



Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou.
Greetings to all our parents and caregivers.

Jesus died and was buried, but God raised him up to life again. When Jesus appeared to his disciple Thomas, he said to him 'You know that I am alive because you can see me.

May God bless all those people who will not be able to see me but will still believe in me! As the winter weather comes to an end and the blossoms start to appear on the trees, evidence of Jesus' miracle is all around us as new life emerges from the cold, wet winter. The changing seasons remind us that Jesus is always present.

Wanted: We are after a volunteer to run our second hand uniform shop every Tuesday from 8.30am – 9.00am starting in Term 4. For further information please see Mrs Dunford in the school office.

Congratulations and thank you to the PTFA who applied for a grant for sun shades for the junior area and playground. The grant has come through and the junior school will soon have some lovely sunshades in their area to protect them this summer. Thanks PTFA for your hard work. Putting through a grant takes a lot of time and paperwork and we appreciate your efforts.

Term dates: Term 3 finishes on Friday the 26th of September at 2.45pm.

Term 4 starts on Tuesday the 14th of October at 8.45am. There will be no one at school on the Monday and the school gates will remain shut as all Teachers will be in Rotorua attending a Teachers Only Day for Catholic Teachers. Please note this on your calendars.

Happy Fathers' Day for Sunday: We hope you have a wonderful day. Thank you to those fathers who were able to attend our special Duffy Fathers' Day Assembly today.

Duffy Role Model Assembly is on Tuesday 16 September at 9.30am with Amigene Metcalf. Mark your calendars.

PTFA meeting: The next meeting is happening on Tuesday 9 September at 7.30pm in the school staffroom.

BOT meeting: The next meeting is happening on Wednesday 17 September at 7.30pm in the school staffroom.

Welcome: Janine Sturgeon to the Board of Trustees. Janine has replaced Colin Horsfield and takes over the role of 'Property'.

Values

We valued honesty this week. Week 8's value is patience, week 9's value is generosity, week 10's value is joyfulness.

Class masses: Tuesday 9 September is Room 6 and 7 class mass.
Tuesday 16 September is Room 3 and 5 class mass.

Term 3 Basketball Outstanding Basketball fees need to be paid at the school office now. Thank you to those who have already paid.



Hockey! Well done everyone on some great teamwork and lots of goals! Our cubs beat Woodstock 7-1 and the Lions beat Hukanui 3-1. This week the Cubs play their final game against the Mini saints at 9:30am and the Lions play at 10 am!! Go The St Pius Sticks!!



New Date for School Baptisms Tuesday 28 October 2008.

Mrs Garsed will soon be in touch with those of our children who are enrolled to be baptised, and our Pastoral Care Worker, Andrea Savage, will be in contact with the parents.

Spanish Mass

Fr Sean O'Connor SSC will celebrate Mass with the Latin American Community On Sunday, 14 September at 5.00pm
St Columba's Parish, Frankton
Mass will be followed by a light meal in the parish lounge. All are welcome.
For more information or help with transport please call Cynthia 0800 217411

St John's College scholarships for 2009: If you have a Year 8 Student attending St John's in 2009 and are interested in applying for any of the following Scholarships for your child, please see Mrs Dunford or Ms Vanxay for an Application. Scholarships are available for the following: Academic, Cultural, Music and Special Character. A fee's Scholarship is also available.

St John's College is having their Orientation Day on Tuesday the 18th of November.

Production DVD's. There is a wait of approximately 1 week for the DVD's that have been ordered and paid for. The school will take late orders; however the cost will now be \$25.00 per DVD.

*To everything there is a season
And a time for every
Purpose under heaven.*

Ecclesiastes 3 : 1

