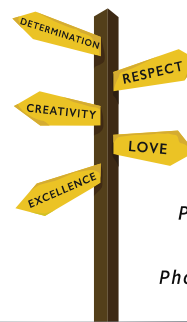




# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Tena Koutou,

This week Principal Herrick is down in Dunedin on a study tour with all of the Principals in Upper Hutt. I'm sure Mr Herrick will inform families of the many new and innovative things he has taken from the schools he visited on his return. In the meantime, I have snatched the opportunity to write the newsletter and fill you in with the events from the last fortnight.

I guess the major talking point since the last newsletter is the news that Rachael Kneepkens, who leads our Year 7&8 Syndicate, has successfully won a position at the Open Polytechnic and will sadly be leaving us at the end of Term 2.

We would like to thank Rachael for her dedication, care and tireless efforts in the time she has worked with us. Rachael is greatly respected and we are appreciative of the many talents she has displayed and ideas that she has shared with St Joseph's School. I understand that this change may be unsettling for the students and parents alike. However, I would like to reassure you that the recruitment for a new teacher has already started with vigour. As tough as Rachael will be to replace, we are committed to finding someone who has the energy, skills and caring nature to provide the strong educational foundation required at this very important level.

As we lose one, we also gain one. This week Richard Sheehan joined the staff, and has taken over as the teacher in room 19 and as mentioned in the last newsletter Richard has a wealth of knowledge in education and will be a great fit for the Intermediate team. Please don't ever be afraid to familiarise yourself with our staff, pop in and say hello or drop them an email to check on your child's progress or behaviour.

We are now reaching the middle of the year – how did that happen so quickly? That means mid-year reports are just around the corner, this not only adds a huge amount of work for our teachers, but in many cases stress for students, parents and teachers.

## St Joseph's School Newsletter

June 1, 2018

I suggest you acknowledge that stress is a normal part of life, as is some level of anxiety – and be proactive around your home – practise some deep breathing, play calming music and use quiet voices. It is a perfect opportunity to talk to your child about their values and how they handle situations when they are stressed. If they can learn a strategy at this age then this will help them a great deal heading into their college lives.

In regards to reports, these will come home with your child in Week 8 and family conferences held the following Monday and Tuesday.

Moving on to events more recent, on Sunday we had our first weekend School Mass – Trinity Sunday. This is a significant day in our spiritual calendar so it was very pleasing to see so many green uniforms on hand to celebrate the day with our Parish community.

During the school week we had 40 dedicated students compete in the "Tough Guy/Tough Gal" mud run in Wainui. The students braved freezing conditions and each of them now has a story to tell. Whether that was achieving set goals, working together as a team, dancing on the stage after the run or making new friends! Congratulations to all of you brave participants. A special mention must go to Zhali Morgan who raised a staggering \$600 for Cure Kids – this was the most in the region!

Continuing with sporting success – congratulations to Dante, Sarah, Matangihau, and Alani for making it into the Hutt Valley Development teams (Lower Hutt) and Zhali, Jorja, Safira, Seini and Meleana for making the Development teams for Upper Hutt Junior Netball.

Enjoy the long weekend and we will see back at school on Tuesday!

Nga mihi.

Chris Steffensen Deputy Principal

## Religious Education Corner:

### Gospel Reflection for Trinity Sunday:

(Matthew 28: 16-20)



The words in Sunday's gospel reading focus on the mystery into which we are baptised. The Trinity is a mystery that we can never fully grasp. The Trinity is what God has chosen to reveal. It is only a glimpse. The reality of the Trinity reveals to us, that God is a community of Love. We share the love of God the Father, the goodness of Jesus the Son, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit. To be baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is to be in a relationship with the Trinity. There are three persons but only one God. The Trinity is a mystery which we cannot really understand, but because we know that God can do anything, we believe in this mystery. It is part of our faith.

### Thank You:

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our School/Parish Mass on Sunday. It was really neat to see so many people representing our school with pride.

