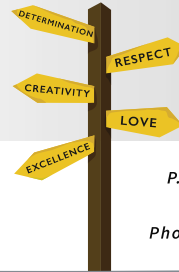




ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Tēnā koutou katoa

What a difference a week can make! Last newsletter I shared a prayer for people impacted by Cyclone Gita and also for our friend James who was receiving medical support for his failing kidney. James is now out of hospital and even attended an afternoon session at school on Wednesday.

We were so proud of our school community for getting behind the sausage sizzle and mufti day last week – raising \$1000. The family are so appreciative of this and wanted to pass on their sincere and heartfelt thanks. James was more concerned about the playground, wanting to donate a portion of the money back to the school to help with rebuilding it.

The Playground! As you are aware last week our school was at the centre of a senseless and selfish act of arson, followed by a break in and minor vandalism of our After School Care building. This was very emotionally draining, frustrating and/or scary for students, staff and reading social media responses a large number of people in our community.

There was an upside to this as it showed what a great community and city we live in. Every school in Upper Hutt made contact with us, some even providing morning tea, chocolates and flowers. At a Principals' conference I attended a spokesperson from the Ministry of Education even passed on their thoughts.

We also received letters, cards and offers from schools to use their playgrounds while our one is out of action. These gestures went a long way to making our students feel supported and made this bad experience into a positive one. I was extremely proud of the positive responses from our community, but also in the way our own students carried themselves during this time. They came together as one, cared for each other and showed a great deal of resilience.

These things don't just happen by chance, it shows the culture of our school is changing towards one of togetherness, just like the old village proverb says – "It takes a village to raise a child". 2018 is one of change and one for the better in our school and community.

Kia Ora for all the support and blessings received during this time. Your words help with the healing.

St Joseph's School Newsletter March 9, 2018

On Friday last week a special notice was sent home from our Board of Trustees. This was to announce the new Principal for our school – Mr Andrew Herrick. Andrew is the former Deputy Principal of St Joseph's School and brings with him fresh ideas, lots of energy and a great educational mind. He will start with us in Term 2 – Welcome back and congratulations.

I quickly wanted to mention student behavior as this is an issue that parents have wanted addressed for some time now. We are a PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) School, which means as a staff we look to reward the positive actions of our students; not just in class but in the playground, on the sports field and in the community. **ALL** students have signed a behavioural expectation sheet that reinforces what is expected of them and each class/syndicate have also developed their own set of desired behaviours.

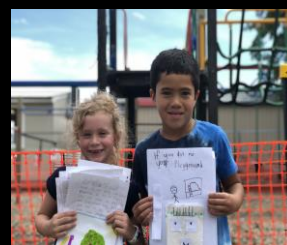
Last week I had to deal with two different situations whereby students couldn't show self-control, resorting to using physical aggression to communicate. We will not tolerate the use of physical contact, regardless if they are the instigator or defendant. So expect a consequence for the children who do. This also goes for continued verbal abuse of others – zero tolerance.

We are here to enjoy ourselves, have fun, live by our Catholic Values and act as a servant of God. Please discuss options with your children that involve a peaceful solution.

Lastly, thank to everyone who attended the meet the teacher evening and movie night last week! It was great to see so many new faces attending. We are always looking for ways to engage families, feel free to let us know your ideas!

"Waiho I te toipoto, kaua I te toria"

Let us keep close together, not wide apart.



Cluster Update

The Upper Hutt Cluster has worked closely together for a number of years and on a number of initiatives. The purpose of this collaboration has always been to ensure the best possible outcomes for students across our valley. In recent times we have honed and unpacked our vision “*Shaping our future with students at the heart*” and our mission “*Grow capability, through collaboration and innovation, to enable success for all learners in our community*” to produce a shared strategic plan for our cluster.

In **2015** it was decided that a priority for all Upper Hutt schools, in order to achieve our vision, was that of student engagement. Last Thursday and Friday lead teachers and Principals met to review and build on our strategic plan for 2018. We will again be holding professional development sessions after school for all teachers shortly and as per previous years they will be forming professional learning groups based on the areas of practice they want to develop. These areas branch out from the core focus of student engagement and agency which led one of our group to coin the new uniquely Upper Hutt phrase “*Engagency*”

We also had a representative from the Ministry come to speak with us around our project and the documentation we shared with them. They were incredibly complimentary about the work we are doing and talked a lot about the “richness” of the collaboration and the “depth of capability that was home-grown”. They were also impressed by the trust and transparency shown by the cluster when sharing data and practice to identify trends and work together on solutions and celebrate success.

