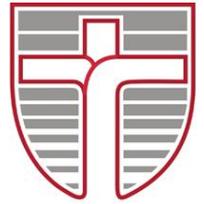




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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE JOHN PAUL COLLEGE COMMUNITY
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Ma te pono Me te aroha – Through Faith and Love
2021 School Theme : *Kia kaha, Kia māia, Kia manawanui*
Be Strong, Be Brave, Be Steadfast



Dear Parents/ Caregivers

Kia Ora, Malo e Lelei, Talofa, Greetings

School themes chosen the year ahead can have an unpredictable nature. In the course of this year however it was spot on. Kia kaha, Kia Maia, Kia manawanui, be strong, be brave, be steadfast!

The lingering effects of Covid-19 have seeped into nearly every facet of school life. It has included cancelled sports events, forced entry into distance learning, disrupted examinations, increased levels of anxiety, the removal of significant social events for students as well as economic hardship for many

I am extremely pleased as the Tumuaki of John Paul College that the mahi of our staff and students have led to academic achievement at our usual excellence level. I extend a special tribute to our Year 13 cohort who have had their learning and school milestones disrupted for two years. Despite this, they provided robust leadership, achieved academic success and gained **over \$500,000 in tertiary scholarships**. I wish to acknowledge the manaakitanga of our community and their support of the Hapara Support group. This group and the PTA have given food, money, clothing and equipment to those in need. It represents the best expression of our Catholic and Lasallian character.

There have been a number of significant highlights during the year which are worthy of note. The opening of the Thurston Performing Arts Centre late last year was a tribute to the outstanding service of both Lyall and Gabrielle Thurston to John Paul College over 30 years.

The College also opened the Health Hub, Te Korowai Aroha and the Learning Hub, Te Rito Ma Tauranga. I am proud that these two hubs focus on the needs of our most vulnerable students.

There are a number of staff leaving this year who collectively have made a profound difference to the life of John Paul College.

- Mrs Ali McHugh has been the Deputy Principal, Student Management for 22 years. Her leadership of the Pastoral Team, contribution to water polo and “firm but fair” approach to student management have ensured John Paul College is a kura of choice in the Rotorua community.
- Mr Alastair Cook who also is retiring after 23 years at JPC. His contribution to wood technology is only a small part of who he is to JPC. He has been a key player in all our musicals making props of the highest quality in the weekends and holidays. He also took on the thankless but important role of bus controller at JPC.
- Mr Arthur Faulkner has been our Sports Director at JPC for ten years. During that time his willingness to go the extra mile for all athletes, efficiency, strong work ethic and great sense of humour will be greatly missed. His second homes were the Aquatic Centre and basketball court.
- Ms Adara Segedin, who is taking up a teaching position closer to her whanau.
- Mrs Charlotte Kutia, leaves us for a well-deserved promotion to Mt Albert Grammar School
- Rachel Carter, our school nurse, and Russell Hynd, our Business Manager, left us during the year.

This year has also brought significant challenges for our Board in governance including property projects, decline in international students, mandated vaccination and disciplinary matters to name but a few. I thank John-Paul Gaston, in particular, who brings a calm, measured and well considered lens to our decision making.

“Meri Kirihimete Everyone!”

In this season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Christ child into this world surrounded by his whanau Mary and Joseph. It is a time of joy and goodwill. Although it has been a difficult year I was reminded after reading this year’s school magazine that we achieved a great deal both inside and outside the classroom. God has blessed us with so much including the manaakitanga of our community who gave so generously to others and staff who went the extra mile for our tamariki.

I know that there is a general feeling of exhaustion in our community. I hope you take the time to destress and enjoy quality time with whanau and friends. I look forward to working with you in 2022!



Kia kaha, Kia maia, Kia manawanui
Patrick Walsh
Principal

EVENTS FOR THE LAST WEEK OF THE YEAR AT JPC

- Tuesday 7th 1.00-3.00pm** Year 7/8 Co-curricular Prizegiving
Please join us on this link <https://youtu.be/mmyouNTx4ak>
- Thursday 9th 1.00-3.00pm** Year 9/10 Co-curricular Prizegiving
Please join us on this link <https://youtu.be/PMYY5xm0SQY>
- Friday 10th 10.00am-12.00 noon** Year 7-10 Prizegiving
Please join us on this link <https://youtu.be/uwF8zSiBeKY>

Students will be released from their form rooms following the end of prizegiving this Friday

FRIDAY 10th - SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FROM 12.30pm

THE SCHOOL OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM TUESDAY 14TH TO THURSDAY 16TH 8AM - 4PM
Closing for the year on Friday 17th December at 12 noon

