

St. Joseph's Catholic School *Grey Lynn*

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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. I hope you all had an opportunity to enjoy the holidays as well as the Religious aspect of Easter. Term two has begun very purposefully with students engaged in learning programmes. As winter is fast approaching, I have noticed a huge change in our weather of late. Earlier this year we were struck with an earthquake which caused huge devastation in Christchurch, and last week we heard about a tornado ripping through houses and buildings over the North Shore. It is so sad when we lose loved ones. Our prayers are with the families during this time.

Religious Education

The Strand focus for the next 5 weeks is “Holy Spirit”. Students will be able to gain knowledge and understanding of the signs of the Holy Spirit at work in the Church and in our lives. They will recognise how the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost revealed the Trinity and the Church. The senior students will learn the role of the Holy Spirit from the Scriptures, present in the Creation and the early Christians and still remains the life principle of the church today.



The Holy Spirit

[The Holy Spirit](#) is the 3rd person of the Blessed Trinity, and the one most active in the world today. The Bible says that the Holy Spirit created the world (Genesis 1:2), led Jesus into the desert (Matthew 4:1), comes to us at Confirmation (Acts 8:18), and intercedes for us in sighs that we cannot understand (Romans 8:26). Always remember that The Church teaches that The Holy Spirit is a person, like Jesus, and like God the Father

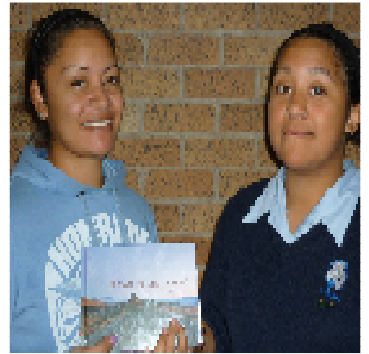
Come Holy Spirit

*Come Holy Spirit and be among us,
Spark in us the fire of your love.
Come into our midst,
Our hearts,
Our deepest selves,
Come bless us, gentlest Spirit.
Take our tensions,
Our cares,
Our worries,
The turmoil of our fears,
Sweet Spirit of the Lord.
And replace them all
With the soft breath of your peace.*

Mother's Day

I hope all the mother's of our community enjoyed there day last Sunday and had a special time with your children. **Mother's Day** is a special **day** where **mothers** all around the world are recognised and celebrated. The celebration takes many forms from house to house, and country to country, but for the most part it is a day where mothers get the chance to put their feet up and be well and truly spoiled! We celebrated Mother's Day at school last Friday, with a special assembly for all those mother's who were able to join us. A special acknowledgement was given to Maggie Tele for her work at school. Congratulations Maggie. We hope you had a great Mother's day.

Above all else, remember to tell Mum you love her often, and how much you appreciate everything she does. Mums don't expect to be acknowledged, but it sure makes a difference when they are.



“A mother understands what a child does not say.”



Fundraising for the Playground

The landscaping renovations are progressing well and our new playground will be installed in the next couple of days. The children have coped extremely well with the disruption to their playtimes and have managed to utilise the available space really well. The Diocese have approved the next stage of development. The garden area between the school and Church will be demolished this week to make way for a new walkway to the hall, new planting and a wall for the children to use for tennis or other ball games.



Kiwi –a-thon – “It’s All For the Playground”

Last week the children completed their Kiwi –a-thon test. The teachers were impressed with their knowledge of New Zealand and most of the children achieved full marks. We would like all our families to begin collecting their kiwi-a-thon money as soon as possible. The last day for being eligible for the school prizes will be Friday 20th May.

The school would like to raise as much money as we can from this fundraiser so that we may be able to begin phase 2 of the playground. We have already received money from 3 children so please follow-up on your sponsorship.



Art Exhibition

Our annual art exhibition will be held this **Thursday 12th May at 6pm**. It is a celebration of The Arts. Hills Flooring and Bayley's are our sponsors and they have donated prizes to each year group. The art work is absolutely fabulous and the children have really excelled in their artistic talents. The art ranges from stained glass windows, to the cubist inspiration of Picasso, to self portraits and footprints of our past. The art work is available to purchase for **\$5.00**. I encourage you all to purchase your child's work because it will be a memorable memento as well as helping out with a bit of fundraising for our school. On the night we have organised a \$2.00 raffle with different art supplies as prizes. The ukulele group and choir will be performing as well.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The Attendance Dues sponsorship Scheme – has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary. The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help.

The existing financial hardship scheme – operated by your school – is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school office.

Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be down loaded from the Catholic Schools Office Website: www.catholicschools.org.nz (go to Property and Finance/Finance/Attendance Dues)

If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs (09) 360 3069 at the Auckland Diocese Office.

Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2011 Attendance Dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to December 2011.

Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Reconciliation & First Holy Communion classes are about to begin at our parish of St Joseph's for children who are baptised as Catholics. If your child is turning eight this year, please see Mrs Victor for further information along with your child's baptism certificate. First Holy Communion is scheduled for Sunday 26th June.



Cake Stall after Mass 8.30am

There will be a cake stall after 8.30am Mass on Sunday 15th May. This will be the last fundraiser before the EOTC camp on May 23rd. Please support the children and come and buy a lovely cake to have after your Sunday meal.



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.



School Banking

Last Friday we had a visit from the ASB representatives encouraging the children to bank regularly. Our school is offering school banking every **Thursday** with the ASB to any child who would like to utilise this service. If you would like your child to join the ASB there is a school banking registration pack available in the office. Each child who opens an account will be given a yellow carry bag, piggy bank and calculator. Banking a small amount each week builds up to a large amount by the end of the year. There will be an ASB box in the office area where children can drop their deposits each week. The box will be emptied once a week and taken to the Grey Lynn ASB branch. There are some children who already have accounts with the National Bank and I would encourage you to continue banking with them. However, if you would like to open a new account with the ASB please do so as well.

Absences



If your child is absent from school please ring the school office by 8.50am or leave a message on the answer phone. For safety reasons we are required to follow up on all children who are absent. Therefore, it is important that you ring the school office and leave a message if your child will not be at school. I am concerned with the number of children who continually arrive at school after the bell has gone. The staff of St Joseph's are trying to develop good

life long skills at an early age and it is absolutely imperative that your children are ready for learning before 8.50am. If you would like to come and talk with me regarding this matter, please call the office and make an appointment to see me.

Study Support Centre (SSC)

There will be an extra class for those children who would like to use the school computers to complete their homework on Thursday's from 3.05 – 4.05 starting this week. Students are still able to participate in SSC on a Monday and Tuesday until 5.30pm. Any parents, who would like to become more computer savvy, are most welcome to use our computers at school during SSC. Any senior child who would like to participate in SSC on a Thursday should report to Ms Bernard.

PTSG

The next PTSG meeting will be held on **Tuesday 17th May 2011 at 6.00pm** in the staffroom. New members are most welcome.



BIRTHDAYS

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

Reece Suesue	01/05	Philomena Smith	22/05
Daniel Smith	23/05	Soane Kautai	25/05
Ashley Koloamatangi	28/05	Koloa Filo	30/05
		Selomiti Taufu	30/05

Upcoming Events !!

<u>Term 2 2011</u>	
Art Exhibition	- Thursday 12 th May
School Mass	- Friday 13 th May
Jump Rope Workshop	- Tuesday 17 th May
PTSG meeting	- Thursday 19 th May
Ukulele Performance	- Friday 20 th May
EOTC Camp	- Monday 23 rd May – Thursday 26 th May
Queen's Birthday	- Monday 6 th June
Ascension Mass	- Tuesday 7 th June
Music performance	- Thursday 16 th June
First Holy Communion	- Sunday 26 th June
Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass	- Friday 1 st July
End of Term 2	- Friday 15 th July

God Bless

Jenny

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Tear off Slip

Friday 13th May 2011

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

Signed: _____



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Self Defence Workshop for Girls aged 7-12 years

Friday 20 May, 4pm – 6pm and Saturday 21 May, 10am – 4pm, fee \$30.00

Auckland Women's Centre, 4 Warnock Street, Grey Lynn

For more info ph (09) 376 3227 or email info@womennz.org.nz



Mum Space Cafe

Because You Deserve It, Mum

Cake, Coffee & Creche

~ Monday Mornings 9:30am ~ Opening 2nd May

Next to West Wave & Henderson Plunket Rooms,

Alderman Drive, Henderson @ "Zeal"

Stop for a coffee or drop your kids and swim or

Gym @ West Wave!



After School Science and Technology Club in Remuera - Learn to make take home projects

In response to requests from many parents we are starting up

A comprehensive hands-on science and technology club in Remuera. Kids will make science and electronics projects to take home. It will be a gathering place of likeminded learners who are innovative and creative.

We will encourage some to work for CREST awards.

You can send your child for a few sessions but they will gain more by attending at least 4 sessions to complete a decent project.

8 sessions per term.

Time: 4 - 5:30pm

Days: Wednesdays Group A

Thursdays Group B

(Week 2 Term 2)

Venue: Mt Hobson Middle School

131- Remuera Road , Remuera

Fee: \$30 per session or \$ 220 per term

(includes material for take home projects)

Details and booking:

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