

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

Malo e lelei, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Greetings, Tena Koutou, Bula Vinaka, Chao, Namaste and Welcome to Week 7 of Term 4 . On Sunday we celebrated the great feast of Christ the King. This feast reminds us that we are all called to build the kingdom of God on earth. A kingdom of justice, a kingdom of love, a kingdom of peace and compassion. The feast of Christ the King also marks the end of the Church's Liturgical year. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of ADVENT which marks the beginning of the Church's year as we prepare for the great feast of Christmas.



May our God who is a God of promise be near us in these Advent days of waiting.

May we share the light and warmth of Jesus with everyone we meet.

May the Holy Spirit of God bless us and help us to prepare to receive Jesus into our lives more deeply this Christmas

PRAYERS: We remember very specially in our prayers all the families of the miners from the West Coast of NZ. Our prayers and our hearts go out to those who are grieving the loss of loved ones in this terrible tragedy.

REMINDERS: Please endeavour to pay your ATTENDANCE DUES and SPECIAL CHARACTER LEVY before the close of the School year. We will be sending notification of hardship grants to those preference families who have more than three children at St Joseph's and are already making regular efforts to pay Attendance Dues. If you are not able to pay what you owe please come and see Miss Horgan and we can consider an arrangement. Thank you to those families who do their very best to meet this responsibility.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children who recently received CAUGHT BEING GOOD READING AWARDS:

Room 9 Theresa Niulevaea & Elayna Tuitupou

Room 7 Josephine Atkinson & Olivia Ngametua

Room 11 Helen Saena & Melena Ula

Room 6 Rova Fa'ase'e & Alistair Tovia

Room 4 Jacinta Tulafono & Radha Samau

Room 2 Sharon Wichman & Saunoa Tootoo

Room 8 Melchizadek Laumatia & Koaneti Johansson

Room 12 Juliana Ioane & Mareda Oneone

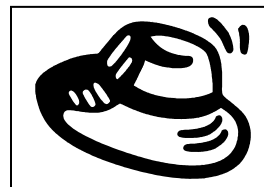
Room 13 Hope Lemalu & Sio Amituanai

Room 5 Mele Toleafoa & Alex Biparva

Room 3 La'auli Vitale & Francis Mulitalo

Room 1 Julie Kearns & Charmona Liki- Fa'alenuu

SUNHATS are now COMPULSORY and have to be worn by children at playtime, lunchtime and sports time. Please make sure your child has a school sunhat.



ATHLETICS:

The children are busy preparing for the Otahuhu / Mangere Interschool Athletics to be held at Mt Smart Stadium on Wednesday 8 December. Further information will be sent home with your child if he/she is selected.

CONGRATULATIONS to Aiga Futialo and Ryan Collier (past pupils of St Joseph's) who are prefects at De La Salle in 2011.

Your PRAYERS are asked for the father of Elayna Tuitupou Room 9. Elayna's Dad is a young man who is very seriously ill. Please remember him in your prayers and also continue your prayers for Mrs Dwight's sister Mary Gordon. We keep all those who are sick or suffering in our prayers.

NOTICE:

Needing PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION for your child? We have vacancies at St Andrews Christian Pre-school, Otahuhu for children aged 3 – 5 years. For further information call in and see us at 18 Station Rd, Otahuhu or ring 2764534



I have also been approached by the Montessori Preschool "Wee Wisdom" who are prepared to offer some scholarships for attendance at their preschool. The Montessori Preschool is on the corner of Walmsley and Weka Street in Otahuhu. If you have a child aged 3 – 4 years of age and might be interested in more information please contact Miss Horgan.

God bless

Miss Horgan
Principal

When children or passengers are getting out of cars PLEASE make sure they DO NOT get out on the ROAD SIDE – always get out of the car on the FOOTPATH side.

COLLECTING CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL:

We would really appreciate children being collected **as soon as possible after school.**

School finishes at 2.45pm.

No children should be on the school playground after 3.30pm.

Please see that your children are collected at the right time, thank you. There is an After School Care Programme available at the Otahuhu Town Hall for those who cannot be collected by 3.30pm. WINZ subsidies are available for families in need.



Congratulations to Yahnee Ortiz, Diana Gala and Helen Mulitalo pictures above with a piece of artwork which they painted and presented to our local CYF Office in Otahuhu. The art work was titled "Unity"

HONESTY and TRUTHFULNESS:

These are two qualities that are VERY important. Parents please make sure that you instil in your children the absolute importance of ALWAYS being truthful and honest in whatever they do, even when it is hard. Sadly we live in a very dishonest society. Parents need to constantly remind children to **always tell the truth and be honest in all their dealings with others**

Remember that honesty, integrity and levels of responsibility and respect that children see in action in the adults around them will always be the most powerful teachers . Remember children.....

"Learn what they Live"

It is no use talking about honesty and truthfulness if it is not **lived out in action**

