

# St Joseph's School

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# Newsletter



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**2017**  
**term 4**

## NEWSLETTER

# Congratulations

*This years finalists for the 2017 Scripture Reading Festival were of a very high standard, and the presentation of the readings were a credit to all those involved.*

*Congratulations goes to our overall winners*

**Melanie Findson** ...Year 7/8

**Pigou Memorial Cup**

Runner-up - Keegan Calkin

**Maia Camp** ...Year 5/6

**St Josephs Parish Cup**

Runner-up - Liam Haddon



## 2017 End of Year Important Happenings...

**PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

Wednesday, December 8th and Thursday, December 9th Beach Education please see notice

Thursday, December 7th ... **Year 6 and 7 Leadership...**

All Day Parents advised via separate notices of these details

Friday, December 8th... **Final School Assembly for 2017 ...11.30am...All welcome**

Monday, December 11th... **Whole School Prize Giving 7.00pm**

6.45pm **Whole School Prize Giving ... to be held in the Church**

All pupils to assemble at school on court.

This evening recognises and highlights the achievements of our students throughout the school

Tuesday, December 12th ...**School Picnic - All Welcome**

11.00am Children will leave by bus for the Morrinsville Town Pool and return at 2.30pm.

Children require their PE gear, lunch, snacks, drink, togs, towels, hat and suntan lotion

- please remember to name everything clearly. Parents please join us for this fun day

Saturday, December 9th....**Year 8 Leavers Dinner....details as per invitations**

Wednesday, December 13th ...**Final School Mass... Official Farewell for Frances Gillard ...All Welcome**

10.00am Everyone is welcome to join the children for this special Mass. All students in uniform

This Mass has extra meaning for the Year 8's leaving us

At this time the school will also **officially farewell Frances Gillard** followed by morning tea

Please bring a small plate. Thank you

Thursday, December 14th... No afternoon buses so please make arrangements for your child's collection

Friday, December 15th ... **Last Day of Term... Finishing School at 12.15pm ...No buses running this day**

Please make appropriate arrangements for your children at end of school. **Thank You**

**Term 4  
Week 8  
2017**

E ngā mātua, Tena Koutou, Talofa, Kumusta, Ciao, Hallo, Guten  
As we are nearing the end of the term and the school year, it is a time for us to rejoice and celebrate 2017.

Tuesday, December 5th 2017

### Mrs Joan Pigou Being Recognised

On Sunday 17 December Joan Pigou will be receiving the Benemerenti Medal during the 9 am Mass. This is an honour awarded by the Pope to members of the clergy and laity for service to the Catholic Church. The mass will be presided by Bishop Steve Lowe. This is a cause for rejoicing! Joan Pigou has made an outstanding contribution not only to the church but also as a past staff member and supporter of our school. We would love to see you there.

### Scripture Reading

Congratulations to our students for taking part in the Scripture Reading last week. Our finalists did an amazing job and showed lots of courage and reverence when speaking. Congratulations to our trophy recipients:

Year 7/8 winner: **Melanie Findson** Runner up: **Keegan Calkin**  
Year 5/6 winner: **Maia Camp** Runner up: **Liam Haddon**

### Waikato Full Primary Athletic Championships

We had some students compete in the Waikato Full Primary Athletics Championship last week with outstanding results. **Simran Kaur** won the 800m and 1500 metre events and was placed top year 8 girl in the competition. **Abby Evans** set a new high jump record of 1.45 m (the previous was 1.38m), won shot put and came second in the 100 and 200 m events. She was placed top year 7 girl in the competition. Fantastic!



### Final Assembly

Our final assembly for the year will be held this **Friday, December 7th at 11.30pm**. The year 8 students will be leading the assembly. We will be farewelling our staff who are departing. All welcome to attend.

### Playground Opening

We have our official opening of our new playground on Monday 11 December at 9.30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our new sandpit is now up and running!

### Returning school items

As we are nearing the end of the school year, it is a great time to clean out and return any school items that may be hiding under beds, in the back of cupboards and wardrobes. This includes library books, reading resources, hockey shirts, and any other gems found. This would be most appreciated.

### Christmas Raffle

A special thank you for the donation of goods for the Christmas raffle. Thank you to everyone who sold the tickets. The raffle will be drawn next week.

### Sacrament Programmes for 2018

Invitations went home inviting students who qualify to undertake the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Invitations have gone home for families to think about having their child/ren baptised. Both programmes will take place in 2018. If you would like more information please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office 889 6730 or myself at 889 5306, [principal@stjoes.school.nz](mailto:principal@stjoes.school.nz) or pop in to see me.

