



St Joseph's Primary School, Opunake

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TERM DATES

Term 3 2021

Mon 26 July - Fri 1 Oct

Term 4 2021

Mon 18 Oct - Tues 14th Dec

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 22nd September
School Cross Country

Friday 24th September
Cottage Rest Home Visit - Choir

SUNDAY 26th September
WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 10 am
- awaiting direction from the
Diocese

Tuesday 28th September
OHS Technology Year 7 & 8

Friday 1st October
Mass Rm 6 & 2

***Tena Koutou, e hoa ma. Ngā mihi kia koutou.
Dear Parents, Caregivers and friends of the school***

Welcome back! It was awesome to see the children's smiling faces as they returned to school and caught up with their mates and teachers. The lockdown will have been a different experience for everyone. I know of many children and families who thrived but there will be some for whom it was a considerable challenge and I hope that normality and routine of school has helped. Let's all keep an eye and ear out for each other. Have you heard from the people you usually hear from? Is there anyone who is a bit off the radar? Check in with them.

I want to thank everyone for their prompt responses whenever any surveys went out during the recent lockdown period. There is quite a lot of planning that goes into each stage and this certainly made it easier for us to get organised in a safe and efficient manner so thank you.

Over the next few months we will attempt to continue with our planned school events but these may need to be adapted or modified to meet regulations. Personally, and at this current moment, I feel really safe from Covid down here in Opunake but we will have some community members who don't feel as safe so please consider them when coming on site for these events and do try to maintain social distancing. As Jesus would, I hope we can keep the needs of our most vulnerable at the forefront of our mind.

Staff announcement: with Miss Richardson moving on next term we have employed Stephanie Van Vuuren to work in the role vacated by Laura. She will work mornings in Room 2 (except Thursday) and will release Ms Danson for her various roles and Mrs Andersen-Gardiner for her classroom release time. Mr Fleming will be in Room 2 on Thursday mornings and he will also cover classroom release time for Room 5 and Room 6.

Nits: We do have a confirmed case of nits in school so please be vigilant with checking for and treating any cases in your household. The hair on top of my head might not survive a round of nit treatment!

It has been great having everyone back together and here is hoping that it is soon safe enough for us to move to Level 1!

***Nga Mihi Aroha
Ryan Fleming***

Special Character



Classroom Religious Education

It's great to be back to onsite learning. Well done to all the students who kept up their Religious Education learning throughout Lockdown. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who supported their children's learning so strongly.



Church Strand

This week each class has begun working on the Church Strand of the Religious Education programme.

Room One are learning about all the groups that they belong to, including their family, extended family / whanau, class, school and parish. They will also learn about how Jesus carried out his mission and how the Church carries on the work of Jesus.

Room Three are learning about Jesus calling his apostles and disciples to follow him. They are learning that we are called to follow him today. They will learn about the sacraments that initiate people in to the Church. Members of the Church are called to carry on the work of Jesus today,

Room Five are learning about the early Christian Church. They will learn that people who follow Jesus use their gifts to spread the Good News of Jesus throughout their life journey, Te Wa.

Room Six are learning that people use images to help them understand what the Church is called to be. These include images of the Church as the people of God, the Body of Christ and a pilgrim people. They will also learn that the Church is called to be a visible sign of Christ in the world



Choir Visit to the Rest Home

This can no longer go ahead as the Cottage Rest Home is being very cautious about visitors at the moment.



Term 3 Masses



We are still in a state of Limbo over school and class masses. Cardinal John has said that there will be no public masses until at least Tuesday 21st September. At this point he will make a decision about future masses. This means our planned mass for this Friday won't go ahead.

If we are still in Level 2, we will not be able to have our Sunday mass next week. We will go ahead if we move to Level 1. On the last week of term, we also have a two class mass. This will be for Rooms Five and One as they were due to go in Week 4.

Date	Time	Who
Sunday September 26th	10:00 a.m.	Whole school & families - Sunday mass
Friday October 1st	9:10 a.m.	Rooms 5 & 1

Sunday Mass in our Parish



This weekend there will be no Sunday mass in Opunake.

Father Vui and Father Simon Story have been live streaming mass at 9:00 a.m each Sunday morning. Look at the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth website to find the link for the mass. [Catholic Parish of New Plymouth](https://www.catholicparishofnewplymouth.org.nz/) There is also a Catholic mass at 2:00 p.m. each Sunday on the Shine t.v. channel.

