



SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter
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Mālō 'etau lava,

This week I had the privilege of joining the St Joseph's Mentoring Group as they completed the hunting component of the programme. Despite trying weather conditions and interrupted sleep due to Xavier's sleep talking, each of our boys were able to successfully hunt and harvest a deer. Whilst hunting remains a significant part of our work, the real aim focuses on transforming the educational outcomes for students who are at risk of under-achieving by providing a mentoring programme that builds upon classroom learning through educational activities outside of the classroom.

Our work involves a number of environmental based activities throughout the year but the monitoring of self-belief, academic achievement, attendance and behaviour also forms a major part of what we do. Our aim is to make sure our young students leave St Joseph's School with the knowledge and skills that enables them to fully engage in higher education within the New Zealand Secondary and ultimately Tertiary education settings.

Our 2018 participants included – Joshua Wanden, Xavier (Turbo) Campbell, Felix Hall and Cameron Larson. Applications for the 2019 edition of our mentoring programme will begin early in term 4. If you think this is something that may be applicable for your child please encourage them to apply.



Mālō e lelei – Andrew Herrick

MANAGING TIME ONLINE

How much time is too much time online? If you feel like the time your child is spending online is making them feel unhappy or having a negative impact on other parts of your life then it might be worth looking at some ways to cut down.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME ONLINE?

If you look at the news you'll see that there's a lot of people talking about the negative effects of spending time online. However, not all screentime is bad. Research shows that for many young people spending some time online connecting with friends or doing creative tasks can be really positive. The problem comes when their online habits go too far and start to have an impact on the rest of their life. Here are some things that might be worth thinking about if you're trying to cut down your children's time online.

How is your child spending their time online? Lots of online activities can be really positive and help kids to develop new skills, connect with friends or develop critical thinking.

Is the time your child is spending online affecting other parts of their life? If online time is cutting into the time spent with family or friends, making them lose sleep or making it hard for them to study then it might be worth looking at ways to manage it.

How does your child feel after they've spent time online? If they feel good and positive then that's a good sign, but if they're coming away feeling upset, frustrated, bored or irritated then this could signal it might be a good idea to cut down.

For additional information and support see
<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/time-online/>

Religious Education Corner:

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:
(Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)



In this week's Gospel, Jesus and His disciples ignored one of the many rules that the Pharisees had created. This made the Pharisees very angry. Jesus tells the Pharisees that the outward appearance of people can be misleading. We have to look into their hearts and see what is inside, to know if they are filled with God's goodness. Rather unkind thoughts, acts of selfishness, being unkind, speaking unkindly are what makes peoples' hearts unclean. What goes on inside our hearts is what really matters, especially to God. When our hearts are set on God they are freed from the multitude of human rules that tie us down, that stop us having a direct, personal relationship with God and prevent proper action and worship. Today we are invited to consider what changes we need to make in order to live the Christian life more fully? What changes do I need to make today to become a person of greater integrity?

Sacramental Programme

Just a gentle reminder that the final phase of the Sacramental Program is starting with a shared dinner on Friday September 14th.

The dinner will be in the St Joseph's School Hall beginning at 5:30pm. Please come as soon as you can. It's more important to BE THERE than it is to be on time.

The third meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 21st, which happens to be Labour Weekend. Figuring that many families may wish to be away for the weekend, it was decided to move that meeting to the following Sunday, October 28th.

St Joseph's Solidarity Day Recap:

First of all, I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who got behind and supported last Friday's school-wide Solidarity Day. It was a memorable day for all and a great opportunity for our students to stop and reflect on how privileged they are, and develop an awareness of how they can do good things in our world. In total we collectively raised \$791.80, all of which will be given to Caritas Aotearoa. On top of this, we also received 82 items of food which will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society. For those still wanting to make a donation of either non-perishable food or money for this, you can do so at the school office. A special mention must go to Chris Su who collected \$149 in sponsorship money. Well done Chris.



Weekly Donation to the St Vincent de Paul Society:

Continuing on the school-wide theme of solidarity, St Joseph's School is starting a weekly collection of non-perishable food for those in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves. If you are interested in supporting our cause, there will be a collection basket located in the office with all items donated distributed via the St Vincent de Paul Society.

God Bless,
Steve Coulam
(Director of Religious Studies)

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.

St Joseph's Sports

Y5/6 Rugby St Joseph's vs Silverstream

Congratulations to our Y5/6 rugby team who had a home game last Friday vs Silverstream School. Two good wins and now top their pool. A couple of weeks ago they beat Upper Hutt School 35-25 and they have now beaten Silverstream 70-7. Looking forward to our next game!



Flippaball Teams announced

Teams for the Term 3 and 4 Flippaball League were emailed out to students on Monday. Please let Ms Harrison know as soon as possible with any issues and get your subs paid into the office as soon as possible.



Y5/6 Swimming

This begins in week 9. A form was sent home on Monday for caregivers to please fill in to give us an indication of your students swimming ability, please get this back to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Collins Cup - Rugby and Netball

Unfortunately Collins Cup for our Y7/8 Rugby and Netball teams was postponed due to the weather on Wednesday. As soon as the new dates are proposed we will let the players and their caregivers know via email.