### Reports

End of year reports for year 4-8 students will come home this Friday 7 December. Just a reminder that with year 1 - 3 students, some students will receive a progress report, some will have a end of year report and others will not be due for one at this time. This is because we report on the time at school so it is linked to the starting date of students.

Have a fantastic week! God Bless. *Andrea Colebourn, Principal*



**Farewell  
and  
Good Luck**

Invitation... We wish to invite you to join our school as we **Formally Farewell Frances Gillard**  
This will be taking place as part of our schools  
Year 8 Leavers Mass on  
**Wednesday, December 13th at 10.00am**  
**Followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Centre**  
(please bring a small plate)

Frances has been a major part of our staff, school and parish for over 8 years, influencing many not only as a teacher but also in her role as Director of Religious Studies. Frances will be sadly missed as part of our team as she now pursues a different career path.

This is an open invitation to any who may wish to be a part of this special time.

**WELCOME**

**We would like to  
Welcome  
to St Josephs**

**to Room 9 Patrick McFetridge**

*It is great to have you and your family  
be a part of our school.*

### Term Dates 2017

Term 4	Mon 16th Oct	to	Fri Dec 15th 12.15pm finish
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**NB: Buses will not be available for afternoon run  
Dec 14th or morning and afternoon runs Dec 15th**

**2018 - Term 1 commences  
Tuesday, January 30th**

# Beach Education Important

**These are important details to note for this weeks whole school trip for Beach Education 2017**

All details, along with requirements for these days have been sent home last week so please check the school bag if you haven't received this.

**PLEASE NOTE: All students are to be at school no later than 7.30am on their respective days. Students will be returning approx 4.15pm, so please make appropriate arrangements for your child to be collected by 4.30pm. Thank You.**

**TOMORROW Wednesday, December 6th - 7.30am**  
Rooms 4 - (Yr 4's only), 5, 6, 7, 8

**Thursday, December 7th - 7.30am**  
Akonga Hub, Rooms 9, 10, 3 & 4 - (Yr 3's only)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

See Below front page  
Friday, December 15th  
12.15pm  
Last Day of Term  
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**Tuesday, January 30th 2018**  
**First Day of Term One**  
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February 7th, 8th, 9th  
Year 7 & 8 Camp  
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Monday, March 5th  
Teacher Only Day

## Our CORE VALUES

Recognising students in our school  
living our Core Values  
**Care-Respect-Faith-Integrity**



**Well done to our Morrinsville District Athletes place getters**



**PFC GREAT Christmas Raffle**  
**URGENT...URGENT... URGENT...**  
**Please return ALL Raffle Cards and Money**  
**TOMORROW Wednesday. Thank You**



**School Pool Key for 2017/18**

**Swimming Season ...**

Keys are available from the school office for Parent/Caregivers of our school families only at \$40.00 for the season. Strict rules and conditions apply.

### SCHOOL HOUSEKEEPING

**Class Mass: Wed, Dec 6th**  
Rms 3 & 4

**Sausage Chefs: Thursday 7th**  
Carolyn Findson

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS!**



**School Mass**  
**Sunday, Dec 10th**  
**11.00am**

**Welcomers: Room 8**

**SCHOOL Sausage Sizzle**  
**Thursday, Dec 7th**  
**\$1.50 each**  
Place order at school kitchen

**Morrinsville Swimming Club**  
Registration Night  
Wednesday, Dec 13th  
5.30-6.00pm  
at Clubrooms  
Inquiries Vicki  
021616446

## THANK YOU

Students from Rooms 3 and 7 yesterday were a part of the Hits Waikato Toy Run promotion.

The kind donations of toys to this worthy cause will bring lots of smiles to children less fortunate at Christmas.

A special thanks from local sponsor Flex Fitness...

**Thank you all for coming down to the Toy Run Bus this morning. I loved seeing your smiles and watching you place your special toys on the bus. You all have the true spirit of Christmas in your hearts. You have shown great love by giving to someone who you do not even know. I know that a child will be smiling on Christmas Day because of a toy you donated to the Toy Bus. Thank you for your kindness, you are 'living' the values of your Catholic faith. Arohanui Mariah Tracey**



### Calling All Bus Vests...

Can ALL Bus Vests please be returned to the school office by **Monday, December 11th** washed all ready for allocating 2018. Thanks



### Please Note 2018 Year 7 and 8 Parents

The 2018 Senior Camp is being held February 7th-8th-9th. Please ensure 2018 camp fee is paid in full by January 30th 2018 as per documentation sent home earlier this term. **Thank You**



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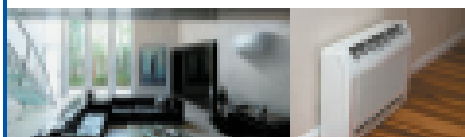
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