Catholic Schools Day

September 29th is Catholic Schools' Day. A big gathering with other Catholic Schools in South Taranaki was planned, but has been cancelled. We have decided to celebrate the day by giving to our community and then having some fun together. We ask children to bring a can or packet of food to donate to the Opunake Foodbank. Working in cross age groups we will pick up litter around the town and then have some fun sports activities.

Our School UNITY Values

Humility Excellence Faith Respect Integrity

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St Joseph's Opunake UNITY Values



hUmility

- Thinking of the needs of others and putting them before yourself.
- Knowing that we are all created in the image of God and are special.

excellenNce

- Always striving to do your personal best.
- Showing pride in your school, pride in yourself and pride in your environment.

faIth

- Being a close friend of Jesus.
- Allowing the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts

respecT

- Treating others the way you would like to be treated.
- Taking care of our belongings and school property.
- Listening and following instructions

integrity

- Being honest and trustworthy
- Making the right choices when no one is watching.
- Own up if you have made a poor choice.



UNITY Focus For Weeks 8 and 9

Humility - Excellence - Faith - Respect - Integrity

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This week's UNITY
focus is:



Excellence

- Always striving to do your personal best.
- Showing pride in your school, pride in yourself and pride in your environment.



Humility - Excellence - Faith - Respect - Integrity



These are our unity book
award winners for week 7



Production Notices



Starblaze New Dates - Week 3 of Term 4

If Level 1

Day Matinee: Wednesday 3 November, 1pm

Night performance: Thursday 4th November, 7pm

If Level 2

We will look at having an extra show to accommodate as many families as possible within the smaller crowd size guidelines.

Tickets sales have been halted until closer to the date when we are more certain about which level we will be in - any questions please contact Ryan.

Starblaze Costumes

Sewing / Making Working Bee

Tuesday 21st September between 11:15 and 12:45. Could we please have some parents come in to help pin and sew or hot glue strips of fabric onto the costumes for the Misunderstood Monsters? This means the Room 2 boys and most of Room 5 (Year 6 girls excluded) need to have their long sleeved tops at school by then so that we can attach the strips. Parents will need to scan in at the office. Please email rochelle@stjo.school.nz or gill@stjo.school.nz if you are able to help, or just turn up.

Thank you

Costume Requirements from Home:

All Students: A named bag to keep costumes in

Room 2 Boys, Year 4 students, Year 5 girls & Ayla: Long sleeved shirt and long pants in green, grey, brown or black (murky colours)

Year 5 & 6 Boys plus Kiel & Josh Domingo: Black track pants and black long sleeved top- Sorry this is a change as I originally said brown, grey or black. We need them in black to be heavies, able to quickly change their top layer to be monsters.

Year 6, 7 & 8 girls (other than Crystal, Chloe & Ayla) - Flat heeled boots to spray silver, long preferred, but ankle will be fine too.

Grace- Black, silver or grey trousers or leggings to wear with the provided jacket.

Thank you

Clare

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St Joseph's School Cross Country 2021

Wednesday 22nd September

You got it! Cross Country is still going ahead at St Joseph's. This year's event will be taking place right here at school. This will allow our students with some familiarity of the running course.

COVID Alert Level 2 Restrictions:

Under Alert Level 2 we can bring a maximum of 100 people on site in any one defined space.

We are confident no more than 100 will come on site. Parents with only older children in particular, if you are comfortable watching from the fence like last year that would be great and this would ensure we don't need to create defined zones and that all our parents of juniors can come on site. Any concerns or worries - catch Ryan on the date or email or ring.

The kids will still be racing at their usual start times and will be brought out to the starting line a few minutes before they are due to start. We will also be looking at having regular facebook updates of the top 3 finishes in each age group.

Approximate Timetable of the Races:

1:10pm - 12 - 13 year olds (3km)
1:20pm - 8 year olds (2km)
1:30pm - 5 year olds (1km)
1:35pm - 10 year olds (2km)
1:45pm - 6 year olds (1km)
1:50pm - 11 year olds (3km)
2:00pm - 7 year olds (1km)
2:05pm - 9 year olds (2km)



There is no fun run event this year. All students are expected to participate in the cross country to the best of their ability.

If you are taking your child home at the end of Cross Country then please let your child's teacher know.

Students are encouraged to wear their house colours for this event or their St Joseph's sports uniforms. They can wear shoes if they wish but they aren't necessary. A water bottle is key for hydration purposes.

