



# St Joseph's School Newsletter

February 9, 2018

Tena koutou katoa / Warm greetings to you all  
E nga manuhiri kua tae mai nei ki tenei kaupapa o te ra, nau mai haere mai kit e kura o Hata Hohepa.

These words formed one of the sentences in my Mihi Whakatau last Wednesday that welcomed new people to our school. Simply stating, that all of our visitors were now welcome and they become part of our school and our whanau. For me it was an honour to start the year by welcoming the new teachers, students, parents and their loved ones and acknowledging people, both living and dead, that have contributed to St Joseph's throughout its existence. This is one of the many ways we are strengthening our Cultural responsiveness and adapting to suit the child, not the child suiting the system!

2018 promises to be an exciting year, and one of significant change. In the next few weeks we should be in a position to inform the community who the new Principal will be and what their ambitions will be leading the school forward. In the meantime, I would like to let you know who our teaching staff are as we have welcomed a large number this year.

## **Junior Syndicate (Years 0-2)**

Rm 9 – Samantha Sasse  
Rm 10 – Aroha Kale (**Area Leader**)  
Rm 11 – Trish Randall  
Rm 12 – Teina McVey  
Rm 13 – Liz Page

## **Middle Syndicate (Years 3-4)**

Rm 5 – Janette Breckon  
Rm 6 – Whaea Jill\*  
Rm 7 – Kerri Bailey  
Rm 8 – Brooke Nightingale  
*\*Leyton Walker will take over in Term 2 as **Area Leader***

## **Senior Syndicate (Years 5-6)**

Rm 2 – Selina Peauafi (**Area Leader**)  
Rm 3 – Phillip Ferzli  
Rm 4 – Steve Coulam

## **Intermediate Syndicate (Years 7-8)**

Rm 16 – Rachael Kneepkens (**Area Leader**)  
Rm 17 – Whaea Carol  
Rm 18 – Moana Jarden-Osborne  
Rm 19 – Patrick Barry

## **Support staff**

Office –	Tracy Sharpe & Lorraine Sayer
Caretaker –	Murray Olliver
Teacher Aides -	Tania Withers (ESOL), Jackie Williams, Toni Burrell, Joy Elliott, Vicky Yates-Timoteo, & Kaori Takechi
SeNCO -	Kylie Herrick & Heather Mangan
Sports co-ordinator –	Rochelle Harrison (Sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz)

*For all enquiries please contact your child's teacher in the first instance or contact the office on 5284 910 or email [tracy@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:tracy@stjosephsuh.school.nz)*

We would like to quickly take the time to wish Heather Mangan our best wishes as she takes time away from school life (at the end of week 7) to prepare for the birth of her first child! Heather's aim is to come back later in the year, but once she holds this treasure for the first time she may not want to return! Best wishes from us.

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This year we aim to keep families more informed of key dates around school. Please find attached to this newsletter a list of key dates for term 1, the sports timetable for Years 4-8 and a link to the School App we use to send notifications.

Currently our website is under development so please look for key information, events or reminders on our school facebook page (key search terms: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School - Upper Hutt) or keep an eye on the emails sent from Tracy in our office.

## **Reminders:**

- Please do not park on the yellow lines when picking up or dropping children off,
- Contact the school office if your child is absent or late,
- Remember that everyone is trying their best and at times will make mistakes
- Our school is great because of the people we have here. Respect them, respect each other and respect the journey we are all on.

School App – Sign up to receive notifications, school notices and it also allows you to notify the office of any absences. You will need to go into the App Store on your phone, type in “St Josephs School Upper Hutt” and download it.