UNIFORM SHOP

Last day for 2021: THIS Wednesday December 8th 8.00am- 2pm
2022 BEGINNING OF THE YEAR OPEN HOURS:

Monday 24th – Thursday 27th January from 9a.m to 4p.m
(Teacher only day Friday 28th – campus closed)

Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd - 8am -2pm

SAVE TIME CLICK & COLLECT - SHOP FOR UNIFORMS ON-LINE

Order your uniforms via our website, just click on the Uniform Shop button on the home page at
<http://jpc.school.co.nz/uniform-shop>

All queries please email uniform@jpc.school.nz

Mrs Amy Duckett - Uniform Shop Manager

2nd hand uniform sale at McKillop Campus, Kahu Street – Thursday January 27th 2-4pm



SCHOOL BUSES THIS FRIDAY

ROTORUA SCHOOL (Ritchies) BUSES will depart JPC at the usual time 3.05pm
The **PUTARURU BUS** will depart JPC this Friday at 12.15pm (approx).
Any queries regarding 2022 bus routes, please email David Grieve, Depot Manager of Go Bus Rotorua E: david.grieve@gobus.co.nz

What is Advent? A fun introduction to advent, click on the link <https://vimeo.com/304050711>



▶▶ LAST CHANCE ◀◀

Identify and collect lost property from the student counter **BEFORE THIS THURSDAY**

Unclaimed property will go to the PTA for resale



2022 YEAR 13 LEADERSHIP CAMP will be held from Tuesday 1st February returning Thursday 3rd February

Deadline for permission and payment is now closed. Any further enquiries please contact Ms Lane, Year 13 Dean for 2022
E: melanie.lane@jpc.school.nz

FINAL CALL FOR OUTSTANDING LIBRARY BOOKS
SENIORS are reminded to hand in **TEXT BOOKS** at the end of the subject exam
Invoices will be issued to replace outstanding copies for 2022
NB: the 2021 magazine may be withheld for any outstanding school property

2022 FORM CLASS AND CLASS PLACEMENT!

I wish to remind parents that teachers and Deans have spent a considerable amount of time carefully placing students in classes, including form classes for 2022. They have factored in academic and pastoral needs as well as friendship requests. Unless there is a "compelling reason", we expect students to trust the professionalism and wisdom of staff and accept the placement. It is also important for students to see the placement as an opportunity to make new friends and develop resilience. *Patrick Walsh – Principal*

2022 STATIONARY ORDERS

PLEASE NOTE: Senior timetables and junior options timetables won't be confirmed until mid January 2022.



Juniors can purchase stationery for their compulsory subjects.



DECEMBER PARENT OFFER

Parents who order online in December will receive a FREE A4 magnetic whiteboard family organiser* - ideal for keeping activities and events on track throughout the year (* While stocks last, T's and C's apply)

You can view the stationery lists [here](#).

Enrolment for the Sacramental Programme (Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Holy Communion) only for children who are baptised Catholics.

The enrolment forms are now available at the Parish Office, 8am until 2.30pm Tuesdays through to Fridays. If your child / children are not baptised in Rotorua, please, bring along your baptismal certificates at the time of enrolment. The children are required to be 7 years old by June 12, 2022, to qualify to enter this programme. **Deadline is Friday 28th January 2022.** If you have any queries, please phone the Parish Office 07 348 0289 ext. 2.

Attention JPC Aquatic users

Rotorua Lakes council decided last week that the Rotorua Aquatic Centre would opt in to the COVID-19 Protection Framework.



This means, as of Friday 3rd December all staff, contractors, and customers over the age of 12 need to be vaccinated to continue using the facility.

- This will be communicated to our public via our website and social media.
- Council will be supporting us with staff to be scanning in vaccine passports prior to entering the building.

We will be starting traffic light framework in red light, please note the following restrictions apply while using the facility under "Red light" settings.

- Please wear a mask when entering and exiting the facility. These can be removed when exercising.
- Please keep a 1-metre distance from other members and staff at all times
- Please remember to stay away if you have any Covid-19 signs or symptoms.

Events that are run under red light will be restricted with numbers, but do not have a limit under orange light.

If you do have any questions, please feel free to get in touch.

Ngā mihi

eah Burgess | Facility Manager

Rotorua Aquatic Centre

Kuirau Park, 18 Tarewa Rd, Rotorua

027 241 8669 | clmz.co.nz/rotorua-aquatic-centre/

VOLLEYBALL SENIOR BOYS' TRIALS

Trials for boys Senior A volleyball team will take place at JPC on Friday 17 December from 1pm - 4pm.

