



Serving with Faith and Love

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Kia ora koutou

My name is Bruce Young, and I have been appointed as Acting Principal at St Joseph's for the beginning of 2022. I have a long history of teaching in Catholic schools, latterly as principal at Holy Cross, Papatoetoe.

In my short time thus far at St Joseph's I have been made to feel very welcome by the community, and I am very impressed with the commitment of the staff as well as the friendliness and positive attitude of the children. I am looking forward to working alongside all members of the community to enhance the wonderful history of St Joseph's, Grey Lynn.

I live in Mt Albert with my wife, Rosemary, and our two cats. We have three adult daughters and we are a very close family. This year we are lucky enough to have two out of our three daughters back in New Zealand. All we have to do now is talk Number 2 daughter into coming home from London!

I enjoy all sports, my garden, reading and being with my family.

I hope to meet you all at some stage soon- rest assured that our Number 1 priority is to care for your tamariki as they get used to yet another 'new normal!'



Staff:

It is with regret that we have received the resignation of Tracey Lee, who has been part of the teaching community at St Joseph's for the past twenty years. We would like to acknowledge all her hard work and dedication over this time.

Tracey will be leaving us in early March to be with her mother in Australia. We wish her all God's blessings for the next part of her journey.

We are now in the process of employing a replacement teacher, and as soon as this is finalised we will inform you.

Enrolments:

If you have any children turning 5 this year, please make sure that your enrolment form is submitted as soon as possible.

School Devices/IPads:

There are still outstanding devices/Ipads which need to be returned at the end of last year. Could you please return devices to the school office asap.

Health & Safety:

A reminder the school water fountains are closed due to Health & Safety reasons. We ask that each child must provide their own water bottle.

School Stationery Packs:

Stationery Packs are now available to purchase from school. Please feel free to contact the office if you have any questions.

Room 9

Year 0 & 1 - \$57.00

Year 2 - \$61.00

Room 6

Year 3 & 4 - \$62.00

Room5

Senior Pack - \$83.00

Reflection:

*It is not enough for us to say: "I love God," but I also have to love my neighbour. St John says that you are a liar if you say you love God and you don't love your neighbour. How can you love God whom you do not see, if you do not love your neighbour whom you see, whom you touch, with whom you live? And so it is very important for us to realise that love, to be true, has to hurt. I must be willing to give whatever it takes not to harm other people and, in fact, to do good to them. This requires that I be willing to give until it hurts. Otherwise, there is not true love in me and I bring injustice, not peace, to those around me. It hurt Jesus to love us. We have been created in His image for greater things, to love and to be loved. We must "put on Christ" as Scripture tells us. And so, we are created to love as He loves us. Jesus makes Himself the hungry one, the naked, the homeless one, the unwanted one, and He says, "You did it to Me." On the last day He will say to those on His right, "whatever you did to the least of these, you did to Me and He will also say to those on His left, whatever you neglected to do for the least of these, you neglected to do it for Me." When He was dying on the Cross, Jesus said, "I thirst." Jesus is thirsting for our love and this is the thirst of everyone, poor and rich alike. We all thirst for the love of others that they go out of their way to avoid harming us and to do good to us. This is the meaning of true love, to give until it hurts – **Mother Teresa***

Yours in Christ,

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