



SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter
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Kia Ora e hoa ma

Student Learning is our core business at St Joseph's School and we take pride in developing quality teaching and learning experiences for our students. This week, Chris Steffensen and I have been interviewing a selection of students from each of the classes to learn about the work they are producing and the special things their teachers do to help them learn. This feedback will be shared with the teacher's along with some of the ideas our students have offered to help our teachers to improve further.

This process has been invaluable for Chris and I. Not only have we enjoyed a firsthand look at the students work, we have also learnt so much about what our students value in the learning process and the importance of the deliberate acts of teaching that we often take for granted. The little things our learners told us they enjoy include:

- Seeing the teacher mark their work
- Getting comments about how well they have done
- Knowing what level they are working at
- The teacher reading their stories with them
- Publishing their stories for others to read
- Learning new maths strategies
- Going up a basic facts level

Another advantage of interviewing our students was that we uncovered some amazing pieces of writing that our students had produced. To good to be stored away in a schoolbook, these will become a feature of future newsletters. Today we have included a wonderful piece by Amiria Neho from Room 6.

Parents, please also take the opportunity to speak to your children about their work. Encourage them to bring their work home to share or view the pieces they are placing on Seesaw.

Kindest Regards – Andrew Herrick

Teacher Strike - 15th August

You may be aware from recent media stories that the NZEI (Primary Teachers Union) have voted for a full day strike on Wednesday 15th August. The strike is from 7am until 7pm that day.

The Ministry and the Union have entered into mediation to try and find an agreeable solution, and if they do so prior to the 15th (and the teachers accept the offer) then the industrial action will be called off. We will keep you informed through our facebook page over the next week. The school knows this will be an inconvenience for parents and whānau, but there is a bigger issue the Union is trying to address.

I've shared some of the 'why' behind the Unions actions over the last term, but heard it summed up nicely this week as the **"40% problem"**

- 40% of teachers are due to retire in the next 5-10 years
- There are 40% less people entering into teacher training
- In the first 5 years of teaching 40% of teachers leave the profession

We want to attract and retain people into this profession, and that is what the Union is after...it isn't teachers 'being greedy' as some politicians have stated. Thanks in advance for your support and understanding with this.

School Lockdown Practice

Thanks to the staff and children for an amazing Lockdown Practice this week. I am confident we have a procedure in place to keep ourselves safe if and when needed. Hopefully you received the practice emails and were able to track the events via the school website. This will be our process when we are faced with an actual event so I would love your feedback.

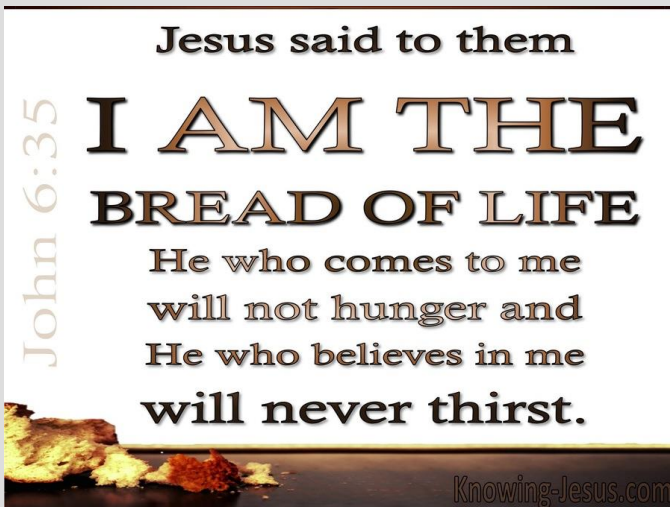
Attendance

Whilst we appreciate that term two was a nasty time for coughs and colds, **over 49% of our student population** did not meet the minimum expectation for student attendance. Essentially, 200 of our 400 students had at least 1 week away from school last term with some missing upwards of 5 weeks. Illness aside, we need your children here so they have every chance to achieve.

Religious Education Corner:

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

(John 6: 24-35)



This week's Gospel reminds us that Jesus gives himself to us in Eucharist as food for eternal life. This spiritual food nourishes us. Jesus also invites us to be the Eucharist to others through our words and actions. He wants us to be The Face of Christ to the World. St Francis of Assisi stated simply, "Speak the Gospel but not necessarily in words." Having a smile and being a witness to the Gospel values is where it starts. We are always drawn to happy bubbly people; they are positive and uplifting. So let us be the Face of Christ to the World not only in word but in action every day.

The Lord's Prayer in Te Reo Maori at weekend Masses:

Throughout the month of August, St Joseph's School students have been asked to lead the Lord's Prayer in Te Reo at Weekend Masses. Although these are not official school Masses, if you can make any of the following Mass times, it would be much appreciated.

- Sunday 12th August @ 9am
- Sunday 19th August @ 10.30am
- Saturday 25th August @ 6pm

The Lord's Prayer in Te Reo:

Published by the NZ Catholic Bishops' Conference,
Wellington, 2010.

