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ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Hato Hohepa

Welcome to Term Two

The school holidays have recharged the batteries of the teachers and learners of St Joseph's School who have returned with renewed energy and motivation. We are extremely blessed to have such a professional team of teachers and support staff on our current team. Their dedication and commitment to the children of St Joseph's School was highlighted by the amount of time they each spent over the break preparing wonderful learning experiences and opportunities for your children.

This dedication to each individual student is what makes St Joseph's School so special. Ensuring we know every child so that we are able to provide the best possible environment for their learning, each and everyday, is our core business. To do this we require your support and value the partnerships we create together. To avoid any confusion, I ask that you make contact with your child's teacher when any issues arise so that we can address them in a timely manner and avoid frustration.

A special welcome

Monday's Powhiri was the perfect way to start term two for the new, and old, members of our community. Personally, I was very humbled by the welcome. It reaffirmed my choice to re-join the school whanau and I can truly say that I am honoured to be the new school principal.

I offer a very special welcome to all of our new students and to their families. As a 'newbie' I encourage you to fully immerse yourselves in the varied opportunities the school provides its community.

I extend a big 'Thank You' to Chris Steffensen for his outstanding work as Acting Principal during term one. It is very comforting to know the school has so many competent and inspirational leaders at various levels throughout the school. Thanks also to the teachers and support team for creating such an awesome school atmosphere.

For those of you I have not yet had the chance to meet I look forward to doing so in the coming days. Please feel free to drop in and say hello some time.

Andrew Herrick - Principal

St Joseph's School Newsletter

May 4, 2018

Staffing Updates

Leyton Walker joins our middle syndicate this term as the team leader. Leyton comes to us after a long and very successful teaching stint at Saints Peter and Paul in Lower Hutt. A teacher who is highly regarded by his colleagues and community alike, Leyton brings a wealth of knowledge and experience and is a wonderful addition to our staff. We welcome Leyton and look forward to working with him in his new role.

Whaea Jill has accepted the position of NE / Yr 1 teacher and will be working collaboratively with Teina McVey to provide the best possible start for our newest learners at St Joseph's School. Whaea Jill's energy, kindness and compassion have been contagious throughout term one and we are very blessed to retain her services.

From week 5, **Richard Sheehan** will be joining the Intermediate syndicate as the classroom teacher of room 19. Richard is currently completing a year long maternity leave position as Principal at San Antonio School in Eastbourne. Previously, Richard has worked as Deputy Principal at Plateau School. His experience as both a school leader and classroom teacher will ensure that the children of room 19 are in the best hands for the remainder of 2018. We also thank **Chris Steffensen** who is taking the class for the first 4 weeks as we await Richard's arrival.

School Updates

The installation of the security cameras across the school is complete and we are now able to review footage when unfortunate incidents occur. These have already proved their worth as we were able to successfully track and photograph a member of the public who stole a student's scooter during the week.

Religious Education Corner:

Gospel Reflection from Fifth Sunday of Easter:

(John 15:1-8)

Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine to describe our relationship with him and with one another: "I am the vine, you are the branches". In a vine water and minerals flow through the trunk to the branches and into the leaves; the sugars from photosynthesis in the leaves flow through the branches back to the vine.

The pruning Jesus describes tends to attract our attention, perhaps because we are very aware of the lack of virtue in some parts of our lives. But the image of the vine is also about the life which flows through the vine, to the branches and from the branches.

Our unity as the branches of the vine contrasts with the prevailing societal views. Society places strong emphasis on our personal autonomy and individual rights. Each person is an individual whose links to others are primarily exterior links. In contrast the vine image describes us as linked by the life which flows within us and through us, which is the life of Christ.

In the leaves of the branches the complex process of photosynthesis creates sugars which nourish the whole vine. The life of Christ does not flow into and out of us unchanged as if we were passive pipes. We interact with that life in a kind of spiritual photosynthesis, the good products of which flow back into the vine to nourish the whole plant.

