now in the arms of our Lord.

SWIMMING POOL MONEY

Due to the cancellation of today's Pool and Park trip the following decision has been made with regards to the money collected by teachers. We will hold money over until 2020 and look at refunding in term 1 of 2020. Thank you.

Board of Trustees Term 4 Update

As the year draws to an end the Board of Trustees would like to give you our update on the final term for 2019, which has been a very busy one for all.

As outlined in our Term Three update the Board were required to assess how the staffing resources were allocated due to fewer enrolments. We are happy to announce that with a few adjustments we have been able to retain all teaching staff.

A reminder that all of our policies are now available through School Docs. Please log on and have a browse. Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries.

Log on at www.schooldocs.co.nz Username: sjh Password: joes

This Term has been a very exciting one for those students attending camps! First the Year 5 & 6's attended Vertical Horizons in Inglewood for 2 nights. Followed by Year 4's at the Presbyterian Camp in Eltham for 1 night and the years 1-3, a day trip to the Tippet's farm. Over all camps and outings, the children learned to try new things, build relationships and have fun! The Children, Teachers and Parents who attended could not speak more highly of the enjoyment and participation had by all.

The Year 8's farewell mass and Senior Prize Giving was held last week with students receiving well deserved awards. The Years 8's have had a busy week with their end of year camp which was action packed followed by their leavers dinner and dance on Monday night. We wish them well on their next chapter in life.

This year also saw our first year for the Junior school having their very own Nativity and Prize Giving! What a grand performance from all the children. A huge thank you and congratulations to the teaching team involved in organising. It was truly adorable.

Unfortunately, Geraldine has been away due to an unplanned operation. We wish her a speedy recovery. Please keep Geraldine in your thoughts and Prayers. We would like to thank Karee very much for stepping up to the Acting Principal role in Geraldine's absence.

Lastly the Board of Trustees would like to say a huge thank you to all of the Staff, Parents and Students for all of your hard work and dedication you have put in to making our school so special over the past year. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a safe and happy holiday and look forward to working with you all in 2020.

St Joseph's Board of Trustees