## Diary

Week 2	5-9 February	Waitangi Day - School closed (6th February)
Week 3	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Kaitiaki Meeting (Tuesday 7.00pm) Chinese New Year Performance (Tuesday 10.20) Ash Wednesday (Wednesday 11.45 - 12.45 Mass) School Assembly (Friday 10.00am)
Week 4	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Board of Trustees Meeting (Tuesday 7pm) Yr 3 -8 Girls Futsal tournament (Tuesday 9-3) FOSS meeting (Thursday 7pm)
Week 5	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Ki O Rahi tournament (Years 5/6) (Tuesday) Year 8 Gardasil Immunisation (Tuesday) School picnic & Movie night (Wednesday) School Assembly (Friday 10.00am)
Week 6	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Top School - 5.00pm-7.30pm (Wednesday) New Parents' Drinks – St Joseph's hall 6.30pm-8.00pm (Thursday)
Week 7	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	NZEI Union meeting 1-3pm (Monday/Tuesday TBC) Children asked to be collected from school at 12.30 Orongomai Marae class visits (all week) Kaitiaki Meeting (Tuesday 7.00pm) School Assembly (Friday 10.00am)
Week 8	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	St Joseph's Day & Mass (9.15 Monday) Super 8 Cricket (yr 5/6) (Tuesday) Board of Trustees meeting (Tuesday 7pm) Reconciliation Liturgy (Thursday Intermediates 9.45-10.45am, Seniors/Middles 11.45-12.45) Psalm Sunday
Week 9	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Liturgy; Stations of the Cross- 11.30-12.30 (Thursday) Easter break – school closed Easter Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> (re-open Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April)
Week 10	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Hockey (year 5/6) 9.00 - 3.00 (Thursday) School Assembly (Friday 10.00am)
Week 11	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day Term 1 (Friday)

## Religious Education Corner:

Kia Ora and welcome to 2018.

As the dust begins to settle on a whirlwind start to the year, let us take a moment out of our busy day to reflect on this journey we call life.

Ask yourself these questions. Have you ever found yourself in a mad rush, or counting down until the end of the day? Have you ever actually stopped to smell the roses?

Sometimes we find ourselves too absorbed in the rush of life to enjoy the small things, the good things. In times like these, we too often forget about God. We forget he is there with us in the good times as well as the bad.

Take a moment out of your day. Breathe. Smell the roses. Listen to the sounds of nature. And give thanks to God that we have been blessed with the gift of life.

## Upcoming Masses and Liturgies:

Ash Wednesday Liturgy - Wednesday 14th February  
@ 11.45am

St. Joseph's Feast Day Mass - Monday 19th March @  
9.15am

Reconciliation Liturgy - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Intermediates @ 9.45-10.45am  
Seniors / Middles @ 11.45-12.45

Holy Thursday Easter Liturgy - Thursday 29th March  
@ 11.30am

## Jesus said: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

By Joy Cowley From Psalms Down Under

You are the Way.

You are the bridge between earth and heaven,  
between the smallness of self  
and the greatness of God.

You are the path we follow  
and can never lose

because it lies in our hearts.

You are the mountain, the valley,  
the rough and the smooth.

You are all points of the compass.

Whenever or wherever we are,  
you hold our journey in yours.

You are the Truth.

You have planted your truth within us,  
the same truth for all people.

Each of us is a different container  
and we wrap you in different ways  
according to our culture

and our customs of worship,  
but in our diversity

you are our common language  
and when we meet you in each other  
there is recognition and rejoicing,  
for truth always knows truth.

You are the Life

and there is no life without you

for you are the substance  
and breath of all things.

Your life grows within and around us,  
the movement of sap in our seasons,  
the ebb and flow of our tides.

You are the living  
and then knowing of living  
which we carry with us  
through the doorway of death.

You who are the Way,  
the Truth and the Life,  
gift us with the vision  
to always see you in all things.

God Bless,  
Steven Coulam  
(Director of Religious Education)

# St Joseph's Sports Tournaments 2018

Weeks	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
1				
2				
3		Year 1-6 Cross Country	Year 5-6 Basketball	Year 3/4/5/6 Touch Rugby
4	Years 3-8 Girls only Futsal Festival		Year 5/6/7/8 Regional Multisport	
5	Years 5-6 Ki o Rahi	Year 5-6 AFL Kiwikick	Graded: Netball	Year 4/5/6 Athletics
6	Y7/8 Athletics Top School			
7	Weetbix <u>Try-Athlon</u>		Year 5-6 Football  Y7/8 Basketball	Year 5-6 Danish Rounders
8	Year 5-6 Super 8 Cricket	Year 4/5/6 Swimming		Regional Athletics
9		Rimutaka Gym Festival	BMX	
10	Y7/8 Football  Year 5-6 Hockey	Regional Cross Country		

## Sports News

### Coming up, Coaches & Parent help

This term we are in need of coaches and parent help for the following sports:

Year 5-6 Ki o Rahi (27/2/18 at TMP) (postponement date 28/2)

Super 8 Cricket (20/3/18 at TMP) (postponement date 22/3)

Hockey (5/4 at Maidstone Turf)

### Flippaball (After School ongoing)

Year 3 - 8 Floorball (After School ongoing)

Year 3- 6 Basketball (After School ongoing)