Because we are in reality very interconnected we need to take care that we do not feed into the vine products which will be harmful to others. Rumours, misinformation, gossip and hurtful remarks can spread rapidly "on the grapevine", and damage other branches. These are unworthy of the vine that Jesus describes as himself. At a practical level the concept of "paying it forward" implicitly recognizes that human beings are all linked through their common humanity, much as the branches of a vine are linked. "Paying it forward" is a way in which an ordinary person can make a difference. If we do something for another and that person wants to repay us, we ask them to "pay it forward" by doing a good deed for someone else instead.

Understanding and honouring our connectedness in the vine is a path to greater unity and love.

Sacramental Programme 2018 - Reconciliation:

For those who are currently preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation, the next meeting is this Sunday. Please meet at St Joseph's Church @ 9am.

Key Dates for the Sacramental Programme 2018:

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.

Baptism:

If your child is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism please collect an enrolment form from the School Office and return this ASAP.

Upcoming School Masses and Liturgies:

Trinity Sunday (School Mass) - Sunday 27th May at 10.30am

Reflection:

Life is for Living

Author Unknown

Life is a gift we're given each and every day.
Dream about tomorrow, but live for today.
To live a little, you've got to love a whole lot.
Love turns the ordinary into the extraordinary.
Life's a journey always worth taking.
Take time to smell the roses... and tulips...
and daffodils... and lilacs... and sunflowers...
Count blessings like children count stars.
The secret of a happy life isn't buried in a
treasure chest... it lies within your heart.
It's the little moments that make life big.
Don't wait. Make memories today.

Celebrate your life!

St Joseph's Sports

Intermediate Football Tournament

St Joseph's Green won their pool against tough competition (including Wellesley who were understandably bitterly disappointed to be beaten by a 1-goal differential) and managed to keep cool heads in the face of physical opposition to represent themselves and St Jos with pride.

St Joseph's White also did very well, coming 2nd in their pool.

Miniball

Well done to St Joseph's Shooters, our Miniball team, who played exceptionally well last term in their after school league. A huge thank you to the coaches; Conrad Simon & Michael Brophy who coached the team and all of the parent help.

We are actively seeking for another basketball league and basketball opportunities for our students. If you are aware of any please let Rochelle know at sports@stjosephs.school.nz

Junior Tough guy and tough girl challenge

Information sent out to parents this week for those who are registered, please make payment for the event ASAP.

School and Inter-School Cross Country

Apologies for any inconvenience for the postponement of our School Cross Country. As the interschool event is happening in week 3, Sunday 20th May at Harcourt Park, syndicates are trialling the students this week. If yourchild is selected they will be sent home with a notice in week 2.

Intermediates Inter-School Country is on 5th June and their qualifier will be held within their syndicate over the next couple of weeks

AFL - Kiwikick

AFL is coming up in week 5 for our year 5 and 6 students, if you are interested in helping coach this sporting event please get in touch with Rochelle.



Jump Jam LIVE

We have 2 teams representing St Joseph's School in the Jump Jam LIVE competition in June. These students will be working really hard on their routines over school lunchtimes. Best of luck to them for their training!

Flipperball

Flipperball is still on for our teams this term, they had a wonderful start in Term 1, keep up the good work this term! Thanks to our coaches and parent help.

\$5 A NIGHT

MONDAYS 5 - 7PM
7 MAY - 2 JULY 2018

JUNIOR BADMINTON LEAGUE

At Heretaunga College Sports Centre
Ages 8 - 12

Reserve your spot by contacting
Lauren Thorley at Youthtown on 027 561 1764
or lauren@youthtown.org.nz

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Scholastic Books

Scholastic book pamphlets will be given out this week. These are due back at school by Wednesday 16th May. Please make sure that your child's name and room number are on the order form and handed into the office. Orders can be paid for by cheque made out to Scholastic NZ, eftpos at the school office or through the LOOP website: mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz or mobile app. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Toni Burrell on 0272118118.

Family Events

Thank you to those that filled out our Survey for the Family Events this year. Just to recap Kaitiaki will be hosting three events. In term 4, 2017 we had our Dad's and Son's event and this year we plan on having one a term.

