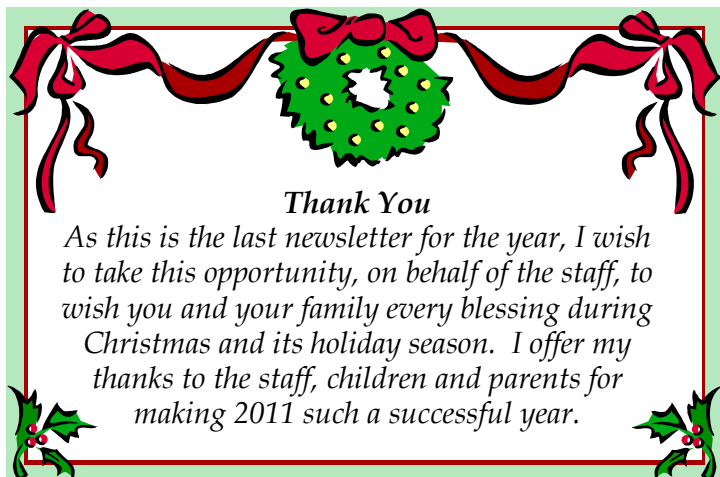


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END OF YEAR MASS

We are looking forward to our end of year Thanksgiving Mass at St Bede's College, Main North Road, on **Tuesday** of next week, 13 December, commencing 7.00pm. Year 8 students will be presented with a beautiful Crucifix and their Leaver's Certificate towards the end of the Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for all parents and caregivers to join with their children in this celebration. Children must wear their school uniform and arrive no later than 6.45pm. Seats up the front will be reserved for the school children. We look forward to your presence.

END OF YEAR MASS PRACTICE

All children will walk to St Bede's College under the supervision of their teachers on Tuesday 13 December after lunch break. We would ask parents to collect their children from St Bede's College Hall at 3.00pm. This will save us walking the children back to school at such a busy time.

If parents feel uncomfortable about their child walking to St Bede's at 1.30pm, they are most welcome to come and collect and drive their child to St Bede's College.

PRODUCTION TICKETS

Tickets for the evening performance are selling at a great pace. Please make this a priority as it would be very upsetting if anyone was to miss out.

Tickets have initially been restricted to four per family however tickets unsold by the afternoon of Tuesday 13 December will be offered to families requesting extra tickets.

PRODUCTION DAY—THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER

We are asking all parents to drive their children to Villa Maria College on the morning of Thursday 15 December. All Year 1-4 children will watch a dress rehearsal of the production and bus back to school after the show. Please drop off your children on Peer Street where you will access a small visitors car park. Staff will be positioned to welcome your children.

YEAR 5-8 STUDENTS

All students in Years 5-8 need to be at Villa Maria College on Wednesday 14 December and Thursday 15 December at 9.00am for their rehearsals and collected at 3.00pm.

If you are unable to transport them to and from Villa Maria College on these days, please email the school office: office@stjopapa.school.nz so we can arrange alternative transport. Please do this NOW!

STUDENT PORTFOLIOS

Student portfolios containing the reports for the end of the year will be distributed to all children tomorrow just before 3.00pm.

Parents are most welcome to photocopy any of the contents. Please note, Year 8 students keep the portfolio as a record of their work.

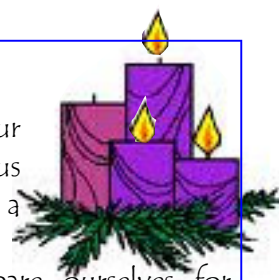
The portfolio will need to be returned to your child's teacher on **Tuesday 13 December** if your child is in Y1-7.

CULTURAL AND SPORTS PHOTOS

Tomorrow, Friday 9 December, is the last day to order these photos. Please insert the correct amount of money in an envelope, label it with your name and the photo(s) you are buying and hand the envelope to the school office.

Third Sunday of Advent

Give us strength, build up our courage, mighty God. You sent Jesus to make the sick better and to be a friend of the poor. May we always follow your example as we prepare ourselves for Christmas. We pray to you through Jesus, our Lord.



LIBRARY AND SCHOOL BOOKS

Would parents please check and return all books belonging to St Joseph's School as soon as possible. Thank you.

ROAD PATROL

Next week there is a change to the Road Patrol due to the production. On Wednesday 14 December, two parents will run road patrol in the morning and on Thursday there will be **no road patrol** as the entire school will be at Villa Maria.

MISSIONS

The mission money collected each week has been distributed as follows:

St Vincent de Paul Society,	\$ 1,000
Holy Childhood	\$ 400
Catholic Social Services	\$ 500
City Mission	\$ 400
Marralomedea	\$ 200
Family Life	\$ 200
Faith and Light	\$ 300
Family in Need	\$ 1,000
Caritas	\$ 100
Earthquake Appeal	\$ 500
International Youth Day	\$ 300

As well as the above we also raised over \$3,600 on the Market Day—Earthquake Appeal

To collect over \$8,500 throughout the year for our mission appeals is very heartening. Thank you for your generosity.