**Basketball** - Registrations have now opened for basketball held after School at YMCA gym in Trentham. Please email Rochelle, [sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz)  
**Registrations close this FRIDAY**

**Flippaball**- Registrations have now opened for Flipperball (school years 4 to 8 only) \$34.00 per child per term.

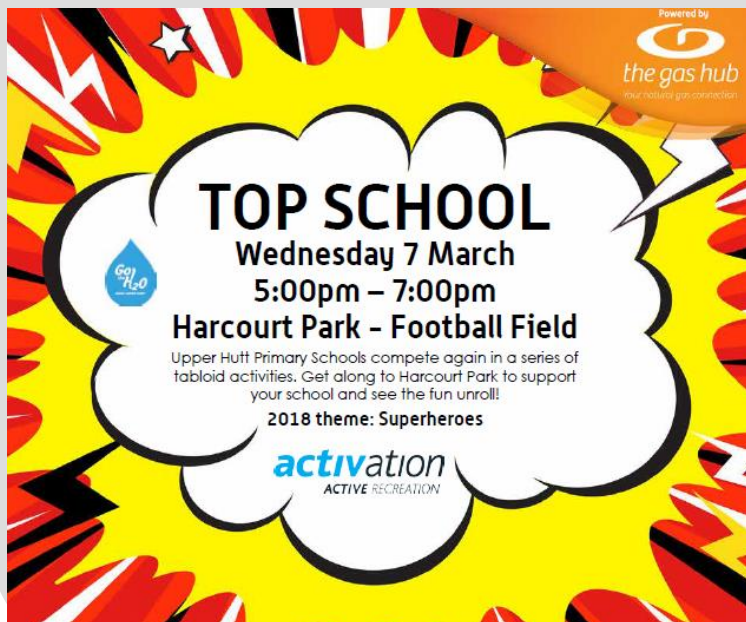
Please email Rochelle, [sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz) to register

**Registrations close 19th February**

**Floorball** - Registrations have now opened for teams to enter Floorball, this is held between 4pm and 6.30pm on a Monday at The Professionals Recreation Hall (Next to h2o xstream). Cost is \$50 for term 1 and term 2.

Please email Rochelle, [sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz) to register.

**Registrations close 16th February**



### 2018 Term Dates

Term 1	31 January - 13 April
Term 2	30 April - 6 July
Term 3	23 July - 28 September
Term 4	15 October - TBC

### Public Holidays

Waitangi Day 6 February

Good Friday 30 March

Easter Monday 2 April

Easter Tuesday 3 April

Queen's Birthday 4 June

Labour Day 22 October

### Student Contact Details

Please remember to advise the office of any change of address, telephone number or email address.

### Is your child turning 5 this year?

Pop into the School Office to pick up an enrolment pack or phone 528 4910 and the office staff can post one out to you.

Alternatively the forms are available on the School Website [www.stjosephsuh.school.nz](http://www.stjosephsuh.school.nz)

Father Maleko is available to sign preference forms on a Tuesday afternoon between 3 – 5pm at St Joseph's Catholic Presbytery. No appointment is necessary.



## Lunchonline

### Available every Friday during Term

Pita Pit school lunches can be ordered using Lunchonline. This is an online service where parents/caregivers set up their own account, order lunch and pay online. The lunch is then delivered to school in time for our lunch break. Pita Pit offer healthy choices along with some treat options. So to view the menu or to set up an account and/or place an order, just click on the link below:



## Marrzipan

Marrzipan have gained a huge reputation in New Zealand for the development of shy children, especially those with anxiety, autism and selective mutism. Saying that, this is a class for the super crazy and dramatic types too, as we focus on positive leadership and social skills. Our classes focus on inner and outer self-confidence, and are super fun and exciting for children. Parents are kept up to date with weekly emails about what's been covered in class and why, as well as what you can work on at home. We have two awesome showcases at the end of every term too, so you can see your child's development first hand. You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website [www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz) (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

## The Art Room

The Art Room is a new art school that has just opened in Upper Hutt. Located on Fergusson Drive right next to Arts-a-Go-Go. The Art Room offer after school art classes, craft classes, holiday programmes and evening workshops for adults.

To find out more take a look at their website [www.theartroom.nz](http://www.theartroom.nz). Classes begin in week 3 so there is still time to book if you're interested!



**GKR KARATE**  
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### TRY A FREE CLASS

We run classes throughout Wellington catering for children, adults and families. Karate training builds confidence, and strengthens both mind and body.

