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Key Dates

15th August - Assumption Mass
9:15am

21st August - Sacramental
Programme begins
3:30pm

27th August - Senior Girls
Cambridge Topic Trip

2nd September – School Cross
Country

3rd September – Topic Day Trip,
weeding and planting flax
at Mrs de Haas farm

5th September - Volleyball
tournament at
Morrinsville. Parents are
invited to attend.

11th September – Interschool
Cross Country

14th September –
School Mass 10:30am
Senior Boys Trout
Fishing Trip Rotorua

15th September – St John's
Ambulance

18th September – End of term
trip to Marshalls Animal
Park

19th September - End of Term 3

Term 3 Week 5

15th August, 2025

Tēnā kōutou kātoa. Ni hao. Kumusta. Konichiwa. Ola. Namaste. śubhadinaṃ.

From the Principal

Mauri ora kia kōutou kātoa.

First of all, I would like to send a heartfelt message to our lovely colleague Mrs. Tracie. I'm so deeply sorry for your loss. I know there are no words that can truly ease the pain you're feeling right now, but I want you to know that you're not alone. We at St Joseph's are all here for you.

I would also like to thank everyone that attended the teacher and parent interviews. It is a good opportunity to build and maintain positive relationships, therefore, if you ever need to communicate with your child's teacher, please feel free to come in and chat.

Living the Values Awards:



A warm St Joseph's welcome to Veronica Arias, who started at our school last Wednesday and to Zayne Keleher who started on Monday. We hope that your time here is filled with lots of learning, new friendships and joy filled experiences.



Curriculum

Junior Class:

The Juniors are continuing to work on their 2, 5 and 10 times tables in Maths. They are also learning to tell the time on an analogue clock. In Literacy children are learning to identify and use adjectives to describe nouns in order to add interest and detail to their writing.

Mrs Webby

Senior Class:

The seniors have been working hard. For math we have been looking at Geometry, particularly solid shapes. We're learning to identify how many faces or surfaces, edges and vertices difference solid shapes have. We have also been working on our Topic subject. The Senior Girls have been looking into facts and researching tropical fish for their classroom fish aquarium and the boys have been learning how to cast a fly rod for catching rainbow trout.

Matua Whare

Information for Parents

Cross Country: 2nd September 2025

Our school cross-country date has changed, as the inter-school cross-country date changed. So we have given our children longer to train and be ready 😊 This will start at 11am. Parents are welcome to attend. We will be reaching out for help with being a marshall. If you are able to do this, please let us know.

Marshall Animal Park School Trip: 18th September 2025

The school is going on an end of term trip to Marshall Farms at the top of the Kaimai. The cost is \$7.50 per person, student and adults. You can also purchase food for the animals for \$2 a bag. Closer to the time we will be sending a letter home with more information.

Contact Details:

It is very important to keep your contact details correct and up to date. If you have had any changes to your email, phone number, postal and physical address, can you please let us know at the school what your new details are so we can update our system. This is much appreciated. Thank you. They can be emailed to: office@stjmta.school.nz

New Enrolments:

We currently have availability for non-preference and preference enrolments at our wonderful school. Pop in or contact us to see our Principal Whare Clarke.

Kia te rangimarie o te Karaiti ki a koutou katoa

Wharekahika Clarke

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Sacramental Programme: Begins next Thursday 21st August 3:30pm



The Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion will begin next Thursday 21st August 3.30pm at St Joseph's Catholic School, Matamata.

If your child has already had their 7th birthday, they are eligible to be registered for the programme. Please contact the school office by phone 888 8415 or email office@stjmta.school.nz to register.

Letters have been handed out to eligible St Joseph's students. Please return these forms to school as soon as possible.

If your child is not yet baptised, but you would like them to be, we can support you through this process.

Faith Focus – Term 3, Week 5

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Fri 15th Aug

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the patron saint of New Zealand and today is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a day which commemorates when Mary was taken ("assumed") into heaven, body and soul, after she died. This story is not in the Bible; however, a tradition handed down from the earliest days of the Church says that Mary died in Jerusalem and was buried in a tomb. But when the apostles opened the tomb again, her body was gone.

Why would God take Mary's body and soul into heaven? In part because Mary is special to God: she said "yes" to becoming the mother of Jesus. But God also wanted to show us that one day, all of us will share in the bodily resurrection of Jesus. Mary is the first person in the Church to experience the resurrection in its fullness.



Holy Angels Catholic Church **Mass Times**

Sunday	10:30am
Monday	9:15am
Wednesday	9:15am
Friday	5:00pm

Reconciliation: Fri 4:40 – 4:45pm

Parish Ph Number 07 888 7020

Diocesan Bulletin

<https://www.cdh.org.nz/diocesan-bulletin/#NZCBC>



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