### Altar Servers Needed:

We are currently looking for new altar servers to assist with our Parish and School Masses. If your child interested in being trained to be an altar server, can they please get their names to Mr Coulam in Room 4 by Friday 8th, June.

### Sacramental Programme 2018 - Confirmation:

Shortly, we will be beginning the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our first meeting will be on Sunday 10th June at 9am at St Joseph's Church. We will aim to finish no later than 12.30pm. A gentle reminder also to please bring your box with the items to the first Sacrament of Confirmation session.

### Key Dates for the Sacramental Programme 2018:

- 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.

### Biodiversity Poem

By Anonymous

When I was born I was given a ball  
(the ball was blue and green)  
My mom said share and take good care  
It belongs to others too  
Keep it clean. Keep the green parts green  
Try not to get the blue parts bluer  
If you love this ball it will never grow old  
In fact it may grow newer  
So I did that all and I did some more  
Because I love this ball a lot  
And I hope that you will love it too  
It's the only ball we've got.

## St Joseph's Sports

### ***Tough Guy and Gal Challenge***

Congratulations to all 39 students who participated in the Tough Guy and Gal event on Thursday last week, we are very proud of you all.

St Joseph's won most supportive school in the regional event, winning popcorn for our entire school.

Zhali Morgan also won a \$100 voucher for Rebel Sports for raising the most money for Cure Kids in the whole region.

We look forward to celebrating your achievements and presenting your medals at our full school assembly on Friday.



### ***Jump Jam LIVE***

Jump Jam LIVE trainings are in full swing, Ms Harrison is emailing out all information relevant to the competition as it comes through to her (This includes spectator tickets and times on stage), if your student is taking part in this event, and you are not receiving emails, please let her know

[sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz)

### ***Intermediate Interschool Cross Country***

All permission slips for this event are due in before Tuesday 5th June.

Thank you to those who have handed these in already.



### ***Regional Cross Country Year 4-6***

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the Regional Cross Country from their amazing efforts at the Interschool event.

The regional event takes place on 3rd July 2018 at Harcourt Park.

- Chelsea Bennett
- Niamh Shannon
- Sebastian Fleetham-John

Back up runners (Made top 20)

- Willow Elmiger
- Aiden Ngu

### ***Year 5/6 and 7/8 Basketball Tournaments and KiwiHoops***

Thank you to those who got their permission slips in for the basketball events happening within our school. This has shown to be of great interest to our students so we will continue to get as much involvement within the sport as possible.





## 2018 Mentoring Update:

This year the Mentoring group has been rebranded! Out with Stoney Creek and in with sponsorship from Wayne at The Gun Shop in Upper Hutt. Wayne is a keen Hunter and outdoors man so he jumped at the opportunity to sponsor the programme and keep a close eye on how the boys progress.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the programme I'll quickly explain. The Mentoring Programme is designed to support students with their learning by giving them hands on experience to talk, read and write about. It's a programme that goes back to basics and focusses on students being hands on, teaching them skills that will one day allow them to provide for their families i.e. wood chopping, bush skills, hunting and processing of the animal.

The programme started with goal setting, some team building around the school and then a trip over the Wairarapa to the Hunting block we use to hunt the deer. The next series of events have the students chopping firewood followed by selling and then delivering it. The boys have been super excited about their sessions and we look forward to seeing them growing in confidence and skill throughout the year!



## Sacred Heart College Open Day

**Wednesday 6 June at 9am**

Students and parents are to make their own way to Sacred Heart College.

### School Photos – Senior and Intermediate Syndicates

Photos will be taken on Wednesday 13 June for the Senior and Intermediate Syndicates. Notices were sent home on Wednesday.

The Junior and Middles Syndicate students will have their photos taken at a later date in the year.

Family / Sibling Photos – If you would like a Family / Sibling Photo to be taken please complete the request form on the reverse side of the notice and return to the School Office before photoday.