For information on a free trial class please contact Anthony Kaiaruna  
022 765 3935 or [akaiaruna@gkrkarate.com](mailto:akaiaruna@gkrkarate.com)



Saturday Morning

## Music Lessons

**UPPER HUTT MUSIC CENTRE**

Welcomes new and returning students for 2018!

### REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday, 10 February, 9 - 11am  
Fergusson Intermediate School Hall



Group tuition for primary and intermediate aged children  
Trumpet, Flute, Fife, Recorder, Clarinet, Ukulele, Guitar, Drums, Sax, Violin and Viola  
Only \$30 per student + \$30 -70 instrument hire\* for the entire year!

Places are limited. Don't miss out!

\*Violin, viola, trumpet, clarinet and flute hire only

Enquiries to 022 600 7545 or 977 5705.

Visit our Facebook page:  
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# St Joseph's School Leaders

# 2018



## Cultural House Leader 2018: Dante Stirling

Hi, my name is Dante Stirling and I am your Cultural Leader for 2018.

I live in a family of four and have 2 dogs.

Some things I enjoy doing are: ballet, journaling, playing volleyball, netball, drama and many other things.

I am looking forward to this year being a leader.







### **Special Character Leader 2018: Sophie Jessett**

Kia Ora and hello, my name is Sophie Jessett and I am your Special Character leader for 2018. I come from Wellington and I am one of four siblings and I am the youngest.

In my spare time I enjoy playing Netball, drawing and hanging out with my family and friends. I also enjoy cooking meals for my family.



### **Sports Leader 2018: Ben Foote**

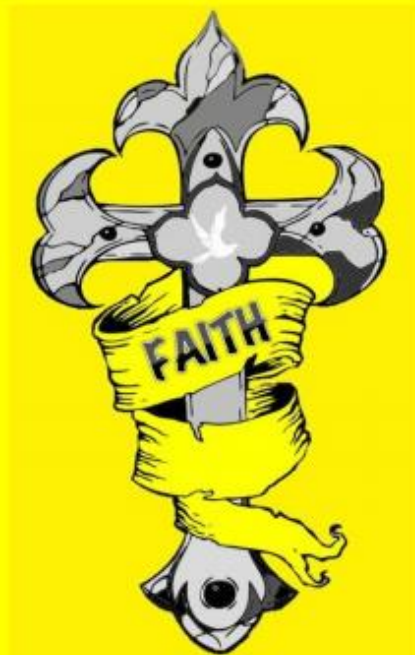
Hi, my name is Ben Foote and I am your Sports Leader for 2018.

I'm 12 years old and I have played football and touch. I am passionate about sports and chicken (by the way my favourite food is fried chicken). When I am older I would like to be a sportsman or Police officer. My favourite sportsman is Nate Robinson.

My goal for the year is to include more people and to encourage more people to participate. I look forward to working with each and every one of you. Have a good year!







**Faith House Leader 2018:**  
**Dustin Miller**

Hello my name is Dustin Miller and I am your Faith House Captain this year. I love sport and enjoy spending time with my family. My favourite sports are Rugby and Cricket.

Last year I was captain for my rugby representative team and I really enjoyed leading the team, that is why I chose to write a leader speech. I was amazed to find out that I became a leader.

I am looking forward to spending 2018 with Faith and leading the house.



**Mercy House Leader 2018:**  
**Bhrigette Salig**

Hi, my name is Bhrigette Salig. I am your 2018 House Leader for Mercy. I am in a family of six and they are all wonderful.

In my spare time I relax or just eat. I enjoy playing Volleyball for fun and Netball for St Joseph's School.

I am very competitive and reliable. I am looking forward to another great year.







## Aroha House Leader 2018: Michael Brophy

Hi, my name is Michael and I am your 2018 Aroha Leader. I enjoy playing video games, playing sport and reading.

I am very competitive with anything I do. This year I want to focus on working together because everyone has unique attributes that are valuable to Aroha.

Thank you all for your support and let's have a great rest of the year.



## Manaaki House Leader 2018: Erin Webb

Hello, for those who don't know me, my name is Erin Webb and I have been selected as your 2018 Manaaki House Leader. I'm passionate about Netball, Singing, and I aspire to promote a positive attitude. I have 4 siblings, one also previously being a Manaaki leader as well.

My goal for 2018 is to build a bond between my house and I, for everyone to feel comfortable to ask questions. Let's carry on the winning streak. Manaaki for the win!

