

St. Joseph's School *Grey Lynn*

(Est. 1884)



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St Joseph's School is a Christ Centered Catholic Community
on a journey of building Learning and Faith.

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Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Fakalofa lahi atu, hello and a warm welcome to all our children and their families at our school. The summer weather has been absolutely glorious and hot. I hope that you all had a chance to spend time with your families and enjoy the outdoors over the summer vacation. We have had a number of new enrolments this year and I would personally like to welcome them to our St Joseph's family. These children are: Richard and Odessa Ott, Phillip Manson, Mele, Soane and Kaloafu Kautai, Koloa Filo, Michael Labaclado,

Naryan Strickland, Amber Periera and Selomiti Taufā.

We are expecting to enrol another 20 children during the 2011 year.

STAFF

We are very fortunate to have retained the same staff for the last few years. They are a dedicated group who strive to provide the best educational opportunities for your children. St Joseph's are able to utilise the staff strengths to provide a range of different learning opportunities for the children. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their enthusiasm and commitment to teaching your children.

Below is a list of classes and their teachers for 2011

Principal	Ms Jenny Bernard	
Deputy Principal	Mrs Barbara Lowther	
Room 1	Miss Juli Masina	Yr 0 / 1
Room 2	Mrs Tracey Lee	Yr 2
Room 10	Mr Irwin	Yr 3
Room 5	Mr Antony Brown (Term 1)	Yr 4 / 5/ 6
Room 9	Mrs Lydia Victor	Yr 6 / 7 / 8
Reading Recovery	Mr Nigel Irwin	
Office Manager	Mrs Madeline Tolai	
Special Programmes	Mrs Vicki Avia	
Library Assistant	Miss Jessica Kauhega	
After School Care	Miss Yogi Singh	
Caretaker / Cleaner	Mr John David	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

At the end of January, the St Joseph's Parish farewelled Father Bill. He is now based at Liston Village, and said his first Mass at Liston Village last weekend. Thank you to all those people who attended and helped with the morning tea.



Father Bills Reflection.

Talfoa Lava and Good Morning to all.



My name is Estella Smith and I am here to speak on behalf of all St Josephs students. I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for all the work Father Bill has done for our school for the past 14 years. Father Bill is like a hero to us all from coming to our school to have little discussions about our religious education subject to preparing our students for Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

These memories will be cherished in our hearts forever because Father Bill taught us to show respect and to fulfil all our dreams because we are who we are.

Thank you Father Bill for teaching us all these important things in our lives. God Bless and safe journeys, love always from your kids at St Joseph's School.

Thank You

Our new Parish priest is Father Douglas Fido. It was wonderful to have him there to concelebrate with Father Bill. Father Douglas is busy settling into the presbytery and will be living there with an assistant priest, a deacon and some young seminarians (for a couple of weeks). He is well supported by his community, the Missionaries of Faith. St Joseph's School would like to welcome Father Douglas to our community and we look forward to working with him to continue building the children's faith. As yet, we have not finalised a time for our beginning of school Mass. As soon as we have met with Father Douglas to finalise Mass times for 2011, we will inform the community.

LEARNING TOPICS - TERM 1



The new topic we have started this term is **Our Story – Past, Present and Future**. Our Value this term is Mary MacKillop's value **Listen to God's Call** or Belonging. We are learning about how we belong to different communities such as school, church, and home. The children will be identifying ways to live the value of 'Listen to God's Call' in their daily lives. This being, one of the guiding values of Saint Mary of the Cross, our foundress. In Literacy, we are learning how to write our own recounts using personal experiences for creative writing. The children will be using relevant structure and

language features to create their our stories In Reading we are learning to read books for enjoyment and making connections between oral and written language with different types of texts. In Mathematics we are reviewing what we already know about numbers and using different strategies to add and subtract numbers. We will be working on Geometry and the Measurement strands during the term. In Religious Education we have been talking about how to pray in different ways. In Physical Education we have started morning fitness. Just a reminder that all children need to wear the correct fitness gear. In Te Reo Maori, we will be learning the Maori words for colours, numbers and greetings. Our classes have also been learning about the importance of the Treaty of Waitangi for all New Zealanders and how to make links with our class treaties.

