



SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter
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A warm welcome to you all,

The Board of Trustees and I were privileged to be joined by the junior and senior syndicate leaders at this week's Board of Trustees meeting. During the meeting they each shared the journeys that the teachers were doing to change their teaching practice and ultimately improve the learning outcomes for your children. It would be fair to say that the board and I were totally impressed by the passion, dedication and hard work of our teachers within these syndicates and left the meeting with a clear understanding about the collaborative approaches that were occurring between the teachers and students within these learning teams.

"Collaboration divides the task and multiplies the success"

Collaborative approaches have become essential to effective modern educational programmes. Like the modern workplace, schools now function in an increasingly networked way and the ability to work effectively with others is now a key element to future success. Those students who can work in teams and communicate effectively to promote a 'collective intelligence' are sought-after employees in the modern workplace. It is particularly pleasing that 'working collaboratively' is underpinning the actions of the teachers and the decisions they are making about their learning programmes at St Joseph's School.

What does collaboration look like in these classrooms?

Take a peek within these classrooms and you will see:

- Teachers planning learning opportunities together so that their individual expertise are used in ways that benefit the learner
- Students selecting learning opportunities from a teacher, other than their home teacher, because the task suits their individual needs
- Students working together to solve complex problems they would struggle to complete individually
- Teachers learning from one another
- Students learning from one another
- Teachers and students learning from one another

Why St Joseph's School?

Since arriving at St Joseph's School I have taken the opportunity to ask some of the teachers and students about the School, what makes it so special and what we hope to develop in every learner. These conversations have provided the perfect springboard to refresh the school's mission statement. This statement is the compass for which we make decisions that impact on the holistic development of the students within our school.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with it, our mission states:

We Believe

We believe in our learners. We believe in our community.
We believe in our Faith

Our Aim

We aim to provide creative and innovative opportunities for our students so they discover and develop their individual talents. We aim to provide every child with a high quality education within a caring and respectful environment. We prepare our students to become lifelong learners and equip them with the skills, attitudes and values they need to be positive and contributing members of society.

Our Place

St Joseph's School is a learning community committed to nurturing growth in all students through excellence in teaching and learning and the values of Jesus Christ.

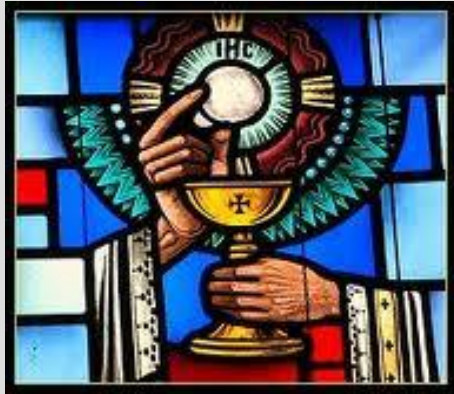
Our Children

St Joseph's students enjoy a sense of identity, a feeling of belonging and above all a powerful awareness of self worth. They demonstrate their Catholic values through their behaviours, attitudes and actions as they strive for personal excellence.

Religious Education Corner:

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

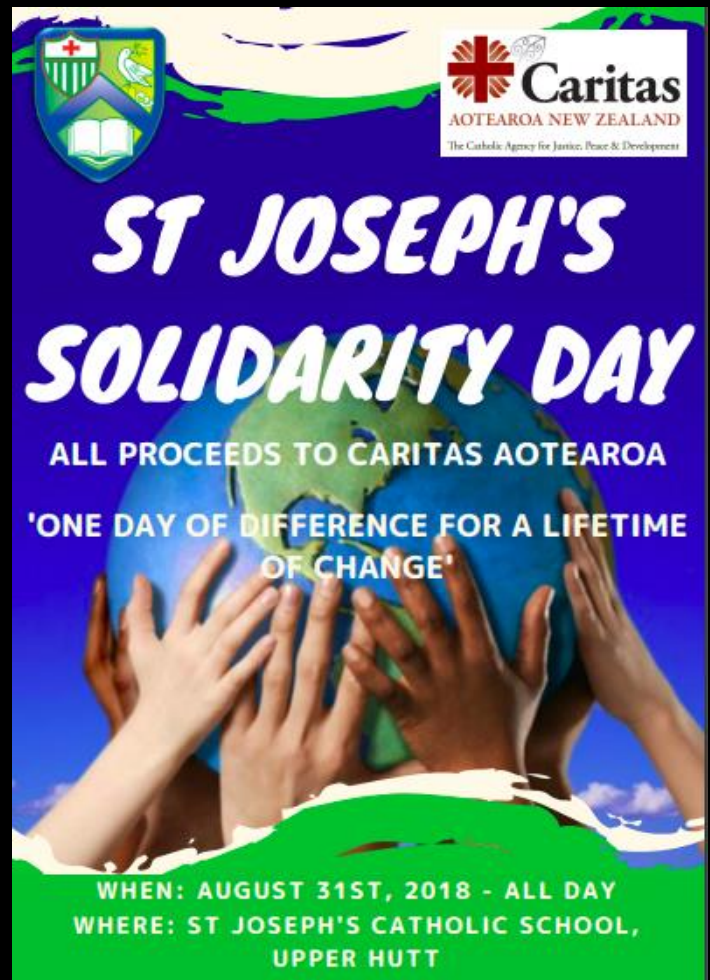
(John 6: 51-58)



In this week's gospel, Jesus tells us that He is "The Bread of Life" and anyone who eats this bread will live forever. At the Last Supper, Jesus changed the bread and wine into His own body and blood. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, they became Jesus himself so that He could share himself in a very special way with his apostles. At the offertory, we bring bread and wine to be changed, through the power of God, into his body and blood so that we can share in Christ's life and become more like Jesus. To be the hands, face and voice of Jesus to those we meet.

St Joseph's Solidarity Day:

This term, our students are learning about the Catholic social justice teaching of 'Solidarity'. In other words, we are exploring ways that we can be more like Jesus and help others. To assist our learners in understanding what life is like for those who are less fortunate than ourselves, our school will be holding a school wide solidarity day on **Friday 31st August**. On this day, each syndicate will be hosting their own challenges with the intention of raising funds for Caritas. In some syndicates, cans of non-perishable food will be collected in lieu of money. More information about this event will be coming home in the next week.



Wanted Bric-a-Brac

A group in the Senior Syndicate are collecting Bric-a-Brac for the Te Omanga Hospice Shop. Your donations would be greatly appreciated. Items wanted are kitchenware, ornaments, glassware and household items. Please drop into the School Office.

Change of Clothes

Just lately we have had a few children requiring a change of clothes during the day and we are fast running out of spare clothes (especially smaller sizes).

Please send a change of clothes in your child's school bag.

St Joseph's Sports

Y5/6 Rugby HOME GAME

We welcome Silverstream Schools' rugby team to our School next Thursday 30th August for a rugby match. Kick off will be at 1pm.

We are excited to be hosting Silverstream School, and welcome parents and caregivers to come along and watch the match. Best of luck to our St Joseph's team!

Y5/6 Football

On Tuesday 4th September, Y5/6 has two teams in the football tournament. If your child has registered their interest, we require the electronic form returned by Monday at the latest. Please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz with any questions.

All ages BMX

On Tuesday 18th September, we have the opportunity to enter any age students in the BMX tournament. Teachers gathered interest in their classrooms then an electronic form was emailed out, if you did not receive one but would like your child to participate, please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz

Collins Cup - Netball and rugby

On Wednesday 5th September, we have one netball team and one rugby team entered in the Collins Cup. We wish both our teams participating, the best of luck!

Flippaball

This starts mid-September, we are still in need of more players to fill our teams, if you have not yet registered or require a form please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz Thank you to those who have already registered, teams will be made by the end of week 7.