Part of our strategic plan is to ensure we keep our community informed of the fantastic stuff our students, teachers and leaders are doing across our cluster. We are incredibly proud to be in such a collaborative, hardworking and innovative cluster and we know our kids across the valley are benefiting from the dedicated and united approach to student well-being, achievement, engagement and outcomes.

Kāhore taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini

We cannot succeed without the support of those around us



ASB

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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Religious Education Corner:

Gospel Reflection from the Third Sunday of Lent:

Anger in the Temple John 2: 13-25

In Sunday's gospel reading Jesus was angry because His Father's house had become a market place, filled with people buying and selling, instead of being a place of prayer and respect. Jesus told the people that he could destroy and then rebuild the temple in three days. The people thought Jesus meant the actual temple building but Jesus meant the temple of His own body which would be destroyed by death on the cross but raised to life again after three days. As we think about Jesus cleansing the temple, we should also think about some other cleaning that we may need to do. The season of Lent is a time to look inside ourselves and see if there is anything in us that needs to be changed. Ask yourself are there some areas of your life where you need Jesus' help to do some 'spring cleaning'?

Integration of Religious Education at St Joseph's School:

At St Joseph's School, Religious Education is interwoven and integrated across a variety of learning areas. By delivering Religious Education this way, we are able to provide a rich programme that is suitable to the individual child's age, faith development and experiences. Programmes like this, also allows our children to grow in their knowledge and understanding of the teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church.

So what does Religious Education look like in the Middle School?

This term, learners in the Middle Syndicate are learning about themselves as individuals. Through our integrated unit Turangawaewae - Our place to stand, learners are able to look closely at who they are, where they come from, and identify what is important to them.

While learning about who we are, learners will also begin to understand that we are all made beautifully in the image of God.

This term, we are also looking at how God's presence and action in the world is expressed in various cultures. To enable the learner to experience and witness God in other ways, students have been exploring other methods of praying, from personal prayers that we are writing ourselves, right through to mandala prayer, or meditation.

St Joseph's Parish Youth Mass:

Come along to our exciting new monthly youth Mass! Live music throughout and food afterwards. Bring your family, your friends, or even a friend of a friend. All are welcome!

Who: Yourself and anyone else you want to bring

What: Brand new Youth Mass

When: Sunday 18th March @ 5pm

Where: St Joseph's Church, Upper Hutt

Sacramental Programme 2018 Information Meeting and Registration:

Great news! The 2018 sacramental programme begins in just a few weeks. To ensure that you don't miss out on a place, the School and Parish will be running two registration/information sessions. All parents who are interested in enrolling their child/children in this year's Sacramental Programme, **must attend one** of these two sessions.

Dates and times for Registration/Information Sessions:

- Sunday 25 March after 10.30am Mass at St. Joseph's Church.
- Thursday 29 March, 3pm at St. Joseph's School.

Key Dates for the Sacramental Programme:

- First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday 12 May, 4pm in St. Joseph's Church.
- Confirmation Mass will be on Saturday 21 July, 6pm in St. Joseph's Church.
- First Holy Communion will be Celebrated on Sunday 11 November, 10.30am in St. Joseph's Church.

Upcoming Masses and Liturgies:

- **St Joseph's Youth Mass** - Sunday 18th March @ 5pm
- **St. Joseph's Feast Day Mass** - Monday 19th March @ 9.15am
- **Reconciliation: - Intermediates** - Thursday 22nd March @ 9.45am
- **Seniors/Middles** - Thursday 22nd March @ 11.45am
- **Holy Thursday Easter Liturgy** - Thursday 29th March @ 11.30am

Reflection:

The Burning Bush By Joy Cowley *From Psalms Down Under*

I am a very small tree in a desert
and I am torched by the breath of God.
I don't ask for it. It just happens,
a suddenness inside me and then a presence
of wind and flame burning, burning,
and I cover my eyes with my fears,
knowing that I am too small and too frail
to bear this firestorm of love.

I cry out, "God, God, what are you doing?
I have always needed your Sunday warmth
but I can't cope with this searing
which feels like both heaven and hell.
That's not what I planned.
Please go away!"

There is no answer in the wind of fire,
but little by little, the blindness of my fear
is dissolved and I see with clear eyes
that the desert round me is no longer a
desert.
It has all been lit by the strong flame of love,
every bush, every tree transformed beyond
itself.
Every living thing has been summoned
to be on fire with the love of God
and to turn all barren places
into sacred ground.

