St Joseph's School, Fairlie

Week 1

Monday 3rd May 2021

Tena Koutou, Malo e lelei, Kumusta,

Welcome back to the second term. I hope that you all spent some quality family time together while the weather was so mild. I am certain that many of you are praying for rain though.

You will all be aware of the recent media reports on the poor results in mathematics. We are very grateful for the support that we have received over the years from our PTA and BOT as we shifted away from the numeracy project and towards the Numicon approach to mathematics a number of years ago. With our small teacher - child ratio we are able to identify areas of need and implement change relatively quickly. We are also fortunate that our teaching staff have had years of experience and have been through a few changes in the education system. Instead of throwing the baby out with the bath water, we have been able to take what we know works for our specific learners. We will hold a parent information session in the near future where we will share our programmes of work. We have a wonderful space for this now!

We look forward to the term ahead and sharing your child's learning journey with you.

Mā te Atua koe e manaaki, e tiaki

May God bless you and protect you

Angela

Calendar of Events

May

Monday 3rd - First Day of Term 2

Thursday 6th - Parent Meeting with Constable Maire Froud and Public Health Nurse Stephanie Chapman (Keeping Ourselves Safe/Health Curriculum)

Tuesday 11th - First Holy Communion Lessons begin

Monday 17th - Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 19th - Rippa Rugby Competition

June

Tuesday 1st - NYLD Yr 6

Monday 7th - Queens Birthday Holiday

Wednesday 9th - Jump Jam

Sunday 13th - First Holy Communion Mass

Keeping Ourselves Safe - Health Curriculum Meeting

This Thursday 6th May, we are holding a parent session with Constable Maire Froud and Public Health Nurse Stephanie Chapman at 10:30am. This session will be around sexuality and the health curriculum. It will be an informal session where parents can ask questions and we can share understandings of child development.

Please come and join us for what will be an informative session.

Baptism and First Holy Communion

We are beginning our First Holy Communion programme parent sessions next week. During our recent Special Character Review it came to our attention that many of our children have not been baptised. Baptism is a special sacrament that welcomes a person into the Church. Fr Lito is happy to celebrate this sacrament this term. In the past we have had children baptised during school hours and it is a wonderful opportunity to learn and celebrate the sacrament. A separate email will be sent about these two sacraments.

Winter Uniform

A reminder that we are in our winter terms and students need to wear our winter uniform.

Pinafore (Girls)

Navy long pants (Boys)

School short sleeve royal polo

Navy thermals (optional)

Royal blue polar fleece

Girls Long Navy socks or tights

Boys Short Navy socks

Royal Blue Merino Jersey (Optional)

Leather Shoes (black, or navy)

Hair ribbons etc. blue, white or maroon

Snow Clothes - When snow is on the ground, children do not have to wear school uniform. In winter conditions children are encouraged to wear layers of warm/ waterproof clothing of any colour.

Winter Lunches Options

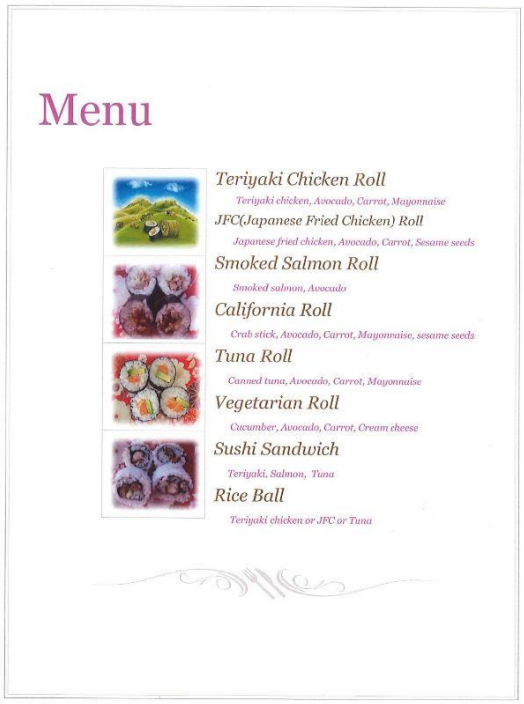
Now that the weather is cooler the pie warmer will be in action every day. Please send items wrapped in tin foil and clearly named with your child's name. We will continue to offer other warm lunch options on these days.

