

## READINGS FOR 7TH APRIL, 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

*The word of the Lord*

### Psalm: 125(126)

### Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

*The word of the Lord*

### Gospel

John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**"Let whoever is without sin cast the first stone"**



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*Together we will provide a quality all round education, developing valuable contributors to society who reflect the teachings of Jesus Christ*

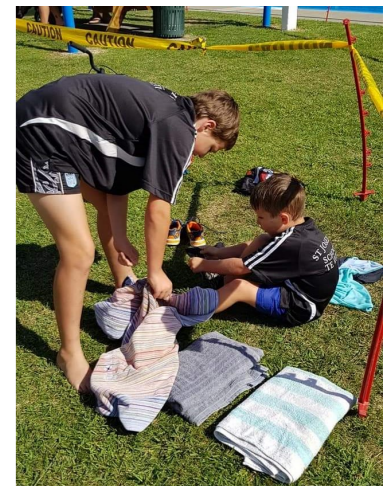
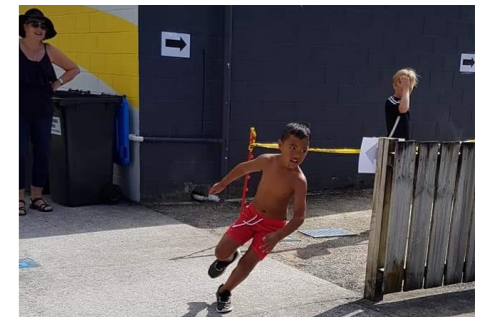
Last week we were all involved in our 2019 Tryathlon! We swam, we biked, we ran and we **TRYed** our very best! We hit the road, the grass, the riverbanks and the footpaths. We went up, down and over - we did it all! With an extension of the run leg this year, the children all arrived back at the finish line red faced and super satisfied with their personal efforts!

A big thank you to our Room 2 students who supported our junior students in the transition area. It was a super proud moment stepping back and watching these senior students encourage, help and lead our younger tryathletes. To top it off, our students were high fiving each other and shouting words of encouragement as they were entering and exiting transition area. Tino pai tamariki ma!

Extra big thank you to...

- Vicki Coll - our starter
- Mrs Were for organising our marshals and who was out and about on the course on her bike keeping everyone safe!
- Mrs Downey who sorted our race orders and helped Vicki
- Mrs Bailey for your help and encouragement in the transition area and for setting up the finish line
- Mrs Boroevich at the finish line with her big congratulations and lollipops!
- Our marshalls - Kelly Williams, Tiffany Te Wao, Nicola Van Groenedaal, Kylie Leineweber, Pip Kirkland, Sarah Fagan, Claudia Poole, Claire Morgan, Tim Marriott, Sharon Avery, Brendan Were and Gypsy O'Toole Parry
- Sarah Fagan for your help with the set up
- Brendan Were for your help with the clean up
- Inframax for letting us use their cones and event signs

Congratulations to all of St Joseph's Tryathletes! You all did yourselves proud!  
Mrs Needham



## WHAT ARE WE UP TO ?

### APRIL 2019

4: MARAE VISIT

5: NIGHT MARKET

12: END OF TERM 1

29: START OF TERM 2

### MAY 2019

8: PHOTOLIFE: CLASS AND INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

2019 is the year for Board of Trustees elections. The election will be held in May 2019/ June 2019. More information will be forthcoming in the next newsletters.



## MRS. DOWNEY'S NOTES

Kia Ora te Whanau

### **Night Market**

Week 10 culminates in our annual Night Market tomorrow night.

A small very dedicated team have worked tirelessly to pull this great night together.

I personally thank them for their enthusiasm and look forward to a great night together.

Thank you also to all our families who have responded to the call and contributed money, food or time. All donated to the event.

Our goal is to raise funds towards the 'Turf Project' of the courts.

Enjoy the Market!

**'Time to Teach' 'Time to Lead'** that is the mantra of the Teachers Union.

This is also a reflection of our staff. It needs also to be a reflection of our community.

We have had a very active term and right now the signs of it are showing in our children.

There will be sent out next week to parents a google doc, similar to the learning conversation one. I did say I was going to send more of them out regularly.

This one will list all the EOTC events and invite our community to make comment and add to the question. What **does** our community value the most?

Please take the time to fill it out.

### **Anita Bailey**

Anita Bailey our Room 1 Teacher leaves us today to go on maternity leave.

Anita and Alex's baby is due mid April. Anita has been our Director of Religious Studies in the school and her leadership has benefitted all our your children as she has guided them towards having a closer relationship with Jesus and being shown how to live a life of charity towards others.

I know you will all join with me in wishing Anita and Alex all the best as they welcome their new addition shortly.

Keep the family in your prayers. Thank you Anita.

### **Easter Liturgies**

Christians acknowledge that Jesus died and rose from the dead.

