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School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6 , 2026



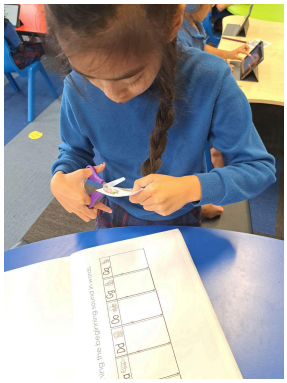
Our Josephite Charism

"Never see a need without doing something about it." — **St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

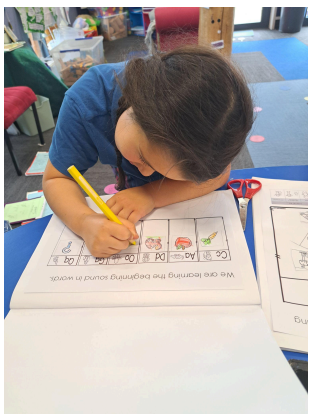
As a Josephite school, we draw our inspiration from St Mary MacKillop, the co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, who had a deep connection to Aotearoa New Zealand and dedicated her life to educating children, especially those in rural and underserved communities.

Living out our Josephite charism means fostering a welcoming, inclusive community grounded in compassion, service, and respect for the dignity of every person. In our classrooms and playground each day, we encourage our tamariki to walk in Mary MacKillop's footsteps by noticing when others need help, showing kindness, and taking practical action to care for one another.

Classroom News - Fruits of the Holy Spirit work in Pacelli







Swim Safe Programme – Next Week

Next week, from Monday to Friday, the whole school will take part in a Swim Safe Programme at the local swimming pool. Qualified instructors will be in the pool working with groups of students each day.

Daily Schedule

- **1:30 pm – 2:00 pm:** Pacelli swimming session *(after their swim, students will get changed and have supervised play time at the pool playground while waiting for pick up)*
- **2:00 pm – 2:30 pm:** Roncalli swimming session
- **2:45 pm:** Parent/caregiver pick-up from the swimming pool

Important Reminders

- **Transport & Pick-up:** Staff will walk the students across to the pool each day. Please ensure you collect your child/ren directly from the pool at **2:45 pm** every afternoon next week.
- **Gear Needed:** Please pack swimwear and a towel in a named bag every day.
- **Permission Forms:** Permission slips will be sent home, please return these to school as soon as possible if you haven't already.

Sports Photos

If your child had a sports photo taken this year, you are able to place an order at Impact Photographers. All other class, individual and family photos will be delivered to school before the end of the term.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

A huge congratulations to Else Peters, who recently made her First Holy Communion and Confirmation. This is a very special milestone in her faith journey, and we are so proud of her. May God continue to bless her and her family.

Combined School Athletics Day

Well done to everyone who participated in the recent Combined School Athletics Day! It was fantastic to see our students giving every event their best effort, showing great sportsmanship, and encouraging their peers throughout the day.

A big thank you to the staff, parent helpers, and whānau who came along to transport and support, cheer from the sidelines, and help the event run so smoothly. We are very proud of how wonderfully our tamariki represented the school.

International Food Feast

Save the date! Our International Food Feast will be held on Tuesday, 1 December at 5:30 pm.

We warmly invite all whānau and families to come along and celebrate the wonderful diversity of our school community. Please bring a dish to share that reflects your heritage, culture, or a country you connect with.

It promises to be a fantastic evening of great food, connection, and celebration and we look forward to seeing you all there!

St Pius X Catholic Church (Tokoroa)
Weekend Mass times:
Saturday: 5.30pm (1st and 3rd Saturdays)
Sunday: 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sundays)

Weekday Mass:
Wednesday: 12.05pm
Friday: at 9.30am
First Wednesday - Holy Hour 11.05am

Term 4 Dates:

- Interschool athletics 20th of November
- Swimming lessons 23-27 November
- International Food Feast - 1 December
- End of Year Prize-giving: Thursday 10th of December (time tbc)
- Fun Day: Friday 11th of December

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- School ends Monday 14 December

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