Softball Y7/8

Softball is coming up in week 9 for years 7/8, electronic permission slips will go out on Monday.

Please promptly submit these. Thanks!



Dad's and Daughter's **ROLLER SKATING DISCO**

Dad's, Grandad's, Uncle's, Big Brothers it is time to get your skates on and bring your daughter, granddaughter, niece and sister to St Joseph's Roller Skating Disco.

Saturday 22nd September, 6.30-8.30pm
4A Railway Ave
Upper Hutt

Tickets on sale at St Joseph's office for \$5.00



Unravelling the adolescent brain



Adolescent Seminar

Host: Pasifika Power Up – Hutt Valley
Date: Wednesday 29 August 2018
Time: 5.15-7.15pm
Venue: Naenae College School Hall,
910 High Street, Avalon, Lower Hutt
RSVP: Rebekah Tuleto'a by Monday 27 August
for catering purposes.
Ph: 021 022 59047 or Email: Pasifika@fusion@gmail.com

Cost: FREE

Seminar Content

In this seminar our content will cover:

- Adolescence is a time of transition from childhood to adulthood that involves intellectual, physical, social, emotional and hormonal changes
- Recognising and enhancing adolescents' strengths
- The important role of parents and other adults in providing guidance and support through this transition
- The increased importance of peers
- Positive and negative aspects of risk-taking
- Changes in sleep patterns
- Exploring the potential influence of alcohol use
- Benefits and risks associated with social media use

About Brainwave

Every childhood matters. That's why we speak up about the importance of brain development in the early years. Brainwave's vision is that all children in Aotearoa New Zealand are valued and nurtured so they can reach their full potential.

www.brainwave.org.nz



Information for parents and local school community

Influenza outbreaks in schools in the greater Wellington region

Several schools and early child education centres in the Wellington region currently have an influenza outbreak.

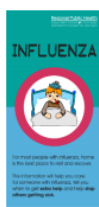
The main symptoms of influenza are fever, cough and sometimes vomiting or diarrhoea in younger children. These symptoms usually last 3-4 days but can be up to 7 days.

The following information will help reduce the spread of influenza and assist your school:

1. Advise a member of staff if your child has an illness as described above.
2. Check that your school has your correct and up-to-date contact details in case they need to contact you.
3. Keep sick children at home until feeling well and free from symptoms (usually 3-4 days but up to 7 days). Sick staff and students should not be at social or sporting events, school productions or camps. This is so they can rest and recover and don't spread illness to others.
4. It is important to use tissues to cover coughs and sneezes and to be very good about washing and drying hands thoroughly. An [influenza brochure](http://www.rph.org.nz/influenza) accessible at www.rph.org.nz/influenza has some good tips for looking after people with influenza and stopping it spreading to other people at home.
5. If anyone in your family has influenza we ask that they don't visit hospitals or community care homes or see people who may be at high risk of serious illness, such as pregnant women, young babies, or anyone who has cancer, lung, and heart or kidney conditions.

If you are worried about your child's symptoms or they have long-term health problems (e.g. asthma, diabetes, kidney, heart or immunity problems), then you should phone their usual doctor or Healthline 0800 611 116 for further advice. Otherwise they should recover at home and see their GP only if the illness gets worse or is not improving.

Nga mihi nui
Dr Annette Nesdale, Medical Officer of Health
Regional Public Health



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 – 14 December

Public Holidays

Labour Day 22 October

Term Three – 2018 – Key Events

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 Friday – St Patrick's College Assessment Day
Week 7	Monday 3 – Friday 7 Sept	
Week 8	Monday 10 – Friday 14 Sept	Wed (pm only today) – Fri - Book Fair in Library
Week 9	Monday 17 – Friday 21 Sept	Mon – Tues – Book Fair in Library Wednesday – St Patrick's College (Option Tasters) 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