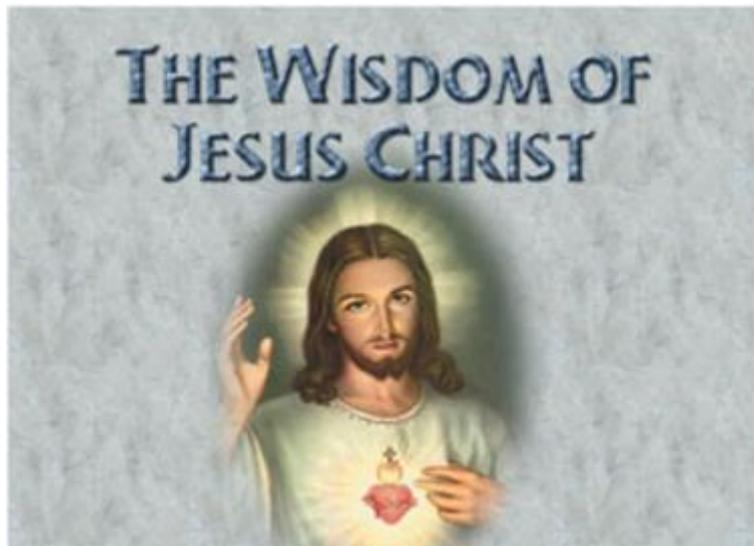


31<sup>st</sup> July 2017

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Bula, Malo ni, Makadini, Annyoung, Witamy, Welcome,



Just as Solomon asked God for wisdom in the book of Kings 3:5, 7-12 we also ask for wisdom for our students and for us so that we can impart wisdom to our students. In this reading from Kings, God rewards Solomon for his unselfish desire to become a good King for his people. He doesn't ask for wealth or gifts. He asked for practical wisdom and in so doing, he was rewarded with even more. King Solomon thought about how he could give something back to his people. Let us all do the same and think how we can help our children gain wisdom through knowing Jesus Christ.

### **Religious Education**

This term we will be focusing on the Sacrament strand and the God strand. Students will be able to describe in detail that some places, times and ways of doing things are holy because they share in, and remind people of the *holiness* of God. They will also be able to recognize and explain the important rituals in the rite of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, and be able to explain the different roles and responsibilities of bishops, priests and deacons.

### **The Catholic Caring Foundation's Caring Mass and Caring Awards**



Our students Lilyana, Brianna and Neveah were awarded a Caring Award by Bishop Patrick Dunn at the Catholic Caring Foundation's Caring Mass and Caring Awards at St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup>, for their outstanding care and commitment to caring for others in our community.

The Foundation, through donations and bequests, has been supporting communities in need with grants for emergency housing, domestic violence prevention, elderly support, growth programmes for youth, foodbanks, refugee, migrant and new settler support services and families in crisis for over 25 years. Please support the annual July Appeal and help those in desperate need in our community.

[www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)

### **Alumni Mass**

Save the date! This Sunday at 8.30am at St Joseph's Parish Church, there will be a special Mass for the Alumni of St Joseph's School. All past students, teachers, staff and their families are invited to celebrate the association they have had over the years with St Joseph's School. This is the beginning of an everlasting friendship with the school. Everyone is welcomed.

### **School Banking**

Congratulations to our first bankers!!! There are already a few banking envelopes that have been deposited into the ASB Banking box we have in our office. Every fortnight these will be taken to the ASB to be banked on behalf of your child. This is a great way to teach your child how to save regularly.

### **Assembly**

This week on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August, at 12.15, we have a very special assembly. Firstly, we will be listening to the finals of our school Speech Competition. The teachers, with the help of their students, will have chosen 3 finalists per class and these children will be presenting their speeches at this assembly.

### **Reflections on Speech Trials – Room 5**

*While I was saying my speech, I felt very nervous as well as excited. Nervous because I was really hoping that the class would like my speech. I tried to make it entertaining and I got a little bit of laughter from the crowd which made me feel better and more confident. I know that with the feedback and feed forward I receive, I will get better and better, the next time I do my speech.*

Year 6 Franklin Momoivalu – Room 5

*During my speech experience, I have learnt that giving a speech is not about just talking but modulating my voice to present an idea which is convincing and with confidence. Delivering a speech can be easy, hard, frustrating or even sad from my experience. I want to deliver a speech that showcases my ability to be confident and be an entertaining speaker. Now I have knowledge of how to deliver an informative and an entertaining speech about a topic I am passionate about.*

Year 6 Neveah Pereira - Room 5

*When I first said my speech it was not meeting the success criteria because I was reading from my cards and not engaging my audience. I listened to my peers and found them more confident and funny. Now my challenge was to read and understand the speech criteria to be successful. Making the speech entertaining and modulating my voice were the two main areas I am going to work on.*

Year 6 Johannis Siemsen - Room 5

We will also be celebrating the successful sellers of our Whittaker fundraiser. There has been a very generous donation given to the first and second seller of the fundraiser and there will also be a surprise for the top selling class. There are still a few families that need to send their payments to school. Can this be done as soon as possible as we need to pay Whitakers this week?