E to mātou Matua i te rangi
kia whakatapua tōu ingoa;
kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga,
kia whakaritea tōu hiahia
i te whenua kia pērā anō i tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou aianeī he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā
Whakakāhoretia ō mātou hara,
me mātou e whakakore nei i ngā hara o te
hunga e hara ana ki a mātou; kua mātou e tukua kia
whakawaia,
ēngari whakaorangia mātou i te kino.

Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga
te kaha me te korōria
mō āke āke. Āmene.

God Bless,
Steve Coulam
(Director of Religious Studies)

Archdiocese of Wellington Attendance Dues



Phone 0800 462 725
Email dues@wn.catholic.org.nz
Text 021 08907902

Have you paid your attendance dues?

Our banking details are: **Archdiocese of Wellington Attendance Dues**, Westpac bank account
03-0518-0000-400-00, payment reference should be your dues account number.

Please contact our office urgently if you have any queries on your account or have not received a statement.



FREE Dental Checks!

Students at your school are due for their *free* annual dental check-ups.

The Dental van will be on the school site this term. Once seen your child will be given a letter that may include details of another appointment. Please contact us to change this appointment if required. Please search your child's school bag!

To book or reschedule your appointment, or update your contact details, please call 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583).

We look forward to seeing you soon!
The Bee Healthy Team



Private Bag 31907 Lower Hutt
www.beehealthy.org.nz | 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)

St Joseph's Sports

Google Forms Permission Slips

We are moving away from the traditional way of a paper permission slip, and replacing these with an electronic google form moving forward.

If your child would like to sign up for a sports event or sports league we will email you through a form to fill out online and submit through to us.

If you have any questions, suggestions or comments surrounding this change, please feel free to let us know.

Year 5/6 Basketball Tournament

On Tuesday 7th August, St Joseph's School took two Y5/6 competitive basketball teams to the UVPSA Tournament at Walter Nash. Both teams displayed awesome sportsmanship and team work, and did themselves very proud. Thanks so much to the parents who helped with transport, Fran and Tyler, and to Tyler and Megan for being parent support for the teams, we really appreciate it!



Flippaball

A google form has been sent out to the caregivers of students interested in playing in this After School League. Please email these back asap, or if you have not received it and your year 5, 6, 7 or 8 student is interested in playing, please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz



Y5/6 Netball Tournament

On Tuesday 21st August St Joseph's School are taking one competitive and one social team down for the UVPSA Tournament at Heretaunga College courts.

We are giving four of our intermediate netball players a leadership role supporting these teams. Thanks to those who have already returned their google form.

Y5/6 Football Tournament

Next week, we will gather interest for the Y5/6 Football Tournament on Tuesday 4th September at TMP - Barton Oval. If your child indicates they are interested you will receive a google form, or you are welcome to email your students interest to sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz

BMX

The BMX Tournament is fast approaching, please see the attached poster. We will gather interest for this next week.

MITT VALLEY THUNDERBOLTS

BMX

SCHOOL CHALLENGE 2018

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GNARLEY
DUDE

WHO HAS THE FASTEST SCHOOL?

Tuesday 18th September
At least 5 riders per school
Any bike will do
McLeod Park, McLeod Street, Upper Hutt

Want to ride? Contact:

If I Had Wings

If I had wings I would touch fluffy clouds that taste like candy floss.

If I had wings at night time I would touch the shiny, shimmering stars dancing in the purple sky.

If I had wings I could hear other birds singing and chatting to one another.

If I had wings I would breathe in the freezing air and breathe out clouds filled with icy raindrops.

If I had wings I would gaze at the ancient moon, golden stars and the fiery orange sun.

If I had wings I would gaze at silver clouds gliding.

If I had wings I would dream of seeing God, Jesus and angels.

If I had wings I would dream of talking to the sun, stars and moon.

Written by Amiria (age 9)



Help Required

If you live in the Wallaceville area and are able to pick up a five year old girl and bring to school and drop her home after school please contact the School Office on 528 4910 for more details. This is needed only for approximately a month. Thank you.

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

Labour Day 22 October

Term Three – 2018 – Key Events

Week 4	Monday 13 – Friday 17 August	Wednesday – Teacher Strike – School closed
Week 5	Monday 20 – Friday 24 August	Tuesday – Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm in Staffroom
Week 6	Monday 27 – Friday 31 August	Monday - Dental Van arrives at school. Onsite until 18 September. Tuesday – Gardasil Vaccinations Friday – St Joseph’s School Solidarity Day
Week 7	Monday 3 – Friday 7 Sept	
Week 8	Monday 10 – Friday 14 Sept	
Week 9	Monday 17 – Friday 21 Sept	Wednesday – School Photos. Juniors, Middles, Rooms 2 & 4
Week 10	Monday 24 – Friday 28 Sept	Thursday – End of term 3 Mass 11.30am at St Joseph’s Church Friday - Term 3 ends at 2.50pm



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