

# *St. Joseph's Catholic School* *Grey Lynn*

(Est. 1884)



## **N E W S L E T T E R**

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

**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011**

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. A special welcome to Joseph Pereira who started at our school today.



### **St Joseph's Day**

Thank you to all those parishioners and family members who helped us commemorate St Joseph's Day last week. It was a culmination of different types of activities which reinforced the significant role Joseph has in our school. One group were involved in cookie making, another group weaved crosses from scoobies which will be blessed by Father Douglas later in the term. The drama group acted out the story of Jesus and our music group wrote and performed a new St Joseph's song – "In Your Steps".

#### **In Your Steps**

Joseph the Foster Father of Jesus  
And loving husband of Mother Mary too,  
He worked hard as a carpenter  
And protected the Holy Family,  
Our Parish and our School.

#### **CHORUS**

St Joseph's, we follow you  
We follow in your footsteps too  
Help us to live, and live like you  
In trust of all you do.

A man of Faith, obedience, strength and courage,  
Who travelled far and wide and lived God's truth,  
We sing with love to praise your name  
Cause today we love you all the same  
In everything we do

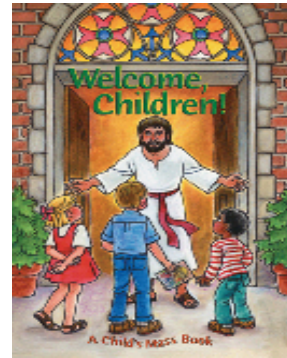
#### **CHANT**

St Joseph you're a carpenter  
You worked hard with wood  
Help us to work hard just like you  
St Joseph our protector  
You protected your family  
Help us to protect others too  
St Joseph you're Jesus Dad  
You taught him Godly ways  
Help us to follow God too.  
St Joseph you obeyed your God  
You did what God said to do  
Help us to obey God too.

#### **CHORUS**

## Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be held this Sunday during 8.30am Mass. Children's Liturgy is an opportunity to discuss the Sunday readings from Mass in a language that they can understand. We have a number of teachers who take the classes during the year and many parents also support the group as well. We would like to encourage as many children from our school to attend these liturgies and the children have an opportunity to discuss the readings in small groups.



## Motat Trip

As part of our topic for term 1 "Our Story", all of the St Joseph's students will be walking to MOTAT on the 28<sup>th</sup> March for a look at what education was like in the past. It will be an opportunity for children to explore the museum and to reflect on the way education was delivered years ago. The cost of the trip will be \$4.00 payable to the office or your child's teacher. We will need to have parent helpers on the day who are able to accompany the children on the walk as well as supervision at MOTAT. We are fortunate to have a resource such as MOTAT available to us for class visits. MOTAT opened in 1964 and since then has been explored and enjoyed by millions of local, national and international visitors. MOTAT is an interactive museum with a focus on creating a fun, visually stimulating environment for its visitors.



## Readers / Books

Please have a hunt around your homes for any books belonging to the school. Every year we have to replace lost books, at a huge expense. Please look under the bed and behind drawers for these books. We have a well stocked library and we would like to keep it this way. Every book that goes missing can cost the school as much as \$20.00 to replace. All children who return lost books will be awarded house points.



## **BIRTHDAYS**

The following children and staff will be celebrating birthdays in March. They are as follows:-

Kalala Smith	08 March	Mrs. Vicky Avia	05 March
Sarahjane Hall	23 March	Oka Fosita	31 March

## **This prayer will give you an insight into the special qualities of St Joseph**

Saint Joseph, you were privileged to share in the mystery of the Incarnation as the foster-father of Jesus. Mary alone was directly connected with the fulfilment of the mystery, in that she gave her consent to Christ's conception and allowed the Holy Spirit to form the sacred humanity of Jesus from her blood. You had a part in this mystery in an indirect manner, by fulfilling the condition necessary for the Incarnation – the protection of Mary's virginity before and during your married life with her. You made the virginal marriage possible, and this was a part of God's plan, foreseen, willed, and decreed from all eternity.

In a more direct manner you shared in the support, upbringing, and protection of the Divine Child as His foster father. For this purpose the Heavenly Father gave you a genuine heart of a father – a heart full of love and self sacrifice. With the toil of your hands you were obliged to offer protection to the Divine Child, to procure for him food, clothing, and a home. You were truly the saint of the holy childhood of Jesus – the living created providence which watched over the Christ-Child.

