



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

Last week on Ash Wednesday we began our Lenten Season where we anticipate with joy the feast of Easter. How lovely to witness our families come and celebrate together with us at Mass last Wednesday - a witness of faith and commitment for us all. May we grow in holiness and openness to our call as followers of Jesus during this time of Lent.

Blessings and Prayers to you all.

We take time out during Lent to think about our own lives' and to face those things in our lives and in our world that are not as they should be.

Below are a few Lenten practices which your families could do together to encourage spiritual growth and renewal during this period of Lent.

Drawing a prayer: Take time every morning to draw in a sketchbook - "God Time." Making each day of Lent special by taking time to reflect on God and your relationship with God.
My Lenten Jar: We all have nice things we want to do, but never seem to make time to get to; write a letter to a friend, visit people etc. At the beginning of Lent, write down 40 plus tasks, one per piece of paper, and put them in a jar. Then, each morning of Lent, pull one out and do the task written there. This is a simple way to concentrate on doing good for others

COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

During the weekend there has been much media coverage on this topic. You may be wondering what St Joseph's Catholic School is doing to plan and prepare for an event like this.

The Ministries of Education and Health have been providing excellent communications to school principals on this issue for the last few weeks.

Here is the current advice to us all:

Everybody should follow the following basic principles to reduce the risk of getting an acute respiratory infection or passing it on to others:

- regularly washing hands (for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap and dry thoroughly).
- covering your mouth and nose when you sneeze.
- staying home if you are sick.
- avoiding close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- if you feel unwell you should avoid public gatherings and events.

Here are two links for those who wish to read more.

Ministry of Education

<https://qr.go.page.link/3VKxh>



Ministry of Health

<https://qr.go.page.link/6f22L>



UPCOMING DATES

WEEK 5

WEDNESDAY 4

- Powhiri @ 9.30am

THURSDAY 5

- Recorder Groups
- Ukulele Groups
- MakerSpace
- Year 7 and 8 manual

FRIDAY 6

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

SATURDAY 7

- Ordination Mass of Bishop Elect Michael Gielen @11am - Vodafone Events Centre Manukau

SUNDAY 8

- FAMILY - PARISH/ SCHOOL MASS @ Our Lady of the Assumption Church at 10am

WEEK 6

MONDAY 9

- KiwiSport - Rms 1 3 and 4
- Assembly Rm 9

THURSDAY 12

- Recorder Groups
- Ukulele Groups
- MakerSpace
- Year 7 and 8 Manual

FRIDAY 13

- Kiwisport - Rms 6 - 11
- Piano lessons

School Uniform

PE UNIFORMS

Students from Rarotonga (Rm 6 7 8) and Maungakiekie (Rm 9 10 11) whanua are expected to have school PE uniforms to change into for PE.

These are available for sale from the school office.



Please ensure these have your child's name on them, and are in their bags for the week.



School Bus

Parents save your money on your kids travel

Save on your way to school. Go with a School Student Discount. Register your AT Hop card online today and save on every journey. For more information search AT Hop concessions and check the website. - <https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/at-hop-card/>

Sporting Achievements

Well done to the following students:

Eric Duarte - Player of the Day - Onehunga Mangere softball u11's

Please let us know your child's sporting successes.

CLASS AWARDS

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

Ruth Mataupu
Miguel Mendoza
Cole Mase
Francis Fa'alili
Ilaivaha Malu

Timothy Pepe
Peleiupu Bentley
Grace Cains
Jireh Manuel

FAITH PRIDE EXCELLENCE - Raydon Aue-Taufelila



HOMework SURVEY

We are interested in getting your feedback on homework.

Scan the QR code to get access to the survey or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DNZHC52>



ENROLMENTS

It is important that we know who is intending to enrol their child in TERM 2 so as that we can plan classes and employ an additional teacher.

If your child or a family you know is intending to enrol please contact the office with urgency.

Please be aware that due to the generosity of the BOT SJS GIFTING FUND the first 40 new entrant students to enrol this year receive ...

- FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM
- FREE SCHOOL STATIONERY

SCHOOL MASS

Our Parish/ School Mass this Sunday 8th March @ 10am

As part of our commitment as a Catholic School Community we anticipate the presence of our families to gather and celebrate Mass together with our Parish Community of Our Lady of the Assumption.

Our staff will be seated together and we welcome students and families to be seated with us.

Note that we ask that our students come to Mass in their regular church clothes (not school uniform). We would love to see you there.



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