



### PARABLES



#### Go Up the Mountain

I wonder if Peter ever struggled with his faith before he died. After all he witnessed in Jesus' life, I bet he still had days when faith didn't make sense to him. If so, I bet his memories of Jesus – especially in this week's Transfiguration – helped.

Matthew writes that Peter, James, and John saw clearly how Jesus was the fulfilment of God's promises to the world during a special spiritual experience with Jesus on a mountain.

If you haven't had a transfiguration experience, ask God for one this Lent. Sign up for a retreat or extended community service trip. During it ask God to give you the clarity Peter, James, and John felt on that mountain. Or pray daily for the clarity to talk about your prayer with another person on the Christian journey. Your transfiguration might happen slowly over time. Either way, I'm pretty sure a mountain is in your future.

*When have you felt most certain about your faith?*

### ICE WORLD IS RETURNING TO THE PALMERSTON NORTH SQUARE

#### Attention Ice Bunnies!

The Ice Fest is back in Palmerston North, bigger and better than ever! This year not only are we bringing your favourite Ice Rink back, we are also bringing a Giant Snow Globe to The Square for the first time ever. The Snow Globe is so big, we can fit your whole class in.

So get creative with our Ice Bunny colour in competition. The winning entry will receive FREE ENTRY on OPENING DAY for you and your whole class into the Snow Globe, a class photo inside the Snow Globe, plus discount skating vouchers for you and your class to use during the April School Holidays.

Second prize is FREE ENTRY for you and your whole class to the Ice Rink between 3rd and 13th April.

So get your skates on and start colouring for your chance to WIN.

TEACHERS – you can win too. First and second prize winners Class Teacher each receive a FAMILY PASS valued at \$60.

### KIDS CRUSADERS



This week we sent home Raffle Tickets for firewood, 3 loads very generously donated by Trevor Beale. Each family has a book of 10 tickets to sell. If you require more they are available from

the school office, we appreciate your help.

Also we have the Annual Skye Tower Run/Walk coming up on Saturday 25 March. A flyer will be coming home very soon. A fantastic event, so mark your calendars to be there and why not up the ante, challenge a friend or family member. Get involved. It's a great day!

Our next meeting is Monday 20 March 7pm and will include our AGM.

### COMING UP EVENTS

March	Friday 17	St Patrick's Day
	Monday 20	St Joseph's Day Kids Crusaders AGM
	Tuesday 21	Weetbix Triathlon
	Wednesday 22	School Swimming Sports
	Tuesday 28	Interschool Swimming Sports
April	Monday 10- Friday 14	Holy Week
	Thursday 13	End of term 1
	Friday 14	Easter: Good Friday

### NETBALL



Winter Sports is upon us.

Representative trials will be held Tuesday 11th April and Thursday 13th April at Anderson Street Court's (time to be confirmed).

Junior Netball will start Saturday 6th May





4v4 will be 5 and 6 year olds in the stadium from 9-9:45

5v5 will be 7 and 8 year olds on back court's (time to be advised)

Seniors Grades A, B and C

If your child is wanting to play netball please register at the school office. This Week.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES



Sport Manawatu in collaboration with Netball Manawatu are hosting a Generic Coaching Clinic with a specific focus on netball.

**Dannevirke Netball centre**

**Thursday 16 March at 5.30pm**

The clinic is open to anyone interested in upskilling.



**All students aged 7+**

**RUGBY SKILLS SESSION**

**Sunday 12th March**

**Coronation Park Dannevirke**

**Starting 10am**

**JAB Rugby Registration**  
**Saturday 25th March 2017**

**9:00am – 11:30am**

**@ Sports Centre (Basketball Courts)**

**Thursday 30th March 2017**

**3:30pm-5:00pm**

**@ Ruahine Club Rooms (Rugby Park)**

### REGISTRATION FEES:

**1 Player \$20**

**Then \$5 for each extra child registered**  
**e.g. 3 sibling's \$30 total**

**All players will receive a Mouth guard**

### CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL

Room 1 are needing construction materials to use to make exciting structures and statues. So if you have any materials at home that you were thinking of putting into the recycling why don't you bring them to room 1 instead, things like:

- Cereal boxes
- Clean plastic bottles
- Cardboard tubes
- Clean yoghurt pots
- Little plastic containers etc.