Week 4	Monday 19 th - Friday 23 rd February	Board of Trustees Meeting (Tuesday 7pm) Yr 3 - 8 Girls Futsal tournament (Tuesday 9-3)
Week 5	Monday 26 th February - Friday 2 nd March	Ki O Rahi tournament (Years 5/6) (Tuesday) Year 8 Gardasil Immunisation (Tuesday) FOSS meeting (Tuesday 7pm) School picnic & Movie night (Wednesday) Sausage Sizzle and Mufti Day to raise money for James Metcalf-Burton (Friday) School Assembly (Friday 10.00am)
Week 6	Monday 5 th - Friday 9 th March	Top School - 5.00pm-7.30pm (Wednesday) – Postponed until Wednesday 14 March
Week 7	Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th March	NZEI Union meeting 1-3pm (Tuesday) Children asked to be collected from school at 1pm Orongomai Marae class visits (all week) Kaitiaki Meeting (Tuesday 7.00pm) Top School - 5.00pm-7.30pm (Wednesday) School Assembly (Friday 10.00am)
Week 8	Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd 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 11.45-1245) Psalm Sunday FOSS Mufti Day (Friday)
Week 9	Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th April	Easter Liturgy; Stations of the Cross- 11.30-12.30 (Thursday) Easter break – school closed Easter Friday 30 th (re-open Wednesday 4 th April)
Week 10	Wednesday 4 th - Friday 6 th April	Hockey (year 5/6) 9.00 - 3.00 (Thursday) School Assembly (Friday 10.00am)
Week 11	Monday 9 th - Friday 13 April	Last Day Term 1 (Friday), School closes at 2.50pm

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

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.

FOSS fund raiser for Kitchen alterations

Last year's syndicate tea towels for sale at \$8.00 each

Make great gifts for Grand Parents, Aunties, & Uncles or for sending overseas.

- 14 Junior Syndicate
- 2 Middles Syndicate
- 13 Seniors Syndicate
- 37 Intermediate Syndicate

Sold on a First in first served basis.

FOSS Easter Raffle

The Easter Raffle Fundraiser for FOSS is to add to the funds to upgrade the kitchen in the Hall.

Raffle tickets have been sent home with students this week.

Cost - \$2 per ticket
Drawn 27 March 2018

Please return all stubs and money by 20 March.

If unable or unwilling to sell please return tickets immediately.



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

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Marrzipan

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need 45 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?! It's not too late to join Marrzipan! We are looking for some awesome students to fill some parts in our play, which we will be performing for parents and their peers at the end of term. Come along to a Trial Lesson and see whether you like it! You can sign up for one directly via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

Goodtime Music Academy

Love music? Come and learn on the Music Bus with us! Goodtime Music Academy comes to your child's school each week to run its unique Music Bus Programme. These small group lessons of up to 4 students are held weekly during school hours and on the school grounds. Lessons cost \$14 per lesson and students can choose to learn the ukulele, guitar, keyboard or drums.

Send us an email at schools@gtma.co.nz to be sent an information pack!

Found

A set of keys were found on the field following the Parent Teacher Movie Night. If they belong to you please contact the School Office on 528 4910.



YOUR SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME

SUPPORTING YOUR SCHOOL'S FUNDRAISING

Tuck Shop is open on Tuesday's and Thursday's. Orders must be received before 9am.

Tuckshop Order Form				
Name			Room	
Tuesday				
Food Required	QUANTITY	Cost	Total	
Savouries		\$ 1.30		
Ham Roll		\$ 2.50		
Ham & Salad Roll		\$ 3.00		
Chicken & Salad Roll		\$ 3.00		
Egg Sandwich		\$ 3.00		
Vegetarian Sandwich		\$ 3.00		
Popcorn Light & Buttery		\$ 1.20		
Vege Chips - Sour Cream & Chives 50gm		\$ 2.00		
Juicies				
Wildberry		\$ 1.00		
Lemonade		\$ 1.00		
Aqua Light drink				
Lemonade		\$ 1.50		
Peach		\$ 1.50		
Orange		\$ 1.50		
Total Cash included				
Thursday				
Food Required	QUANTITY	Cost	Total	
Pizza per Slice		\$ 2.50		
Ham & Cheese				
Ham, Cheese & Pineapple				
Ham Roll		\$ 2.50		
Ham & Salad Roll		\$ 3.00		
Chicken & Salad Roll		\$ 3.00		
Egg Sandwich		\$ 3.00		
Vegetarian Sandwich		\$ 3.00		
Popcorn Light & Buttery		\$ 1.20		
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Orange		\$ 1.50		
Total Cash included				

Movin'March – Ready, Steady... Go!