Opening Hours
Mon-Friday 8:15-9:00 am

THE SPECIAL DEAL
Children, teachers, and parents of the nominated classroom can buy coffees and hot chocs for **only \$2.50 each**.
Week 7, Term 4 classes are:
Room 1 and Room 17

Final Day of School—As well as being open 8.15—9.00am on Friday 16th, the Cafédral will open during the “Valedictory Parade for parents 11.00am — 12.30pm

Thank you—The Cafédral thanks you for your support over the year and looks forward to providing you with exciting new options and promotions in 2012.

CLASSES FOR 2012 - STATIONERY LIST

Your child will receive an envelope on Tuesday 13 December, if the student portfolio has been returned, indicating his/her class for 2012 and accompanying stationery list.

Please note, with new arrivals occurring regularly, there may be a need to make some changes during the period.

A huge amount of thought and discussion is involved in preparing classes for the following year. Present teachers are heavily consulted to ensure that 2012 classes are balanced in gender, ability and consideration given for friendships, support and the necessity to separate some individuals.

With placing 420 students, it is impossible to please everyone on an individual basis. The positive aspect is that we have an outstanding staff committed to your child's education. As we know from this year, children are incredibly resilient and will overcome any initial disappointment over next year's class placement.

YR 8 VALEDICTORY PARADE

At 11.30 am on Friday 16 December we will have a valedictory parade for our Yr 8 children. We farewell the following St Joseph's School families as their youngest child leaves for secondary school. We thank these families for their contribution and support over the years:

Bartlett, Bone, Brown, Brownlee, Burrell, Cleeve, Conaghan, Donnelly, Gillon, Isitt, Kwon, Marshall, Mead, McGoverne, Nolan, Rosevear, Salisbury, Steel, Um, van Hout, Watt,

As this will be our final farewell for our Year 8 students. Parents are most welcome to join us.

WHITEBAIT

The Maguire family is selling frozen West Coast whitebait here at school for \$20 per 250g. Funds raised from this generous gesture will be given to one of our parents who is requiring expensive health care treatment.

Please support this venture for one of our school families. Whitebait can be purchased from the Cafedral after school.

LUNCHEs TOMORROW – Hot Dogs - \$2.50. Thank you to our helpers **Jennie Burrell and Trish McKendry.**

SCIENCE CLUB

Congratulations to the following students for achieving their Science badges:

Lucy Sutcliffe (Human Biology), **Amy Meates** (Large Animals and Marine Biology), **Navajo Prentice** (Geology), **April Robertson** (Large Animals), **Hayley Schimanski** (Zoology), **Escher Bishop** (Zoology and Ornithology)

PAPER4TREES

Thank you very much to a dedicated recycling team for collecting paper from classrooms and obtaining trees and shrubs for the school. A special thanks to **Jacob Weston** and his family for diligently putting out the bins every fortnight on a Sunday.



DONATIONS FOR UKELELES

We are sincerely grateful to the following school children whose families donated funds to purchase ukuleles for the school music programme:

Cameron Bartlett, Hayden Burrell, Grace Cody, Julia Conaghan, Ellie Crowther, Jack Gillon, Matthew Kofoed, Lewis Kan, Amelia Mead, Joshua O'Reilly, Daniel Steel and Jacob van Peer.

Special thanks to Janeen Kan who initiated this idea for the benefit of our children. We are hoping to build up to offer a class set of 30 ukuleles. Thank you all for your generosity.



SCHOOL DANCES

Two dances will be held on Friday 9 December for our Year 4-8 students. A dance for Y4-6 will be held from 5.30-7.00pm and the Y7-8 dance will start at 7.30pm and finish at 9.30pm. Food and drink will be on sale in the hall thanks to our PTA. The cost is \$5 and can be paid to school council members between 8.30 – 9.00am in the office foyer from next Tuesday morning.

WATER POLO

SJS is playing their final game of Water Polo tomorrow night at 7pm. Many thanks to **Lance Cleeve** for his outstanding coaching of this team.

20L WATER CONTAINERS

There are still plenty of unused 20 litre water containers ideal for camping and for emergency water storage available from the school office. Cost—\$5

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

All Masses at St Gregory's Church

Christmas Eve

6.00 pm ("Littlies" Vigil Mass)

8.00pm, Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

7.00am, 8.30am, 10.00am

(preceded by Children's pageant 9.40am)



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

If you are interested in any school holiday programmes during January, we have some information available at the school office.

PRELOVED CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

Final closing down sale—Everything 50% off—St Joseph's School Hall—Saturday 10 December, 9am—1pm.

2012 SCHOOL YEAR

The school year begins for the children on **Wednesday 1 February.**