Y5/6 Football

This was postponed on Tuesday due to the weather.

Y7/8 Softball

Thanks to those who have submitted their Y7/8 Softball forms back. This is happening on Tuesday 18th September. We still need parent help for this event, if you can help please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz

BMX

Thanks to those who have submitted their students all years BMX forms back, this is happening on Tuesday 18th September. We still need parent help for this event, if you can help please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz

Netball Information

Bond

A form came home with your child regarding Bond. Please see the office if you need another form. This must be returned with the uniform.

Prize giving

There was a split down the middle in the survey I sent out for a St Joseph's School Netball prize giving. Most teams are having their own break-up. To meet in the middle we will give out the Drive award for netball at the school assembly on Thursday 13th September at 2 pm. We will have a shared lunch for all the netball teams at 1 pm in the hall for the netball girls on this day. Parents, coaches, managers are welcome to attend the shared lunch and assembly.

Learn to Play Tennis

Dates: Wednesday 3, Thursday 4 and Friday 5 Oct (wet or fine)
Venue: St Joseph's School Tennis Courts

If wet the programme will be held in the St Joseph's School Hall (Royal Street)

Timetable:

10.00am-11.00am - Boys and girls from 5-8 years old
11.00am-12 noon - Girls from 9 years
1.00pm-2.00pm - Boys from 9 years +

Cost: \$33-00 for the 3 days. Money is to be paid on the first day.

Registration: Contact Gary Nelson – Ph. 5897178 or Email a.nelson@xtra.co.nz

Note: Enrolments must be received by - Wednesday 26 Sept

EARLY ENROLMENT is advised as this programme is very popular and the first 12 enrolments in each age group will be accepted.

Totara Park Softball Club 2018/2019 Registrations dates as follows

Wednesday 12th Sept 6pm to 8pm and Saturday 15th Sept 9am to 12pm

Upper Hutt Rams Rugby Clubrooms,
Maidstone Park, 3 Railway Ave, Upper Hutt

EFTPOS AVAILABLE - FEES MUST BE PAID ON REGISTRATION

Enquiries to Lynley - phone 5288213 or email sec.tpsc@gmail.com

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 8	Monday 10 – Friday 14 Sept	Wed (pm only today) – Fri - Book Fair in Library Thurs – Shared lunch for netball teams at 1pm followed by Assembly in Hall Fri – Book Character Dress Up Day
Week 9	Monday 17 – Friday 21 Sept	Mon – Tues – Book Fair in Library Tues – BMX Competition Wed – St Patrick's College (Option Tasters) Wed – School Photos. Juniors, Middles, Rooms 2 & 4 Sun – Dad's and Daughter's Roller Skating Disco 6.30-8.30
Week 10	Monday 24 – Friday 28 Sept	Thurs – End of term 3 Mass 11.30am at St Joseph's Church Fri - Term 3 ends at 2.50pm

School Photos on 19 September Rooms 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 4 ¾

St Josephs School Photos on Wednesday 19th September 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)

Pack A \$40.00 	Pack B \$35.00 	Pack C \$29.50 	Pack prices (do not pay now) A = 40.00 B = 35.00 C = 29.50 D = 20.00 E = 15.00
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Packs include:
 Pack A: 20x25 1/2 Portraits, Wallets, and Class Photo
 Pack B: 15x25 1/2 Portraits, Wallets, and Class Photo
 Pack C: 10x25 1/2 Portraits, Wallets, and Class Photo
 Pack D: 5x25 1/2 Portraits, Wallets, and Class Photo
 Pack E: 3x25 1/2 Portraits, Wallets, and Class Photo

Pack D (Portraits) \$20.00

Pack E (Class) \$15.00

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 to download a form. Order form MUST be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.



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

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Māori Language Week 10–14 Mahuru (week 8)



Te wiki o te reo Māori takes place this year between 10 and 16 September.

Kia Kaha te Reo Māori is the theme for this year's Māori Language Week- 'Let's make the Māori language strong'.

St Joseph's aim for Māori Language Week 2018 is to

- Celebrate Maori language and culture
- Promote the teaching and learning of Maori language

Outline of the week:

Rāhina: **Māori Prayer and Song**
Start the week with a **Māori Prayer** and learn

Rātū: **Māori Language Quiz**
Come to Room 2 to play a Māori Language quiz, prizes to be won.
Kapa Haka 1.30pm

Rāapa: **Hine Kōhūwau- Productions**
9.15am Mihi Whakatau then the show will start

Rāpare: **Fry Bread /Boil up**
Fry bread available at lunch time from the hall, \$1.50. Boil up \$2.00

Rāmere: **Waia Jam Session**
Let's have a jam session in the hall as a school of all the favourite waia
Juniors to sing, then Seniors, then Intermediates.

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

THE ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

BOOK FAIR

WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
AFTERNOON ONLY - 2:50 - 3:30PM

THURSDAY 13TH - TUESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
8:30 - 9:00AM & 2:50 - 3:30PM

WIDE SELECTION OF BOOKS, POSTERS AND
STATIONARY TO CHOOSE FROM

FREE GIFT WITH EVERY PURCHASE

FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY - FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER