



# SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter  
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## Welcome to Term Four

Spring arrived just in time for our Intermediate campers who survived their week of fun and adventure at Teapot Valley in Nelson. For those of you that followed the events as they unfolded on Facebook, you would have noticed our learners were provided with some fantastic opportunities to develop the key competencies of **Thinking, Relating to Others, Managing Self and Participating and Contributing**. A big 'Thank You' to all of the parents who gave up their time to assist us. We can't provide these opportunities with your support.

Term four is a particularly busy time with summative assessments and summary reporting to parents to be completed. However, as soon as the formalities are out of the way I have given the teachers the freedom to provide exciting and modern learning opportunities to the students. Please ask your children what creative learning opportunities they are being provided and feel free to share any great ideas you have with your child's teacher.

## New Enrolments

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October we held our Intermediate Open Day and welcomed the new Year 7 Students who will be joining the school in 2019. We are predicting the largest starting roll ever in 2019 and we look forward to these new students arrival.

If you have young students starting school with us in the coming 12 months I encourage you to get in touch with Tracy so we can complete the enrolment process. We take pride in the transition programme we have in place to ensure your children start school as settled and happy as possible. Without this enrolment information we are unable to plan for this.

## Teacher Negotiation Updates

New Zealand's principals and primary teachers have just voted about what to do to get government action on the current crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

We're agreed - we can't in good conscience accept the Government's latest collective agreement offer because it does not begin to address the crisis and the impact on your children.

We have therefore voted for an unprecedented second strike, to be held next month. There will be nationwide rolling strikes over a week, and our region will be striking on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Our school will be closed on that date. While we regret the inconvenience we know this will cause, we need to send a clear message to the Government that we are standing strong for our students.

Already children's education is suffering because of the difficulty in recruiting teachers and relievers, and we must take bold steps to turn this around. The Government recently announced a \$5.5 billion surplus, so there is no reason to make our children wait while the situation deteriorates further.

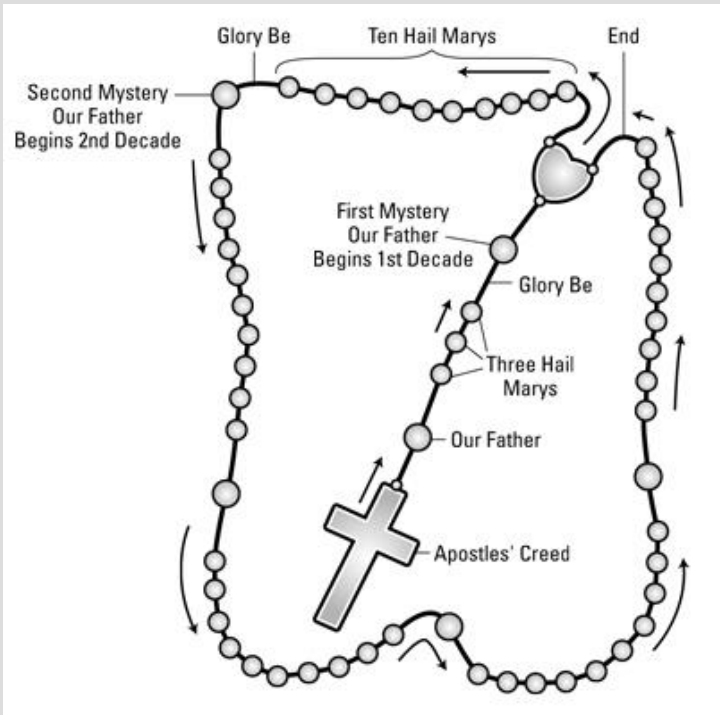
Through our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, we are asking for:

- Smaller classes, so our children can get more one-on-one attention
- More resources and staffing to adequately support children with additional learning needs – this will benefit all children because teachers will be freed to spend more one-on-one time with every student
- A significant increase in teachers' salaries so that they are properly valued for their qualifications and responsibilities, and as a country we can recruit and retain teachers.

We appreciate your continued support on this important issue. For more information, please go to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/> or talk with your child's teacher.

## Religious Education Corner:

### WHY IS OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY?



Every year on October 7th, we as a faith community celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, sometimes referred to as the Feast of the Holy Rosary. The day itself, was dedicated by St. Pius V in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church. The Rosary itself with a capital 'R', refers to the devotion of praying the Rosary (a bouquet of prayers to our Lady), whereas the word rosary with a lowercase 'r', just refers to "a string of rosary beads".