#### St Josephs School Photos on Wednesday 13th June 2018

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.

**You do not order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.**  
You will receive an order form featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)

<b>Pack A \$40.00</b> 	<b>Pack B \$35.00</b> 	<b>Pack C \$29.50</b> 	<b>Pack prices (do not pay now)</b> A = 40.00 B = 35.00 C = 29.50 D = 20.00 E = 15.00
<b>Packs include:</b> Pack A: 10x15, 2x5x7, Postcards, Wallets, Calendar and Class Pack B: 7x5, 2x5x7, Postcards, Wallets, and Class Pack C: 1x5x7 and Class Pack D: 2x5x7, Postcards, Wallets, but no Class Pack E: Class only  <b>Pack D (Portraits) \$20.00</b>  <b>Pack E (Class) \$15.00</b> 			

Complimentary  
Packs A-D include portrait for teacher. Email the code on the included voucher to us, and we will send the file by return.  
A,B & D include complimentary B&W 5x7's.

Family/Sibling Photos: Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home or you can go to Family Order Form at [www.schoolmemories.co.nz](http://www.schoolmemories.co.nz) to download a form. Order form MUST be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.

### 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

### Uniform

Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly named.

### Uniform Shop Hours during Term Time

Monday morning	8.15– 8.45
Wednesday afternoon	2.30 – 3.00

### Help Needed with Transport

Transport to and from Kingsley Heights each day.

A pregnant mum who is not keeping well needs help transporting her 6 year old daughter to and from school each day. If you live in the Kingsley Heights area and are able to help please phone the School Office for contact details.



*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 Friday – Pink Shirt Day – Students are invited to wear a pink t-shirt / mufti clothes to support anti-bullying.
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 Wednesday – Sacred Heart College Open Morning 9am. Parents and students to make their own way there.
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 Tuesday – Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm in Staffroom 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

## Term 2 - Phrase of the Week

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This term is all about the positive praise	
Week 2	Tu meke- Choice
Week 3	Tino pai- Very good
Week 4	Mahi pai- Good work
Week 5	Tō ātaahau hoki- you look beautiful
Week 6	Ka rawe- Awesome
Week 7	Kia Waimarie- Good Luck
Week 8	Kia kaha- Be strong, give it heaps
Week 9	Tamata koutou pakeke- You tried hard
Week 10	Kaiawhina pai- great helper

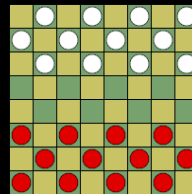
## Second hand Uniform Items Wanted

If you have any items of uniform that you would like the school to sell on your behalf or you would like to donate please bring them to the School Office.

Please ensure that the items are washed and in good condition.

## Board Games Wanted

If anyone has any board games that they no longer use please could you drop them into the School Office. These will be used during break times by the students when they cannot get outside.



## Lost

White All Whites draw string bag with football clothing and a pair of red Nike football boots with Seb embroidered on them. If found please return to the School Office.

## MUM'S AND DAUGHTER'S The Great Bake Off!

Bake something at home together and bring it on Sunday 1st July, 3pm to the School Library. We will have an afternoon of tasting and judging the cakes. Prizes!



Want to learn an instrument, play in a band and perform on the big stage?! Well your child's school is one of the lucky schools that has Goodtime Music Academy here each week to run its one of a kind Music Bus Programme. Learn more at [GoodtimeMusicAcademy.co.nz](http://GoodtimeMusicAcademy.co.nz)

Students can choose from learning the Drums, Keyboard, Ukulele and Guitar. These small group lessons (up to 4 students) are 30 minutes long and are held weekly, on the school grounds and throughout the school day.

Spaces in lessons are limited and students that are not able to be placed this term will be placed on a waiting list until a space opens up.

Lessons are \$15 per week and are invoiced by the term. Weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment options are available through Ezidebit.

Send us an email at [schools@gtma.co.nz](mailto:schools@gtma.co.nz) to be sent a registration pack!