Term 2: Sunday 1st July (week 9), 3 pm Confirmed	Mum's and Daughters The Great Bake Off School Library No cost, bring your best-baked cake
Term 3: Sunday 23rd September (week 9) TBC	Mum's and Son's Silverstream Driving Range
Term 4: Sunday 25th November (week 6) TBC	Dad's and Daughters Roller Skating

We will confirm the details at the start of each term. See the Mum's and Daughter's poster for further information.



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

Is your child turning 5?

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 AGM

FOSS AGM is to be held on Tuesday 22nd May at 7pm in the Staffroom.

Supper will be provided.

Faith in the Future, Love of Learning, Love of Life

Term Two – 2018 – Key Events

Week 1	Monday 30 April – Friday 4 May	Wednesday – Start of Term Mass 11.30am in Church Year 7 & 8 swimming lessons – Monday - Thursday
Week 2	Monday 7 – Friday 11 May	Tuesday – Whanau Hui – Cossie Club 6.30pm Year 7 & 8 swimming lessons – Monday - Thursday
Week 3	Monday 14 – Friday 18 May	Tuesday – Board of Trustees Meeting. 7pm in Staffroom
Week 4	Monday 21 – Friday 25 May	Tuesday – FOSS AGM. 7pm in Staffroom Thursday – Tough Guy / Tough Girl Challenge Sunday – Full School Mass 10.30am. Students must be in full school uniform
Week 5	Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June	Tuesday - AFL Kiwikick Year 5&6 at TMP. Postponement day is Thursday
Week 6	Monday 4 – Friday 8 June	Monday – Queen’s Birthday – School Closed
Week 7	Monday 11 – Friday 15 June	Tuesday – Kaitiaki Meeting 7pm Wednesday – School Photos for Intermediates, Seniors and Middles
Week 8	Monday 18 – Friday 22 June	Tuesday – Boostrix Vaccination – Year 7 students only Thursday – Jump Jam Live Competition
Week 9	Monday 25 – Friday 29 June	Sunday 1 July – Mum’s and Daughter’s Great Bake Off – 3pm School Library
Week 10	Monday 2 – Friday 6 July	Tuesday – Regional Cross Country. Postponement day is Thursday. Wednesday – End of Term Mass 11.30am St Joseph’s Church Friday - Last Day Term 2. School closes at 2.50pm

PLEASE PUT CHILDREN’S SAFETY FIRST AT ALL TIMES

Stopping on broken yellow lines, double parking and exceeding the P5 time limit is illegal.

If you stop or park illegally you contribute to congestion and chaos outside the school gate which makes it unsafe for our children and other drivers and you risk receiving a fine.