SCHOOL NEWS

School Lunch Orders:

School lunches are available on **Mondays**.

Our lunch provider is

HIGHWAY 45 Four Square

When ordering please ensure the correct money is placed into an envelope marked with the child's name and lunch order on the outside. Orders must be handed into the school office by 9:30am. Thank you.

Menu

Wraps: Ham Salad/Chicken Salad/Vegetarian
Half \$3.50 Whole \$5.50

Sandwiches:

Bacon & Egg, Chicken & Salad, BLT

Ham & Salad, Chicken & Mayo, Corned Silverside
\$4.80

Pies: Mince / Mince & Cheese / Chicken
\$4.00

Mince Savoury
\$2.00

Hawaiian Pizza (good size)
\$4.50

Sausage Roll
\$2.50

Spring Rolls
\$3.00

Chocolate Chip Cookie
\$1.50

Fruit Stick
\$1.20

Muffin: Blueberry / Banana Caramel
\$2.50

Winter Uniform

Term 2 & 3 is when our students are in winter uniform. Could you please ensure your child is wearing their correct uniform.

Girls: Tartan culottes, Navy Polo shirt, Navy blue V neck jersey with green band or school polar fleece.

Long black pants. These must not have visible brand names.

white ankle socks or plain black sock with plain black shoes, or sandals.

Boys: Navy shorts (***no rugby shorts***), Navy Polo shirt, Navy blue V neck jersey with green band or school polar fleece.

Long black pants. These must not have visible brand names.

Black socks with green stripe with plain black shoes, or sandals.

NO HOODIES

Any under clothing eg. thermals, to be same colour as polo shirt, navy.

If you have any good second hand school clothes we would love you to donate them to the school.



Bell Times:

Start of Day: 9am
Morning interval: 10.35am-11.05am
Lunchtime: 12.45pm-1.25pm
End of day: 3pm

Faith, Values & Skills

SCHOOL NEWS

Communication at St Joseph's School Opunake

Dear Parents,

With the introduction of our School App, there are now a number of communication tools and avenues so we thought it would be worthwhile clarifying the purpose of each.

	<p>Our newly created school app will be used to communicate all schoolwide notices and reminders. This would include newsletters, info about school events, reminders, sign up links for sports teams, sports draws or notification of game time changes etc. You can also submit a student absence via the app or you can ring the office if that is your preference. We strongly suggest having notifications turned on. Nana and Pop can download this app too!</p>
	<p>Seesaw will remain a digital record of your child's learning journey. Your child's teacher may write class specific notices or reminders on this app too. Only you, your family (who have signed up) and your child can see this work. These posts are to keep you up to date with what your child is learning if you can't get into school. All posts must be checked and approved by class teachers before you see them. This work won't be perfect but it should be of a high standard. Feel free to use the messaging function to communicate 'FYI' type messages to your child's teacher. e.g. 'Hi there, Ryan's shoes are wet so he is wearing cross trainers today'.</p>
	<p>We have a school facebook page. This will be used to show things we are proud of or have achieved great success in to our current and wider community. You will not need to rely on Facebook for 'need to know' information such as sports teams or game times.</p>
	<p>Email. We will continue to email newsletters from the office in the meantime to ensure they find everyone. If you have a concern and you can't get in to see your child's teacher then you should email this, rather than via a seesaw message. Our preference for helping solve problems or worries is always a face to face conversation firstly, a phone call secondly and an email if neither of the prior two forms of communication can be achieved.</p>
	<p>We will never allow a lack of internet or technology to stop anyone in our community from being well informed. If you require paper notices we will continue to provide these for as long as you need.</p>

There may be times where we need to communicate an important message and we may push this out across all of our tools to ensure everyone is reached.

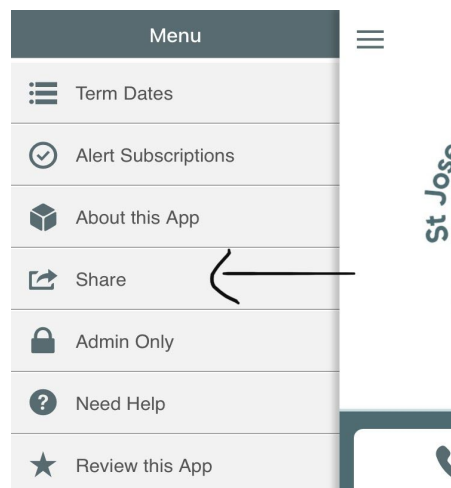
Click/tap here to download - <https://stjosephsopunake.apps.school.nz/install/>

Alternatively,

To download the App Scan the QR code
For access from a compatible Android or iOS mobile device



Once you have downloaded the app we would appreciate it if you could share it with family members via the share function.