When Herod sought the Child to put Him to death, the Heavenly Father sent an angel but only as a messenger, giving orders for the flight; the rest He left entirely in your hands. It was that fatherly love which was the only refuge that received and protected the Divine Child. Your Fatherly love carried him through the desert into Egypt until all enemies were removed. Then on your arms the child returned to Nazareth to be nourished and provided for during many years by the labor of your hands. Whatever a human son owes to a human father for all the benefits of his up-bringing and support, Jesus owed to you, because you were to him a foster-father, teacher and protector.

You served the divine child with a singular love. God gave you a heart filled with heavenly, supernatural love a love far deeper and more powerful than any natural father's love could be.

You served the Divine Child with great unselfishness, without any regard to self-interest, but not without sacrifices. You did not toil for yourself, but you seemed to be an instrument intended for the benefit of others, to be put aside as soon as it

had done its word, for you disappeared from the scene once the childhood of Jesus had passed.

You were the shadow of the Heavenly Father not only as the earthly representative of the authority of the Father, but also by means of your fatherhood –which only appeared to be natural – you were to hide for a while the divinity of Jesus. What a wonderfully sublime and divine vocation was yours – the loving child which you carried in your arms, and loved and served so faithfully, had God in Heaven as Father and was Himself God!

Yours is a very special rank among the saints of the Kingdom of God, because you were so much a part of the very life of the Word of God made Man. In your house at Nazareth and under your care the redemption of mankind was prepared. What you accomplished, you did for us. You are not only a powerful and great saint in the Kingdom of God, but a benefactor e whole of Christendom and mankind. Your rank in the Kingdom of God, surpassing far in dignity and honor of all the angels, deserves our very special veneration, love and gratitude.

Saint Joseph, I thank God for your privilege of having been chosen by God to be the foster-father of His Divine Son. As a token of your own gratitude to God for this your greatest privilege, obtain for me the grace of a very devoted love for Jesus Christ, my God and my Saviour. Help me to serve Him with some of the self-sacrificing love and devotion which you had while on this earth with Him. Grant that through your intercession with Jesus, your foster-Son, I may reach the degree of holiness God has destined for me, and save my soul.



## **Camp Raffle - \$2.00 per ticket**

All money raised goes to our school camp. Prizes valued at \$600.00 1<sup>st</sup> prize :Variety of toys, puzzles, pens, 2nd prize : Blendy Pen set, Most tickets sold : Mystery Each student will receive a book. And the money with the tickets are to be brought to Office in envelope. If you need more tickets, please see Maddy in Office. **Drawn Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.**

## **Health and Safety**

A reminder of a few important things to support us in to ensure the continued safety of your child at school:

### School Hours

School is open to all students from 8.30am – 3.15pm. During this time the children are taught in their classrooms and are under the watchful eye of the classroom teacher. If you need to drop your child earlier please inform the class teacher so that they are aware of this. After school, we offer ASC from 3.10 – 5.15pm daily. On Monday and Tuesday the children in Rooms 5 and 9 can attend Study Support Centre where they will have the support of a teacher as well as computers to help them with their homework. Please ensure the enrolment forms have been completed for these classes. It is imperative all caregivers collect their children before 5.15pm. Yogi Singh, ASC supervisor, is only employed until 5.15pm. If you are late there will be an extra cost which Yogi will inform you of.

### Lateness

There are a number of children who are continually late for school. School begins at 8.50am. We are trying to develop good routines with your children at an early age and arriving late for school is not acceptable. Please let us know if there is any way we can help you with this problem.

### Absence from School

We have an answer phone at school. If your child is absent please leave a message or contact the school office.

### Crossings

Please use the school crossings at all times. This is a way of making your child aware of the importance of using the pedestrian crossings and developing a greater awareness of the roads.

## **Coming Events: Term 1 2011**

Motat Trip	-	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
School Mass / Passion Plays	-	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 1 ends	-	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
Good Friday	-	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
Term 2 begins	-	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May

*Community Events*



**Hot Hula Fitness Party!!!!!!**  
St Joseph's Catholic School  
Grey Lynn  
Fundraising for school camp  
\$5.00 entry

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
456 Great North Rd, Grey Lynn

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!!!!  
Bring a friend.....

Light fruit refreshments provided



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*God Bless  
Jenny*

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Tear off Slip





Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



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