Building Partnerships

During the year you will have an opportunity to meet with the school staff in both formal and informal ways. We would like to invite all the parents of our children to an informal meeting with the staff of St Joseph’s to outline classroom programmes and expectations for 2011. The evening meeting starts with a sausage sizzle at 5.30pm. Our meeting will begin in the hall where we will share with you our achievement highlights for 2010 and our goals for 2011, with our targets for lifting student achievement. Research suggests that the closer the relationship between the parents and the teacher is, the greater the learning impact is for children. This event is a great place to begin this relationship and ensure that we all start the year with shared expectations. The ukulele group will perform a couple of items at about 6pm and then we will have a meeting after this. You will have an opportunity to talk on an individual basis with your child’s teacher after this.



DATE: **Thursday 17th February 2011 5.30pm**



BIRTHDAYS

The following children have celebrated birthdays over the last 2 months. They are as follows:-

Arian Vitale	18 th December		
Doris Fosita Ms Bernard	3 rd January	Feleki Avia	9 th January
Malina Vitale Sally Solomona	11 th January	Rachel Suesue	25 th January
Koinunia Fosita Miguel Lavea	28 th January	Paige Patelesio	31 st January
Mele Kautai	3 rd February	Mrs Lee	6 th February
Sina Hoglund Richard Ott	8 th February	Xavier Purcell-Schwencke Miss Masina	9 th February
Mrs Lowther	11 th February		

SCHOOL LUNCHES



The school lunch scheme started this week. If you would like your child to be involved in this initiative please pay \$12.00 at the school office on Monday mornings. If there are more than 3 in the family there is a subsidy. We encourage children to buy their lunch for a whole week so that Yogi can purchase produce in bulk. We will accept casual lunch orders on a daily basis but this will cost \$3.00 per day. If you want lunch, you will need to buy it for a week.

Coming Events: Term 1 2011

BOT meeting	-	Wednesday 16th February /16 th March / 13 th April
Meet the teacher/BBQ	-	Thursday 17th February
Parent Interviews	-	Wednesday 2 nd March
Ash Wednesday Mass	-	Wednesday 9 th March
Stations of the Cross	-	Friday 11 th March
Passion Plays	-	Thursday 14 th April
Term 1 ends	-	Friday 15 th April
Good Friday	-	Friday 22 nd April
Term 2 begins	-	Monday 2 nd May

FORMS

Last week we sent out a number of forms that need to be signed. Please return them to school by the end of February. They are

- Stationery requirements
- Study Support Centre
- After School Care
- Student Computer and Internet Agreement
- Photo permission
- Local outings

SUN SAFETY

It is compulsory for all children to bring sunhats to school to wear when they are outside. There are still a number of children without sunhats and they will not be allowed to play in the sun. These children will be asked to sit under the shade cloth during play times. Please help us to keep your child sun smart by checking their bag for a hat. All hats must be named.



Let's be Sun Smart: Bring a hat to school

CATHOLIC SPECIAL CHARACTER CONTRIBUTION



This is a voluntary payment of \$10.00 per term for each student. It pays for the work carried out by the Catholic Education Services Board staff. These services include professional development for teachers teaching Religious Education, the external Catholic Special Catholic Reviews of schools, support to Principals, teachers and Boards of Trustees in Catholic Special Character matters.

Your contribution to this important work is greatly appreciated and it will assist your child to receive an education based on Gospel values in a Catholic faith community.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The first meeting of the Board of Trustees for 2011 will be held Wednesday 16th February, in Room 3 at 6.30 pm. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend this meeting.

Term Dates – 2011

Term 1	2 nd February	-	15 th April
Term 2	2 May	-	15 th July
Term 3	1 st August	-	7 th October
Term 4	25 th October	-	16 th December

*God Bless
Jenny*

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Tear off Slip

Wednesday 10th February 2010

My child/children _____ of Room/s _____ have received the Newsletter and I have read it.

Signed: _____



Community Events

Baradene College

Open Day (Evening) will be held on Tuesday 01 March 2011 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Enrolments Year 7 & 9 2012. Applications for 2012 close on Monday 21 March 2011
We welcome all prospective parents and students to visit the College, Entry at Gate 2 to
the Auditorium.



Upstart Magazine was judged Magazine of the Year in the
Youth & Pop Culture category at the 2010 NZ Magazine
Awards.



A mixture of fun, games, puzzles, music, competitions and
articles, poetry, artwork and short stories written by children all
over New Zealand.



ST JOSEPHS ZUMBA AND HOT HULA FITNESS CLASSES!!!!





Zumba - Saturdays 4.00pm-5.00pm
HOT HULA FITNESS!!!!!! Mondays -
6.00pm – 7.00pm
GOLD COIN ENTRY



St Mary's College Auckland

Open Evening for prospective students
for 2012 and their families
Thursday 10 March 2011 at 7pm.
Applications for 2012 close on Friday 18
March 2011.

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