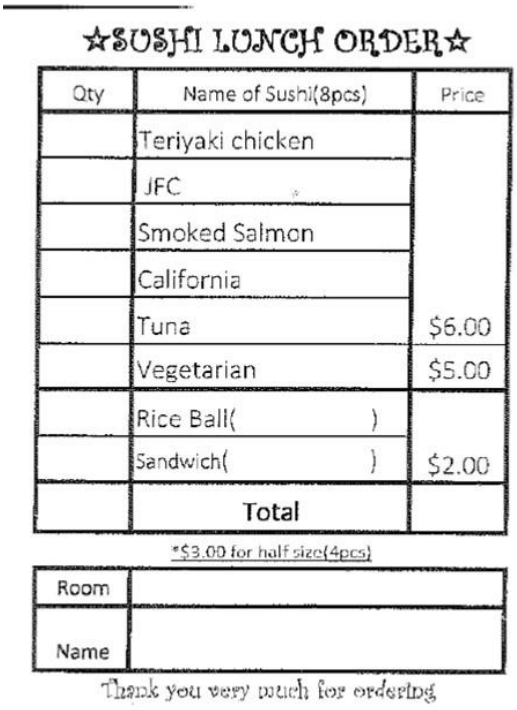
Mondays only - Cup of soup/noodles can be brought to be made up at lunch time.

Thursdays only - Toasted sandwiches to be toasted. Please send wrapped in tinfoil, clearly named and write "to be toasted". Please keep these unbuttered.

Scholastic Book Fair

In Week 3 we will have a range of Scholastic books for sale at school. We have a special Book Week planned, including a visit from some authors. More information will be sent next week.