It is at the heart of Christian belief and at Easter the liturgies remind us of this significant event in history 2000 years ago.

The dates and times for Good Friday, Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Liturgies will be published next week.

I invite you to try and attend these Liturgies.

Nau mai ki te tenei pānui tuarua,  
Suzanne



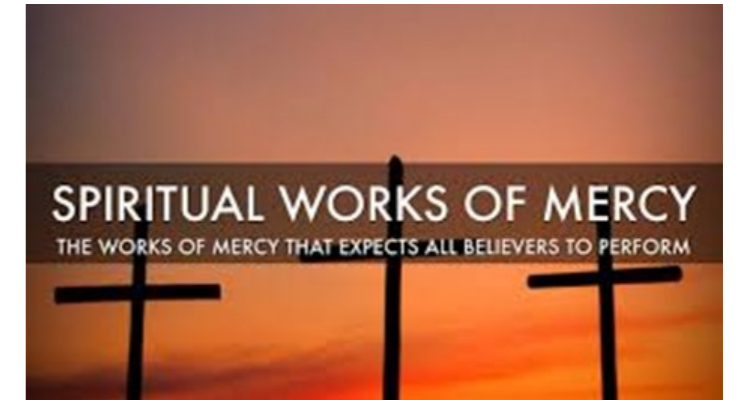
## FROM FATHER MATT ...

Lent is an opportunity for us to go deeper into our faith and practise it with increased devotion. The purpose of Lent is that we come out at the end of it better people who love God more and serve him better. There are many ways of doing this. But perhaps one that we may not have thought about concerns the Spiritual Works of Mercy. For context, Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection are of mercy. He does this in love for us and he gives us the opportunity to be with him for all eternity. The Spiritual Works of Mercy represent part of our response.

Pope St. John Paul II says: Jesus Christ taught that man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but that he is also called "to practice mercy" towards others: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Matt 5:7). The Church sees in these words a call to action, and she tries to practice mercy. All the beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount indicate the way of conversion and of reform of life, but the one referring to those who are merciful is particularly eloquent in this regard. Man attains to the merciful love of God, His mercy, to the extent that he himself is interiorly transformed in the spirit of that love towards his neighbour.

The Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy

- 1.To correct the sinner
- 2.To instruct the ignorant
- 3.To counsel the doubtful
- 4.To comfort the sorrowful
- 5.To bear wrongs patiently
- 6.To forgive injuries
- 7.To pray for the living and the dead



## DIOCESE SNIPPET

The Euthanasia bill sponsored by MP David Seymour is about to get its 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and vote in parliament. The Bill is dangerous and does not contain effective safeguards. Check out the dangers of this Bill by visiting [www.carealliance.org.nz](http://www.carealliance.org.nz) or [www.defendnz.co.nz](http://www.defendnz.co.nz)

**We encourage every one of you who will be of voting age at the next election (currently aged 17yrs+) to sign the Care Alliance Petition to let your MP know your opposition to this Bill.**

There will be opportunities to do this at Masses in the parish the weekends of 6-7 April and 13-14 April.



## PARISH NEWS

### PARISH LUNCH

The next Parish lunch is next Wednesday 10th April in the Basement following Mass which is at 11.00am.

### HILLVIEW CHURCH SERVICE

Reminder it is St Georges turn this month. New time of 4.15pm in the main lounge ON Thursday's.

let's do  
lunch





**NEWS FROM THE PSG**

**THANK YOU to the sponsors of our Annual Duck race:  
PETER NEEDHAM, NEUSTROSKI PLUMBING & GAS, STOKED EATERY & HUUH  
CAFE, RANDLE CONTRACTING AND LEINWEBER FAMILY**

**Congratulations to our Winners:**

1st - Jon Leineweber 2nd - Pip Koch 3rd - Paul Jones Last -Anne Shearer



**St Joseph's School**  
**FAMILY NIGHT MARKET**  
FRI 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL from 5.00pm  
**Food & Entertainment**

Sausage sizzle BESSERTS NACHOS  
CHICKEN Raffles BOIL UP  
KEBABS DRINKS  
CURRY Dance & Music BOUNCY CASTLE  
AND MUCH MORE...  
**White Elephant Stall**  
Fun for the whole family. Bring a picnic rug.

**Family Night Market - Friday 5th April**

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Night Market tomorrow night. Bring your families and friends down for some yummy dinner dessert, games and entertainment.

The kids have been working so hard on their artwork to sell.

We need all hands on deck to help set up during the day and clean up at the end so if you can please offer your help to Kylie on 021 234 1998

Thank you to those families who have donated food or contributed their \$15 to help with the FNM. It's not too late to make your donation.

