

Student of the Week

18 May 2020

Rongopai Gerrard, Evie Armstrong, Heidi Cao, Finn Morrison, Riley Carradice, Kauri Allison, Room 6, Mahana Hudson-Radford, Keira Brown

25 May 2020

Maraki Te Maipi, Indie Redpath, Meila Redpath, Krishen Warnakulasuriya, Sophia Patchett, Tyson Johnson, Dean Amoamo, Mckenzy Collier, Harleen Kaur

1 June 2020

Emma Collier-Henry, Lincoln Moore, Tiare Rotumah, Cole MacDonald, Pauly Williams, Carnae Marr, Davey McMurtrie, Crystal Bull, Charlotte Lowe, Jacinda Gebert, Angus Wilson, Olivia Cole, Maiesha Sharma, Ella Sears, Stevey Williams, Jack O'Neill



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Dear Parents and Whanau

I am sure you were pleased as I was to hear the Prime Minister's announcement about moving to Level 1. For us, there will be no major changes to what we are doing and school continues to be safe to attend, including any staff and children who are considered more vulnerable to COVID. We have a good cleaning routine in place, people who are sick are staying at home and we continue to encourage good hygiene practices. We are supporting contact tracing by having QR posters at our entrances – so if you haven't already downloaded the NZCOVID Tracer app. The Ministry of Health's [NZ-COVID Tracer app. page](#) has information to help you do that.

Basically though, our main change at St Joseph's is that all parents are now '**Welcome Back**'! Feel free to come into the buildings – you do not have to sign the Contact Register.

I know that the past three months have been a time of uncertainty for us all but gosh we can be thankful that we live in New Zealand.

We **welcome** Hunter Patchett to Room 1 and Gabriella Stevens to Room 5.

Mrs McKinney is resigning at the end of the term as she and her husband Bruce have shifted to Whakatane. Mrs McKinney has been with us for thirteen years and we will miss her.

Mrs Rawinia Gabolinscy is returning for the next two terms and will work collaboratively with Mrs Collen Squires in Room 3. The teaching position for 2021 will be advertised later in the year.

P.T.A. – There will be a P.T.A. Meeting in the Staffroom at 3:00pm tomorrow Wednesday 10 June. All are welcome to attend.

Meeting for all parents of Year 8 Students

This Thursday evening 11 June a Meeting for all parents of Year 8 students will be held at 7:00pm to discuss the possibility of an end of year trip for these students.

Fruit and Milk:

Fruit in Schools and the milk deliveries have started up again so all children have access to fruit and milk at school.

Attendance Dues:

The payment of Attendance Dues in an integrated school such as St Joseph's cover costs such as maintenance, insurance on school buildings with most of the funds being applied towards debt servicing on the debt already in place.

The current financial situation with regard to Covid-19 is unprecedented and for many families there will be some exposure to financial hardship.

Therefore, assistance is readily available for any of you who need it. Please contact me as it is a simple process and is completely confidential.

PARENT INTERVIEWS:

Formal Parent Interviews will be held next term, but in the meantime if you wish to discuss your child's progress then please contact his/her teacher for an appointment.

Just a reminder as we are now into **winter**, please ensure that your child is warmly dressed.

Girls – tights or long black socks & sweatshirt.

Boys – black shoes or sneakers, long school socks & sweatshirt

Finally, Deepest Sympathy is extended to the Clarke family on the sudden loss of Darrell and to the Connor family on the passing of Rhonda. Both Darrell and Rhonda were ex-pupils of St Joseph's and both too young to have left us. May they Rest in Peace.

Stay safe, be kind!

(Who will ever forget those words. Also, 'bubble' has a new meaning doesn't it?)

Raewyn Clark
Principal