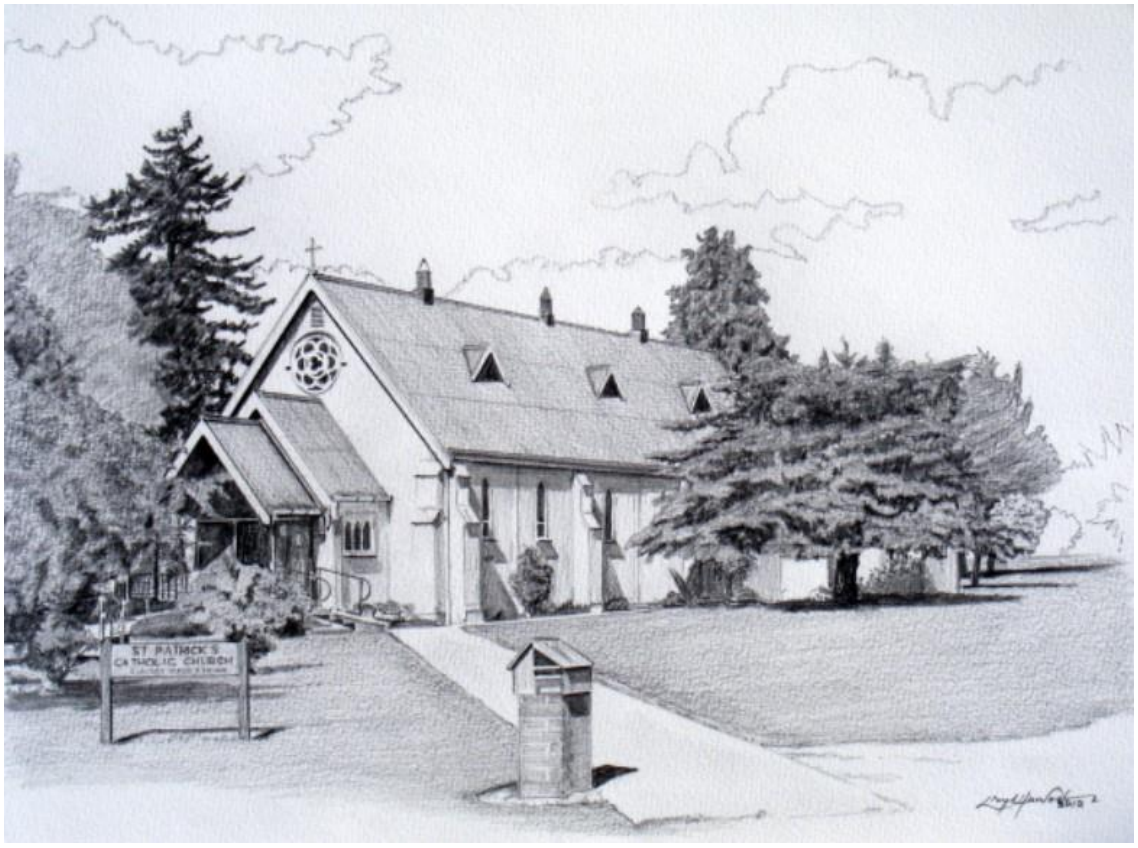


Please have any Sushi orders in by Wednesday for Thursday.

School Office Hours

Corrine will be in the office on Monday 8:30am to 1:00pm, Tuesday to Thursday

8:30am to 12:00pm. She will not be there on Fridays.
If you need to send messages outside these hours please text the school cellphone 027 685 8659. Emails will not be checked until the next working day.



Mackenzie Parish Notices

Mass Sunday 9th May
Readers - Rosemary Moran
Prayers - Gary Brosnahan
Ex'ord Minister - Michele Helean
Collectors - Abella Family
Greeter - Tony Hill

Cleaners - Rosemary Moran and Chrissy Van Hessel

Mass Sunday 16th May
Reader - Terry O'Connell
Prayers - Pauline Gallagher
Ex'ord Minister - Rosemary Moran
Collectors - Neville Smith
Greeter - Michele Helean
Cleaners - Rosemary Moran and Chrissy Van Hessel

FAITH FACTS

Throughout the term we are going to provide some facts about the Mass. Let's start with trying to answer the question? Why do we go to Mass?! If you look around you will see that God calls all kinds of people. Everyone is there for one reason; we believe in God - the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. When we are at Mass we are called a liturgical assembly of faithful people. The whole assembly gathers to give praise and thanks to God.

The Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand has made a formal apology to victims and survivors of abuse committed by priests and other Church figures. Cardinal John Dew, Archbishop of Wellington and President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, gave the apology in Auckland today during a hearing of the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care, on behalf of Church leaders.

The Apology is online here: https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Apology-to-Victims-and-Survivors-of-Abuse-26-March-2021.pdf

Canterbury
District Health Board
Te Poari Hauora ō Waitaha

COMMUNITY
dental service

Free Dental Care for Children -
including special information regarding Year 8 students

One of our Community Dental Service vans will be making a visit to your school soon.

- **Only the children who currently require a check-up will be seen at this visit.**
  Please do not be concerned if your child is not called for a check-up this time.

- The dental therapist will provide a regular check-up and preventative care which may include:
  Cleaning/Scaling (to remove plaque from teeth)
  Dental x-rays (to check for decay in teeth, or presence and position of teeth)
  Fluoride Varnish (painted on teeth to help prevent decay)
  Fissure Sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required.