To do this, please deposit the money into the PSG bank account

**'Friends of St Joseph's - 03 0449 0123772 00'**

Use your family name as the reference

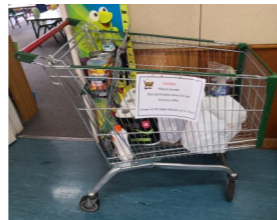
**You should have all received your baking tray.**

**Please drop your yummy baking into the basement on Friday morning. If you would like more than one tray, please let us know.**

**Entertainment**

If you are performing an act, please be ready to go at 5pm. Mrs Williams and senior students will be helping to make this run as smoothly as possible.

Our **SUPERMARKET TROLLEY** raffle is sitting in the corridor looking a little lonely. If you could please donate non-perishable items to fill it up some more.



We are in need of **rice cookers** and **crock pots** for the evening. If you have one to spare please drop this, clearly named, into the basement.

**Vacancy for Parent Support Group (PSG) secretary position**

The PSG provides invaluable support in organising fundraising events to provide extra resources that are not otherwise funded.

We are currently seeking a secretary to take care of the PSG administration. The main duties for this role are minute taking and preparing PSG items for the school newsletter



A BIG THANK YOU TO **Kylie, Joel and Stella Allen** for getting in the river for over an hour to push those ducks down the river. A big thanks to Noah and Ava's Dad - **Jared Murrel** for sourcing generators for use at the FNM!



**Religious Education**

E te Ariki o te Rangimārie, Prince of Peace, St. Francis prayed, 'Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.' And so do we. Make us instruments of your peace. So that we may bring peace in all that we do. Let us look to love others and be kind every day. Allow instruments of peace to rise up in NZ and flourish all over your world: instruments of peace who offer stability, safety, and justice, that bring joy and hope; that lead to hearts of reconciliation, mercy, and love. Amen.

**CARITAS LENTEN PROGRAMME**



The students have been learning about the people of South Sudan—about how they learn at school, how they live, what they eat, where they live. It has been interesting comparing their lifestyles to ours.

During Lent we are asked to give to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. In each classroom there is Caritas box and we have asked the students to contribute any spare change they have so we can make a donation to Caritas and the good work they are doing for those in need.

**Alpha**

Thank you to all those that have joined us for the Alpha film series so far. We had another great session on Tuesday night.

This coming week is our last week of Alpha this term. If you haven't had the chance to join us yet, you are welcome to come this Tuesday evening at 7pm for dinner, a video and light discussion. It is a great way to explore more about our Christian faith and be able to support your children on their faith journeys.



See you there!

*How is your family praying this Lent?*

*How is your family fasting (giving up something) this Lent?*

*How is your family giving this Lent?*





## SPORTS NEWS

### LET'S PLAY FRISBEE!

Vicki Coll from Sport Waikato, offered our Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 students an opportunity to have a go at playing Ultimate Frisbee. The students had a wonderful afternoon getting to experience the fun to be had playing Ultimate Frisbee!



## King Country Junior Hockey WE NEED YOU!!

We need some enthusiastic people to join our energetic/fun committee. The following roles are up for grabs....

### PRESIDENT

- Lead the club with the help of a committed committee

### FUNSTICKS

- Run Thursday afternoon sessions for Funsticks 3:40pm - 4:20pm for years 0-2 children
- Follow the Funsticks Manual to introduce children to hockey
- Encourage parents to help with sessions
- Approximately 8 Thursdays of Term 2

### JUNIOR HOCKEY COORDINATOR

- Unlock High School and Centennial Park courts on a Thursday before 3:40pm and set up nova flow at High School, move nova flow after Junior B games for Junior A set up (or arrange for someone else to do)
- Unlock High School on Tuesday & Wednesday before 3:40pm
- Deal with any issues regarding the competition
- And no doubt some other stuff

### DEVELOPMENT COACH

- A coach to take a mixed team of Year 6-8 children to Friday night competition in Hamilton,
- Run practices for the team and other children keen on further coaching

Please email: The secretary at [kcjhsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:kcjhsecretary@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering for any positions - no experience needed!!!

Lent is a time for Almsgiving. Do you have some winter sports shoes or boots to donate to someone else? Do you need some shoes this winter season? We have these boxes in the passage at school for you to add shoes to or take some shoes from should you need some. Help yourself to some shoes if your child needs some!



## CURRICULUM

### Te Tokanganui a noho Marae Visit

Today as a whole school we went to our Marae. We started our day with a Powhiri then each class spent 30 minutes at the following sessions...

1. Wharenui talk with Matua Kingi
2. Flax weaving with Whaea Waikura and Whaea Janey
3. Poi with Matua Amai (E rere taku poi)
4. Drawing the wharenui and working through their Marae booklet
5. Ti Rakau (E papa)

We finished our day with a performance to the Marae Committee to share the waiata and haka we have learnt with Matua Amai. We also dedicated our performance to Mrs Bailey as it was her last day as she heads on maternity leave.

Can you child tell you one interesting fact they learnt about the wharenui? Can you label the wharenui as a family?

