



## UPCOMING DATES

### WEEK 4

**14 August** - Sports Academy

**15 August** - School Closed

**16 August** - Buddy Reading morning

**17 August** - School mass to celebrate Our Lady of the Assumptions feast at 9:00 am.

### WEEK 5

**21 August** - Sports Academy

CZ Netball Tournament - Yr 5 and 6

Soccer Tournament - Fergusson Park - Te Papapa

**23 August** - Buddy Reading morning

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

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven

This Wednesday we celebrate The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. The first recorded celebration of Mass in New Zealand took place on 13 January 1838 with Bishop Pompallier as celebrant. It is most likely that at this time he dedicated this land to Mary the Mother of our Lord under the title Our Lady Assumed into Heaven. For many years Mary was patron of the land under that title. Several years later when the New Zealand Bishops met with their Australian counterparts in the first sitting of the church in the southern lands, it was decided that New Zealand and Australia would both have as their patron Mary and the title Help of Christians. Thus Mary and her title as Help of Christians was considered patron of New Zealand until quite recent times when the bishop of New Zealand petitioned Rome for the return to the original dedication of New Zealand. Rome granted this request so we celebrate Mary, assumed with great dignity, and ask her to pray for our land. Mary's faith involves entrusting one's life to God and embracing God's Will in one's daily life. This was the kind of faith that shone forth for Mary, believing and trusting in God. She accepted the call to be the Mother of Jesus. She did not always understand what was happening but her faith in God kept her going. On this great Feast of the Assumption, we profess faith in the fact that Mary's discipleship culminated in her own personal sharing of the resurrection of Christ. Her Assumption reminds us that our own destiny is likewise, fully participating in Christ's resurrection.

**Due to the Teachers Strike on Wednesday School mass to celebrate Our Lady of the Assumptions feast on Friday the 17th August at 9:00 am.**

### Late Procedures

School starts at 8.50am.

At times your child may be late for a variety of reasons.

**If your child comes after the school bell they must go to the school office to record their name in the late register.**

Please support us by reminding your child to come into the school office if late as the class teacher will not mark them off the roll as lessons have already started.

**Parents can either text 021 0229 8254 or email [admin@sjs.school.nz](mailto:admin@sjs.school.nz)**

**If your child is absent - inform the school before 9:15am with your child's name, room no. and reason for their absence.**

### Netball Results

#### 7 August

STJ ONEHUNGA Y7 All Stars 20 ST THOMAS Y7 Gold 16

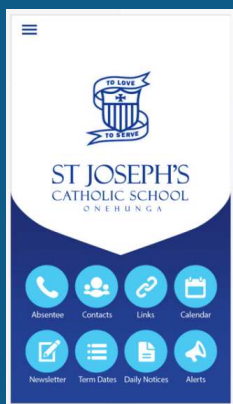
STJ ONEHUNGA Y7/8 32 REREMOANA Y8 Mystics 14

Congratulations to both teams for sitting at the top of their pools at this stage of the competition - keep up the good teamwork.



### SJS 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.



Alerts are being sent out through this app so please download it.

### SJS READING TOGETHER PROGRAMME

A programme that helps families support their children with reading at home. Starting again on Tuesday 21 August @ 3.10pm in Room 4.

# School Closed

## WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST

### Information about the strike



On Wednesday 15 August, teachers will be involved in a full day strike. Here is some information on why the teaching profession is moved to action, and why they need your help and support. Firstly, this is not about pay but about the quality of education that your child receives.

There is a serious crisis happening in Education. Teachers are leaving the profession in large numbers; many older teachers are about to retire (with others postponing retirement), smaller numbers of people are training to be teachers and many beginning teachers are leaving the job in the first 5 years of teaching.

We have a problem - where are the teachers?

Many teachers are leaving within the first 5 years of teaching  
40% of teachers are due to retire in the next 10 years  
40% less teachers are being trained!

The crisis is most serious in Auckland as it is made worse by the huge number of teachers leaving the city to live in other parts of the country where their wage will go further.

WE KNOW THIS STRIKE CAUSES INCONVENIENCE BUT NEED OUR VOICE TO BE HEARD BY THE GOVERNMENT.

**FAITH PRIDE EXCELLENCE AWARD**  
This special weekly award recognises students who display our school aspirations of Faith, Pride and Excellence.



Faith, Pride Excellence recipient:  
Amelia Clark

### CLASS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for the value of JUSTICE this week:

Patrick Otufangavalu  
Rylan Watene  
Kitana Fa'afiu Toeava  
Isabella Powick  
Lorrane Talalima  
Joshua Rainsford  
George Jones  
Roslyn Muller  
Ili Qiqwaqa



### Cans for Caritas

Students are being asked to bring in a can of food to donate to Caritas.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO OUR CAN DRIVE

# THANK YOU

Our students, your children, are forever thankful to all that our families and parents do for our school

Board of Trustees members

Sports coaches

PTFA members

Kapa Haka tutors

Fundraisers

Drivers

Pool assemblers