I wish to thank everyone who has gone out of their way to support the school with this fundraiser. Without your help it would have been extremely difficult for the staff and BOT to sell all these chocolates ourselves.

Everyone is welcome to our assembly!

## Library

Our library will be open to our students every Thursday lunchtime. This will be run by Mrs Lee with the help of her 3 librarians, Neveah, La-Rania and Lakyn.



## PTA

Thank you to the PTA for their never ending support. Please be aware that everybody is invited to their meetings. The first one of this term will be in our staffroom next Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 3.15 pm. You do not have to be in the committee but any support and ideas for fundraising will be very helpful.

The PTA so far have been paying for all our buses to and from our various outside trips, and also some of the shows we have had in the hall. Without them paying for these, the cost would go back to the parents. The main goal of the PTA is to replace the bark in the playground with safety matting. The cost for this is extremely high and only with the support of parents and our community can we reach our target.

## Uniform

Thank you to all parents who make sure that their child is in the correct uniform. We are seeing a few lapses especially in the jackets. Every child was given, free, a black Vodafone jacket to wear. They also have the light blue jackets and St Joseph's jumpers to keep themselves warm. Please do not let your child come to school in any other jacket. Wearing the school uniform correctly is a part of having pride in your school.

## Sports/PE Uniform

During this winter term it is important that we carry on with our fitness regime. Please make sure that your child has their fitness uniform; light blue t-shirt or polo shirt, black shorts and trainers, every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. They need to come to school in their normal uniform and then will get changed into their fitness uniform when they get to school. Thank you for your support in making sure this happens.

## Netball

The games have started up again and well done to last Saturdays results. The girls are improving every week and enjoying the connections with other schools. Thank you to Mrs Victor there supporting the girls.

Every Saturday the team plays at the Windmill Road courts. This link will lead to the times of their games.

<http://www.aucklandnetball.co.nz/auckland-netball-three-kings-competition/>

## All Blacks

At the end of last term there were three very lucky students who went to see the All Blacks play at Eden Park. Lilyana, Boston and Dominic were chosen by their peers to be VIP's at the game on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. We thank our sponsors KidsCan for giving these well-deserved students this fabulous opportunity.



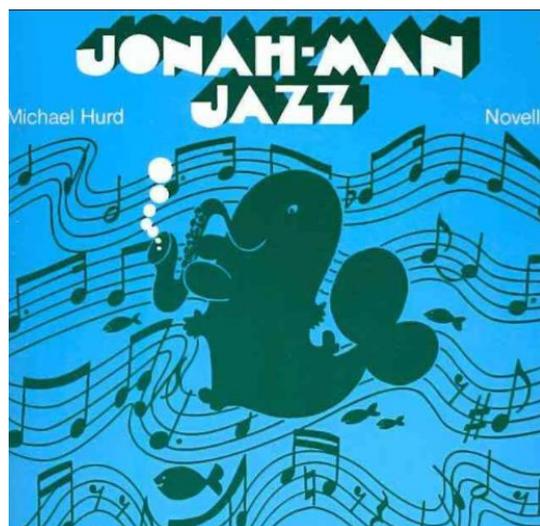
## Absentees

Please note that if your child is absent it is your responsibility to inform the school in a timely manner. We need to enter the attendance details onto a website twice a day and if there is no explanation for them not attending school they are automatically noted down as being 'Truant'. The entry, onto the website, is completed by 9.30am. If there has been no contact from you then Maddy will either call or email the address, we have on file to ask for a reason for their absence. If we receive no explanation, then the entry reverts automatically to being truant.

## Jonah-Man Jazz

Music and Lyrics by Michael Hurd

Script by St Joseph's School pupils.



This is the story of a man named Jonah, who was asked by God to go to a place called Nineveh and tell the people living there to stop being bad. Join us on Jonah's amazing journey. The production will be in Week 9, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, starting at 6.00pm in the hall. Book the date now!!!