(Please be aware the VBBOP tournament will be 19-20 Feb, 2-3 March, 12-13 March)

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL

We concluded our year with a get together at Lake Okareka. Almost all the juniors will be seniors next year, so if there are any year 8s and 9s keen to play from term 2 in 2022, please email Linda (page.linda@me.com).



Congratulations again to Liam du Plessis and William La Grouw who have made the A team for VBBOP U15.

SAM McFARLANE SPEECH SUCCESS

2021 Rotorua AP/DP Inter School Speech Competition. Congratulations to **Sam McFarlane** Year 8 for his 3rd place in this Speech Contest. We entered online and thanks must go to Cory Browne for his help and assistance videoing Sam's speech. Sam gave a well-structured talk on Homelessness with strong content. Gabrielle Thurston - **HoD Drama**

➤➤➤ PLEASE TAKE NOTE ◀◀◀

THE 2021 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Will be distributed to juniors (who are the eldest in the family) this Friday at the end of prizegiving.

There is one magazine per family - given to the ELDEST child.

Therefore, if the eldest child is a senior, the senior must come in to collect the magazine Tuesday 14th Wednesday 15th and Friday 17th December between 8am & 3pm **ONLY FROM** the public reception

Seniors must ensure ALL text books and library books have been returned before they can collect their magazine.

NB: JPC General Activity fee must be paid in order to receive a school magazine.
Any queries regarding fees, please contact Mrs Boyce in the Accounts Office
E: schoolfees@jpc.school.nz

Unreturned subject text books will be invoiced as we will need to purchase replacement books for 2022 classes.

Please be considerate of next year's students who will need text books from the start of the school year.

JPC Sporting Community. Sports 2022

The Board of School Sport NZ have confirmed that all School Sport NZ sanctioned events in Term 1 2022 (including the term 1 holidays) will be **restricted to fully vaccinated participants**, aged 12 and over, only. Where practicable, this mandate extends to spectators attending also. This decision will be reviewed post Summer Tournament Week 2022 and taking into account the latest Government advice.

The Covid Protection Framework has come into effect from Friday 3rd December. In preparation for the changes to how sport will be delivered under the traffic light protection Framework, School Sport NZ consulted with member Principals and its Sport partners.

86% of Principals who responded agreed that School Sport NZ sanctioned events must be **restricted to fully vaccinated participants only**. Similarly, sport partner feedback was 81% in favour. We are actively working with our sport partners for term 1 events to ensure that compliance is manageable, and that Health and Safety plans and guidance is updated to reflect the Covid Protection Framework.

Quite simply, the events on the School Sport NZ Calendar will not be able to proceed if Covid Vaccination Certificates are not being checked. The gathering limits at Orange and Red in particular become too restrictive for viable sports events to take place. Many public venues and facilities where sanctioned events take place are requiring Covid Vaccine Passes for entry. National and Regional Sports Organisations are also considering their options. This mandate will provide clarity for all stakeholders to plan with confidence that events on the School Sport NZ Calendar will be able to continue.

The board of School Sport NZ is acutely aware that this mandate will result in some students being unable to participate in School Sport NZ sanctioned events, in some cases through no fault of their own. School Sport NZ will support its regional school sport partners where appropriate to shape alternative regional or intra-school options. The above will also apply to local (Rotorua) and regional (Bay of Plenty) sports events. Vaccinated participants will include, students, coaches, managers, administrators, parent helpers and spectators.



If you have a swarm this summer, or know of someone who does, give Mr Davis a phone call/text **0211055039** and he will safely remove it and rehome it to the JPC hive.





FROM THE CAREERS HUB

Sheryl Hewitson Careers Advisor
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Rachael Hindrup Gateway Coordinator
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We wish our business community and all those involved with Careers, Gateway and Trades, a safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to working with you again next year to promote a career pathway for our students.



2022 TERM DATES

TUESDAY February 1st
Teacher Only Day
WEDNESDAY February 2nd
(Uniform to be worn)
Year 7s 8.30am – 2.00pm
NEW Yrs 8, 9 & 10 students 9-11am
THURSDAY February 3rd
NORMAL SCHOOL DAY
Full school attendance
8.30am-3.05pm

Term 1 Ends 14th April
Term 2 2nd May – 8th July
Term 3 25th July – 30th September
Term 4 17th October – TBC



A big thank you to the parent helpers of the Year 9 Big Day Out. Without your support we wouldn't be able to offer this experience to the Year 9s at the end of what has been a very busy year.

Mr P Johnson
Year 9 Dean E: paul.johnson@jpc.school.nz