### D.R.S

**Live Wisely, Think Deeply This Lent.**

We are signs of God's love, to be treated with dignity. Our loving God provides life giving and tapu gifts to protect, nurture and share. We are invited to have an ongoing relationship with God, and come to know our creator through the greatest gift to us, Jesus.

Suggestions for ways Parents/Whanau can fulfil their role to support the Religious Education of their children:-

- Pray regularly together as a family-a short prayer is better than no prayer time
- Spend some time doing something spiritual with your children-walking in the park or in some local bush reserves, along a beach or river...and appreciating the beauty of God's creation, listening to beautiful music, sharing a favourite Bible story or lighting a candle and sensing God's presence around you.
- Take children to Mass
- Take part in a Parish activity to give children a sense of belonging to a community.

May we be strengthened through our Lenten journey

Rich blessings on you all.

### LAST WORD

*God has prepared the day for you  
And put His blessing upon it  
Just because He loves you*

*Nenah Kelemete*  
*Principal*



## St Joseph's School Swimming Sports

Wednesday 22nd March 2017 9.45a.m to 2.30p.m

Wai-Splash Pool

Years 8 to 4 (Rooms 5 & 6) will be walking to the pool at 9.15a.m. to start Swimming at 9.45a.m.

Age Groups as at the 28th March 2017:

Juniors:	9 years of age and under
Intermediate:	10 & 11 Years
Senior:	12 years and over



All pupils will participate either in the Championship or non-champion events. Note: Year 4 pupils and above.

Time Keepers: Karen Reiri, Lisa Higginson, Megan Ellis, Phil Spicer, Bodene Carson, Julie Walker. Please phone school if you can help. Thank you.

LUNCH 12.00p.m. approximate time.

Years 1 to 3 will be walking to the pool at 11.45a.m. in time for lunch then Swimming at 12.30p.m.

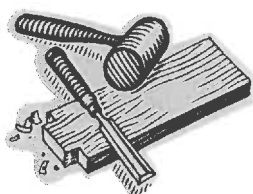
The Junior Swimming Display will be held in the Wai-Splash Junior Pool from 12.30 to 1.30p.m. approximately.

On completion of the Junior Display we will finish the day with the House Relays in the main pool.

N.B. Girls - one piece swimsuits - no swimming shorts.  
Boys - proper swim shorts/togs.

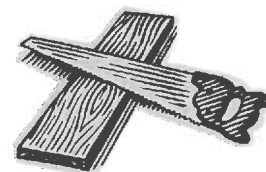
All children wear Sports Mufti - House colours encouraged.

**NOTE:** Children need to have a good lunch with them plus their drink bottles.



## **St. Joseph's Feast Day Celebrations**

**MONDAY 20 MARCH 2017**



St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of our School  
Joseph was called to love and care for Jesus and Mary.  
We pray that with Joseph's help we may have the same faith and  
strength to do God's will in our own lives.

**ROOMS 1, 2 AND 5 WILL ATTEND MASS AT 9.30a.m.**

On Thursday 23 March we will have the rest of our St Joseph's Day Celebrations

**CHILDREN WEAR MUFTI ON THIS DAY - FREE**

A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided by the school at no cost.

9.30a.m. Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

12.30p.m. Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

1.30p.m.

Mass (Rooms 1, 2 & 5)

Parents and families welcome.

Sausage Sizzle Lunch

St. Joseph's Challenge Trophy

-Interhouse Tabloids involving all pupils.

Parents welcome to bring their lunch and spend time with the children.