This year our production will be slightly different as the script will be written by the students with the help of our Music teacher, Ms L'Estrange. We are also asking for your support and help in costuming, props, ticket sellers, lighting, green room, and any other aspect that we may need. A production meeting will be advertised soon and we would appreciate 'many hands to make light work.'

## Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our July birthdays; Andreas Finepolo, Manini Tofilau, Tanya Hoglund and Afuafu Fa'apoi

May God always keep you close to His heart.

## Term Dates

| DAY             | DATE                                      | EVENT                               |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Tuesday         | 1 <sup>st</sup> August                    | NSW English 9.30 am                 |
| Tuesday         | 1 <sup>st</sup> August                    | PTA Meeting 3.15pm in the Staffroom |
| Wednesday       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> August                    | St Mary's Students in our school    |
| Thursday        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> August                    | Zoo trip                            |
| Friday's        | Weekly                                    | Kapa Haka                           |
| Friday's        | Weekly                                    | Les Mills Fitness                   |
| Friday          | 4 <sup>th</sup> August                    | Assembly – Speeches 12.15 pm        |
| Sunday          | 6 <sup>th</sup> August                    | 8.30 Alumni Mass                    |
| Monday - Friday | 7 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> August | Dental Van in school                |
| Tuesday         | 8 <sup>th</sup> August                    | St Mary MacKillop's Feast Day       |
| Friday          | 11 <sup>th</sup> August                   | Be Bright – Eat Right show 9.30am   |
| Tuesday         | 15 <sup>th</sup> August                   | Assumption Mass 12.00 noon          |

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| Tuesday      | 15 <sup>th</sup> August                    | NSW Maths 9.30 am                |
| Mon – Friday | 14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> August | Maths Week                       |
| Thursday     | 24 <sup>th</sup> August                    | Footsteps Dance company          |
| Friday       | 25 <sup>th</sup> August                    | Duffy Show                       |
| Wednesday    | 30 <sup>th</sup> August                    | School Vision Screening          |
| Friday       | 1 <sup>st</sup> September                  | Taki Rua show                    |
| Monday       | 11 <sup>th</sup> September                 | Duffy Role Model Assembly        |
| Tuesday      | 12 <sup>th</sup> September                 | Hearing and Vision testing       |
| Wednesday    | 13 <sup>th</sup> September                 | BOT Meeting                      |
| Thursday     | 14 <sup>th</sup> September                 | Years 7 & 8 Immunisation         |
| Thursday     | 21 <sup>st</sup> September                 | Netball Tournament for years 5-8 |
| Friday       | 22 <sup>nd</sup> September                 | Jonah-Man Jazz production        |
| Friday       | 29 <sup>th</sup> September                 | End of Term 3                    |

Website link: <http://www.st-joseph.school.nz/>

God bless,  
Regina Smuga  
**PRINCIPAL**

## News from elsewhere

### "2017 Auckland Regional Sport Stacking (cup stacking) Tournament

Stackers from around the country return to Auckland for the penultimate sanctioned tournament for 2017. Competition is open to everyone, with our Novice section enabling those new to the sport to compete alongside seasoned stackers, facing the same thrill of a competition whilst striving for goals and records amongst those of equal experience.

This is a fun filled family event. Auckland is home to some of New Zealand's fastest stackers, and you can be sure that cups and records will fly as our experienced stackers vie to beat their own times, as well as those of their closest competitors. Novice stackers practice and compete amongst the experienced stackers, and will find that although competition is fierce, camaraderie is high. Tips and tricks will be passed on freely, and you will be encouraged and supported every step of the way. Those novice records may be yours by the end of the day!

Registrations can be done online. All details including registration links are on the Speed Stacks (NZ) website Tournaments page: [www.speedstacks.co.nz/pages/auckland-tournament](http://www.speedstacks.co.nz/pages/auckland-tournament)

Entries close Monday 07 August."



In 2017 Catholic Charismatic Renewal is celebrating 50 years Jubilee of the Renewal. The 50 year celebrations commenced in Rome with Pope Francis and people from around the world coming together to celebrate on the feast of Pentecost. Here in New Zealand, we are celebrating this special Jubilee with a "**Current of Grace**" Conference 22 – 24 September in Palmerston North.

You can register for this conference by filling in the form at <http://ccrnz.org/register2017>



### **Pukekohe Raceway Kids Obstacle Duathlon**

**Tuesday 26th September**

**Age Groups: Year 3 - 8**

**Events: Duathlon - Run, Bike, Obstacle Run**

**Bike Time Trial (NEW)**

**Enter Online : [www.bsgevents.co.nz](http://www.bsgevents.co.nz)**

