



**St Joseph's School, Fairlie**

**Week 6**

**Tuesday 23rd November 2021**

**Tena Koutou, Malo e lelei, Kumusta,**

Welcome to Week 6 of Term 4. We are looking forward to an action packed few days, with Mackillop busy with their EOTC activities and Hillary going to Living Springs Camp on Wednesday. We would like to say a huge thank you to our families for offering to help on these trips. We really do appreciate your ongoing support.

On Sunday 8 students celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. This was a wonderful occasion and very memorable for our students. Unfortunately we were unable to invite all of our school community due to number restrictions. We look forward to celebrating Mass with everyone when numbers allow.

Today we shared a book with the students 'Gratitude is a Superpower'. We talked about the words 'Grateful' and 'Thankful' and what this means. Perhaps you could ask your child 'What are you grateful for?' We try to teach the children this positive mindset, to have an attitude of gratitude, which they can apply in many situations.

As we approach the end of November we prepare for the start of Advent. Sunday the 28th November is the first Sunday of Advent. The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. Traditionally, Advent wreaths hold four coloured

candles, lit one by one through the four weeks of the season. These candles represent in order, hope, love, joy, and peace. Each is purple except the pink, which represents joy. A fifth candle, the white Christ candle, is first lit on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day.

Enjoy the next few days of EOTC activities and we can't wait to hear all about these fantastic experiences in the days ahead. Thank you again for your support to provide these opportunities for our children.

Mā te Atua koe e manaaki, e tiaki  
May God bless you and protect you  
Kelly and Bridget

## Calendar of Events

### November

Wednesday 24th - Friday 26th - Living Springs Camp (Hillary)

Wednesday 24th - Friday 26th - EOTC Week (Mackillop)

Sunday 28th - First Sunday of Advent

### December

Thursday 2nd - Athletics at Lake Tekapo School

Sunday 5th - Second Sunday of Advent

Friday 10th - End of Year Nativity and Prizegiving

Monday 13th - Last day of Term All Students

Tuesday 14th - Last day for Leavers





Athletics

We have arranged to join with Lake Tekapo School on Thursday 2nd December. The St Joseph's staff will provide transport on this day. Children can wear t-shirt and shorts to school. Due to COVID we are not allowing spectators.



We are currently preparing for our end of year celebrations. As you will understand this will look differently from our previous celebrations due to COVID. At this stage we are planning to have a small Nativity at school and

a Prizegiving/Farewell for our leavers, on Friday 10th December. We now have new requirements from the Catholic Diocese so we are working through this with Father Lito. The timetable for the day will be confirmed and sent out early next week. The last day for all children is Monday 13th December. Our leavers last day is Tuesday 14th December.

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### Year 6 Transition Programme - Mackenzie College

Mackenzie College has made significant changes to their transition programme.

**Week 7** - Monday 29th November - Student Orientation Day - 11.30am - 3.15pm

- Lunch will be provided.
- If you are dropping off any students please wear a face-covering (mask).
- Any adults dropping off students will need to register at the office at some point during your visit.

**Week 7** - Monday 29th November - Parent Information Evening - 7.00pm in the Food Tech Block

- Parents only.
- Please wear a face-covering upon arrival.

**Year 7 Days** - 2-3 February 2022 - 8.55am - 3.15pm

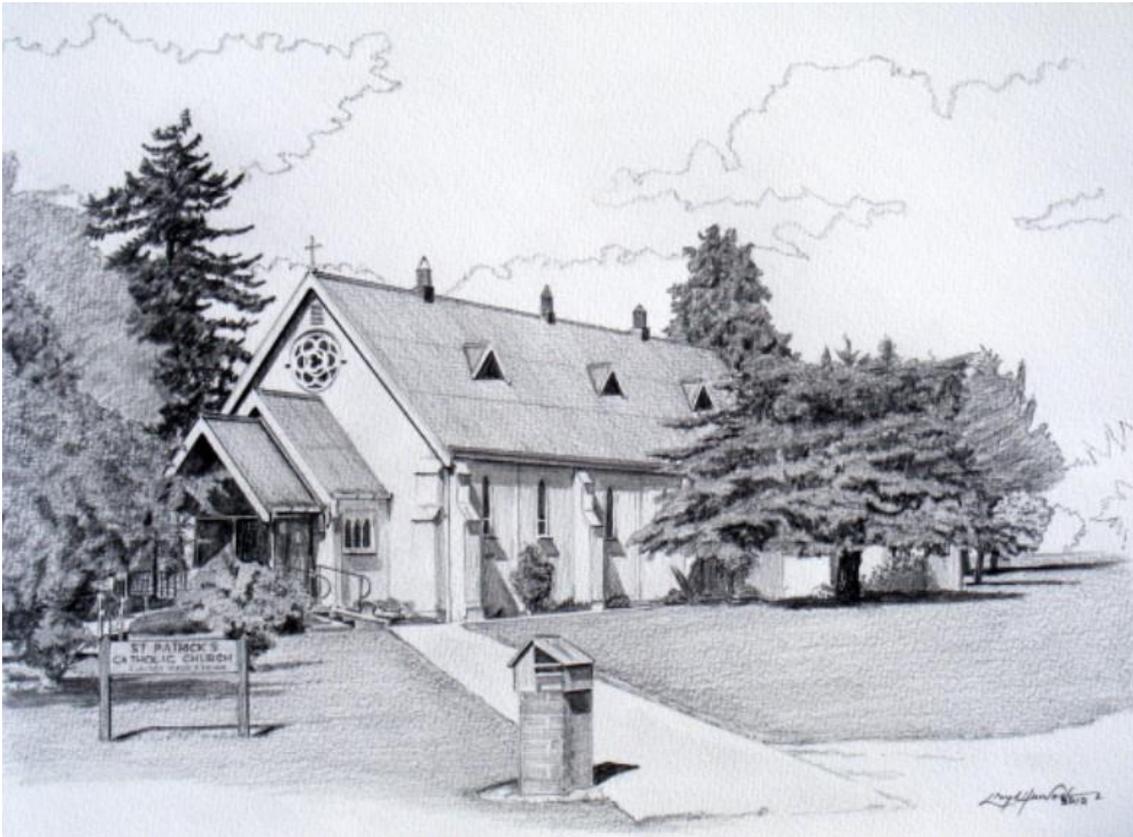
- Brand new Year 7 students will have the college to themselves.



### **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 28th November

Readers - Frances Hill

Prayers - Pauline Gallagher

Ex'ord Minister - Christine O'Connell

Collectors - Tony Hill

Greeter - Tony Hill



## FAITH FACTS

In the Fraction Rite, the celebrant breaks the consecrated bread as the people sing the Agnus Dei or "Lamb of God." John the Baptist proclaimed Jesus as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). The action of breaking the bread recalls the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper, when he broke the bread before giving it to his disciples. One of the earliest names for the Eucharistic celebration is the breaking of the bread.

Sunday the 28th November is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent wreaths are a great way to mark the Advent season and involve your household in the process. Make yours now!

Perhaps in the coming Advent weeks you could pray this prayer each day in your home.

Light up our lives

Christ, come into our world of darkness

Light up our lives with your coming.

Fulfil all our longings with the joy of your birth

Strengthen our resolve to work for change in our world

And to share the hope of your birth that each Advent brings.

Amen.

Sr Bridgetta Rooney/CAFOD



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