Nga mihi aroha,
Ryan Fleming

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Mission Statement

To provide a Caring, Catholic, Family Environment where excellence is valued and pupils are prepared to become successful future citizens

NOTICES



Attendance Dues Information – September 2021

- ❖ Thank you to all families who have made payment or made contact and organised payment arrangements for Attendance Dues this year.
- ❖ The 4th and final statement for Attendance Dues 2021 and any arrears for this year and previous years will be emailed or posted by the end of this week. Emails will be sent from **Diocese of Palmerston North Attendance Dues Team** dues@pndiocese.org.nz and may appear in your junk/spam folder.
- ❖ One-off payments by credit card or debit card (Visa or Mastercard only) can be made using our website: www.pndiocese.org.nz/education/dues.
- ❖ We have extended the due date from late September to **15th October 2021** to allow families additional time to make payment. Any questions, please get in touch. We are only a call away.
- ❖ The Attendance Dues team are happy to advise payment options that will help your family to pay your Attendance Dues. Please contact the Dues team before **15th October** to discuss this with you.

Our contact details are as follows:

0800 200 208; or
dues@pndiocese.org.nz

WHO do you want to be?

ENROLMENTS OPEN NOW

Follow us on Facebook: [OpunakeHigh](https://www.facebook.com/OpunakeHigh)

Enrolments to Ōpunakē High School for students who are Year 9 in 2022 are now open, head to our website and click the link:

Keep an eye out for rescheduled Open Days, Open Evening and a virtual tour on our website.

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Edventure Holiday Programme

These holidays we are running three exciting programmes including our **BRAND NEW Edventure Sports**.

All programmes are based at Fitzroy School, starting from \$45/day, OSCAR available, 5-13 year olds.

To book now and for more info please visit our website www.edventure.co.nz

running these holidays...

- **Edventure Everyday.** Themed days, arts & crafts, fun & games. (5-13 yr olds, \$45/day)
- **Edventure Sports. NEW to NP,** drills skills, and modified games across a range of different sporting codes. (5-13 yr olds, \$45/day)
- **Edventure Outdoors.** Each day we head off site for a field trip to a local attraction. (8-13 yr olds, \$75/day)



We are collecting YUMMY stickers and labels
Children get house points if they hand them in to their classroom teacher.
This helps the school with PE equipment.



October School Holidays
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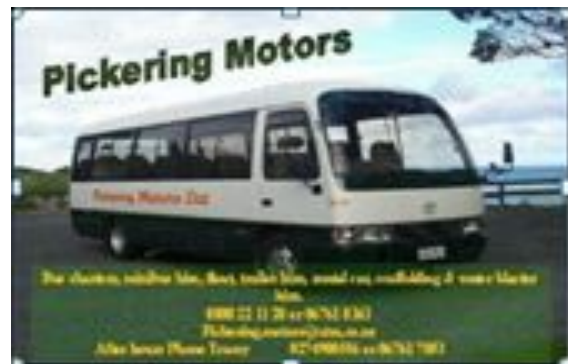
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School Timetable

TERM 3 2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 July	26	27	28	29	30
2 Aug	2	3	4	5	6
		Technology - Rm 6			Mass Rms 6 & 2
3	9	10	11	12	13
				Hurlstone Cup Netball Year 7&8	Back up day - Hurlstone Cup
4	16	17	18	19	20
		Technology - Rm 6			Mass Rms 5 & 1
5	23	24	25	26	27
	BOT Meeting 6pm				
6	30	31	1 Sept	2	3
		Technology - Rm 6			Mass Rms 6 & 2
7	6	7	8	9	10
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8	13	14	15	16	17
		Technology - Rm 6 Anderson Pies - pick up			
9	20	21	22	23	24
			School Cross Country		Cottage Rest Home Visit 11am??
10	27	28	29	30	1 OCT
Sun Mass 26th??		Technology - Rm 6	Taranaki Cross Country ?? Catholic Schools Day		Puanga Festival Mass Rms 5 & 1



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