Movin'March is ON! This month it's all about walking and wheeling... Whether it's once a month or every day, your family is in for some fun AND awesome prizes! Read on:

Parents [send us photos](#) of your school journey anytime over March and you will go into win a family pass to your favourite Wellington Wild Things destination! Or have a blog about how you may have changed your travel habits and why. We love to hear [your stories](#) and they can help inspire others.

Students can also take part in our design a [Poster Competition](#) to reflect the benefits of walking and wheeling. The regional winners will receive a **Panasonic Tough Camera!**

Don't forget to **follow us on Facebook** share our [memes](#) and check out our parent [resources](#).

Movin'March is organised by Greater Wellington Regional Council and our local council.

IndoorSports.co.nz
Upper Hutt

Junior indoor soccer starting soon.
Games are on Friday afternoons (no games during holidays)
Teams and individuals can register now by visiting our website
<http://www.indoorsports.co.nz> and clicking Register/Log In

JOIN OUR INDOOR SOCCER JUNIOR GRADES (Terms 2 and 3)

IndoorSports.co.nz
UPPER HUTT

ph. 04 5266 606 027 5266 606
fb. www.facebook.com/IndoorSportsUpperHutt

2018 Junior Rugby Registrations
Upper Hutt Rams Rugby Club - Maidstone Park

Registrations completed online by 13 March go in the draw to win tickets 2 adults & 2 kids - to 'Canes vs Chiefs on 13 April!
www.sporty.co.nz/upperhuttrugbyjr/2018-Junior-Registration

2018 Fees - stay the same!
\$55 or \$95 for two or more in one family;
nursery players \$25
Includes a free team photo and Rams drink bottle

Register, pay & collect jersey on:
Wed 14 March 6:30 - 8:00
Sun 18 March noon - 2:00
Thu 22 March 6:30 - 8:00
Meet some 'Canes players'!

find us on Facebook: [UpperHuttJuniorRamsRFC](https://www.facebook.com/UpperHuttJuniorRamsRFC)

Term 1 Junior Golf Camp
April 16-18 OR 25-27
9am-3pm

\$150 Members
\$180 non-members

Activities include, golf, tennis & swimming
Campers will be responsible for their own lunch, and will need to bring swimming togs and a towel each day. Golf equipment will be provided if needed.

ROYAL WELLINGTON

To register please call the golf shop or email Kayla at Kayla.gadberrry@royalwellington.com
Registration for members starts 1 February
Non-Members 1 April

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ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NETBALL



MARCH 2018: NEWSLETTER 1

Welcome to the 2018 Netball season. A Netball newsletter will come home once a month on Friday, the same day as the school newsletter. This will have any key information on here. I will do my best to ensure that I am communicating via Facebook.

My name is Selina Peauafi and I am a teacher at St Joseph's. I wear multiple hats within the school community and I am excited about being the Netball Coordinator at St Joseph's. St Joseph's Netball has been running well before my time at the school, I would like to acknowledge and thank all the hard work and dedication that has been put in by the parents/families/volunteers before me.

UNIFORMS

We are currently ordering new uniforms as we do not have enough and will distribute dresses before the end of the term.

TEAMS

Team lists have been sent to parents/managers/coaches. These have not been confirmed by the club yet. If changes are made you will be contacted.

UMPIRES

St Joseph's Netball is run by volunteers putting in their time throughout the season. We are still on the hunt for umpires and managers so if you know someone that is interested please me know:
netball@stjosephsuh.school.nz

ST JOSEPH'S CLUB DAY

We will be having a club day the last Sunday of the school holidays. Keep this date free. More information to follow

CLUB TOURNAMENT

St Joseph's School will be organising the Club Tournament this year. We will require a lot of support in order to make this a successful day. Each team will be in charge of helping man the sausage sizzle and bake stand.

CALENDAR

Match Games

1. Saturday 5th May
2. Saturday 12th May
3. Saturday 19th May
4. Saturday 26th May
QUEENS BIRTHDAY
5. Saturday 9th June
6. Saturday 16th June
7. Saturday 23rd June
8. Saturday 30th July
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
10. Saturday 28th July
11. Saturday 4th August
12. Saturday 11th August
13. Saturday 18th August
14. Saturday 25th August

KEY DATES:

Wednesday 21st March
Year 7/8 Trials, 4pm

Sunday 29th April
St Joseph's Club Day,
4pm, St Joseph's Courts

Sunday 24th June
Club Tournament:

Prize giving: August 28th,
TBC

FOSS Thank you
for your
support



MUFTIDAY EASTER THEME

FRIDAY 23RD MARCH

Please bring the follow items which will be
used for our Easter Raffle

Juniors

Luxury bottle

Middles

Confectionery

Seniors

Chocolate

Intermediates

Easter theme
item