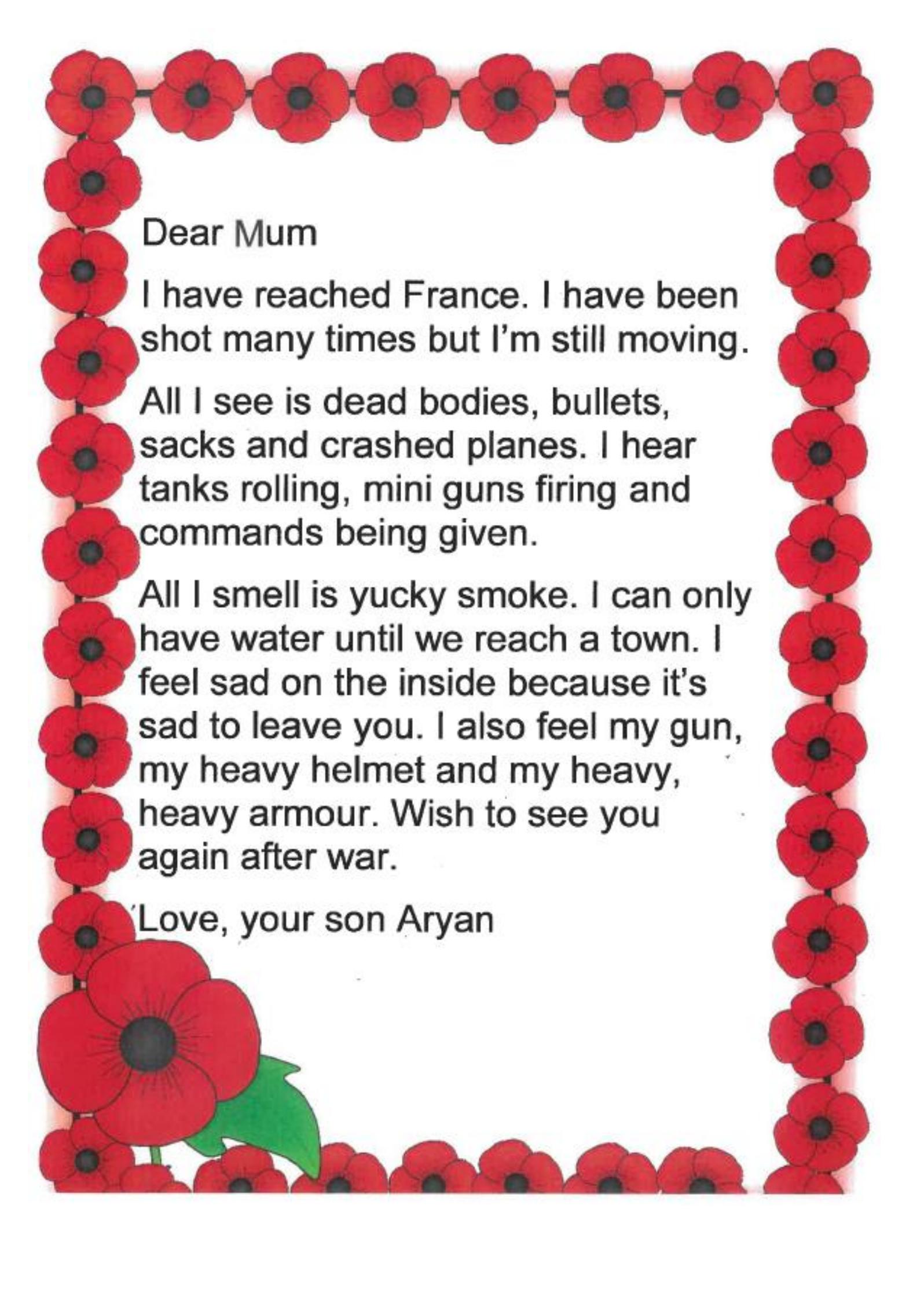
The parking from the end of the yellow lines near the crossing to the Saint Joseph’s school sign is a Drop-Off and Pick-Up Only area between 8.30am-9.00am and 2.30pm-3.15pm.

- Stop for a maximum of 5 minutes to drop-off and pick-up only – this does not give you time to go in to school



If you need to go in to school please drive past the Saint Joseph’s sign to find a park.

CHOOSE SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE



Dear Mum

I have reached France. I have been shot many times but I'm still moving.

All I see is dead bodies, bullets, sacks and crashed planes. I hear tanks rolling, mini guns firing and commands being given.

All I smell is yucky smoke. I can only have water until we reach a town. I feel sad on the inside because it's sad to leave you. I also feel my gun, my heavy helmet and my heavy, heavy armour. Wish to see you again after war.

Love, your son Aryan



ST JOSEPH'S
SCHOOL AND
PARISH WARMLY
INVITE YOU TO
ATTEND...

TRINITY SUNDAY MASS

WHAT: COME JOIN US FOR OUR SCHOOL'S
FIRST SUNDAY MASS FOR THE YEAR.

WHEN: SUNDAY 27TH MAY — 10.30AM

WHERE: ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ON
THE CORNER OF MAIN STREET AND PINE
AVENUE





St Joseph's School Whānau Hui



Tuesday 8th May

Cossie Club, Upper Hutt, Balcony Room

On behalf of St Joseph's School and the Kaitiaki whānau group, we warmly invite you to our Whānau Hui on Tuesday 8th May, 6.30-8.30pm, Upper Hutt Cossie Club.

We had such a great turn out last year and received some really great ideas. Come along and see what we have done in a year and have a say in what you want happening in the future. Tea, coffee, and nibbles are provided.



Name _____

I will be attending/I will not be attending the Whānau Hui on
Tuesday 8th May, 6.30-8.30pm