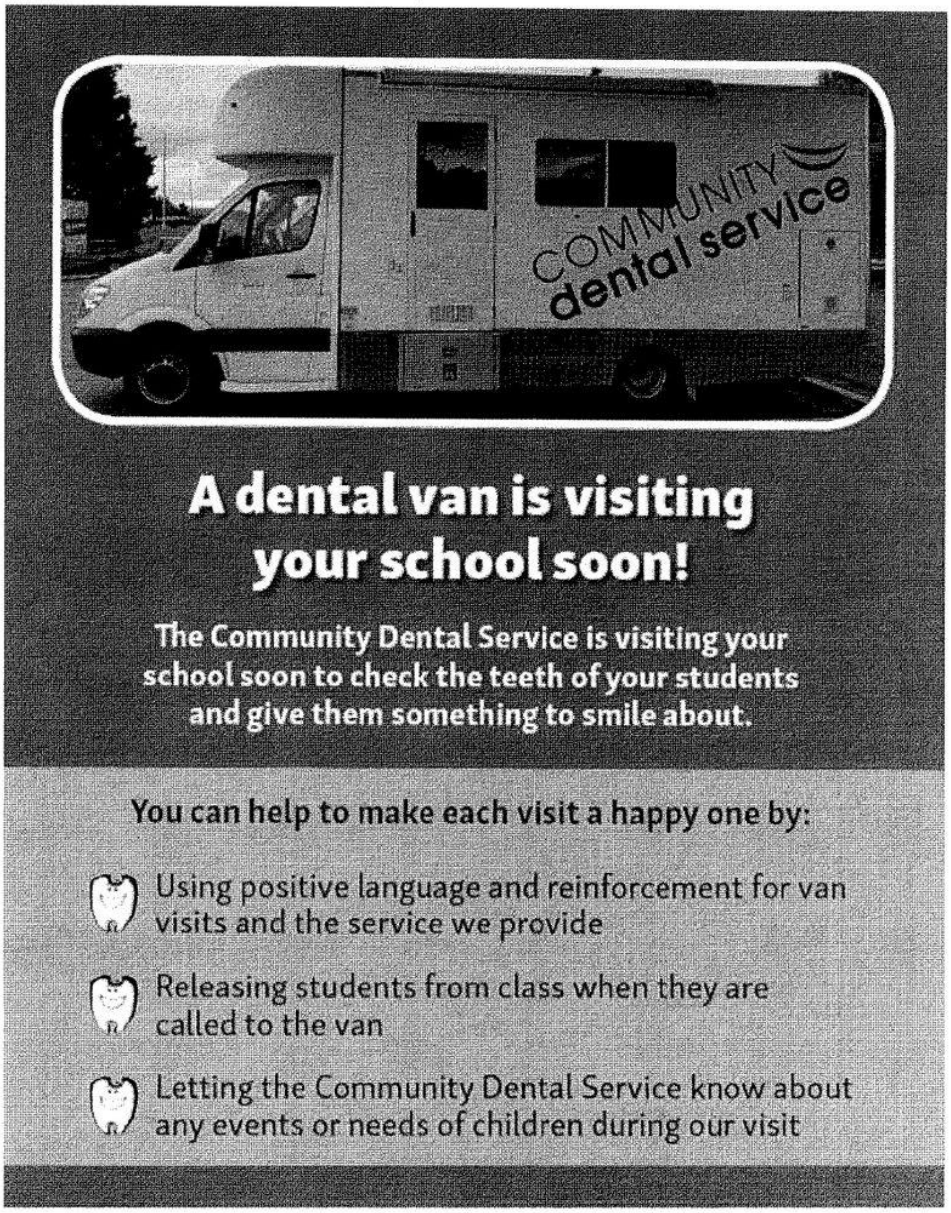
- If your child requires any other dental care, they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required.

- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our **Call Centre as soon as possible** as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care.

- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)

- **Year 8 students:** all year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from year 9 until their 18th birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their year 8 check-up.

To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email commdental@cdhb.health.nz



Term Dates 2021

Term 2 Monday 3rd May to Friday 9th July (98 half days)

Term 3 Monday 26th July to Friday 1st October (100 half days)

Term 4 Monday 18th October to Monday 13th December (80 half days)

Public Holidays in Term Time:

Queen's Birthday Monday 7th June 2021

SC Anniversary Monday 25th September 2021

Labour Day Monday 25th October 2021

* School has to be open for instruction for **380 half-days** in 2021

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