The prayers that comprise the Rosary are arranged in sets of ten Hail Marys, called decades. Each decade is preceded by one Lord's Prayer and followed by one Glory Be. During recitation of each set, thought is given to one of the Mysteries of the Rosary (The Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous Mysteries), which recall events in the lives of Jesus and Mary.

### Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace.  
The Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,  
Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

### Awe Maria

Awe e Maria, e ki ana koe i  
te keratia, kei a koe te  
Ariki, e whakapaingia  
ana koe i roto i inga wahine,  
a e whakapaingia ana hoki  
a Hehu te hua o tou kopu.

E Hata Maria, e te matua wahine  
o te Atua, inoi koe mo  
matou mo te unga hara aiane,  
a, a te haora o to  
matou matenga rawa.  
Amene.

**God Bless,  
Steve Coulam  
(Director of Religious Studies)**

### Attendance Dues



Phone: 0800 462 725  
Email: [dues@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dues@wn.catholic.org.nz)  
Text: 021 0890 7962  
[www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues)

Term 4 invoices have been sent out. Please contact our office if you have not received it as yet.

You can now pay online using your Visa Debit or Credit card via our Web Page

[www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues)

## Sports

### Flipperball

This has kicked off for term 3. Congratulations to our 3 teams who are all playing extremely well, for most this is their first time trying the sport!

We look forward to sharing the results at the end of the league.

### Softball - Y5/6

Congratulations to our Y5/6 softball team who played in the UVPSA Softball (Tee-ball) on Wednesday 24th October.

Great teamwork & sportsmanship displayed throughout the day,

3 wins, 1 loss and a draw! - lots of home runs!

Awesome work team!



### Touch Rugby - Y3/4 Y5/6

St Joseph's School is running the UVPSA Touch Rugby Tournament this year. We have one year 3 and 4 team and 1 one year 5 and 6 team entered. We had over 80 students trial for this, it was a really tough decision bringing it down to 22!

The tournament is at Maidstone Park on Wednesday, and we wish the teams the best of luck!

If you know anyone willing to help on the day or to referee we would love your help! Please email [sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz)

### Danish Rounders Y5/6

This event is coming up for our year 5 and 6 students on Tuesday 27th November at Trentham Memorial Park. Students will express interest next week and electronic forms will be sent out on Wednesday next week. If you have any questions please email [sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz)



### Basketball - Miniball after school league

This kicks off on Tuesday week 3 for our senior team. Unfortunately the intermediate league is not going ahead for term 4 due to no interest.

We wish our senior school team the best of luck!

### Swimming Lessons Y1/2 and Y3/4

We have kicked off the term with swimming lessons in week 1 and 2 for our years 1 and 2 students and in week 3 and 4 for our years 3 and 4 students.

Please return your swimming ability forms ASAP to your child's teacher and remember to send your child to school with their togs these weeks, feedback is much appreciated, please send through to [sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz)

### Christmas Parade 2018

Join us as we participate in this year's Upper Hutt Christmas Parade. This year's theme is Away in a Manger.

We are looking for 15-20 student participants to help us create the nativity scene for our float and join us during the parade. We will be having our first meeting at lunch on Wednesday of week 3.

When: December 2, 2018

Contact us if you would like to participate:

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

or [teina@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:teina@stjosephsuh.school.nz)

## Scholastic Book Orders

Scholastic book pamphlets will be given out this week. These are due back at school by Wednesday 31st October. 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](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) or mobile app. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Toni Burrell on 0272118118.

## Free Evening Art Class

There will be a free art class run in the St Joseph's School Hall starting in the second week of November for all levels.

Every Monday 6-9pm and Wednesday 6-9pm until 12th December.

It will cover drawing, painting, printmaking etc.

Please contact Mr F. Uvea 021 128 9342 for further details.

## Cookie Time Christmas Cookies



To order please contact Phone: 0800 XCOOKIE  
Email: [hollywh@christmascookies.co.nz](mailto:hollywh@christmascookies.co.nz)

## 2018 Term Dates

Term 4 15 October – 14 December

## 2019 Start Date

Monday 4 February

## Term Four – 2018 – Key Events

Week 3	Monday 29 Oct – Friday 2 Nov	Mon – Thurs: Year 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons Thurs: All Saints Day Mass: St Joseph's Church 9.15am Fri – Athletics Day for Years 4-6
Week 4	Monday 5 – Friday 9 Nov	Mon – Thurs: Year 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons Mon: Parihaka Day. Miha Maori Mass Time at St Joseph's Church TBC Sun: First Holy Communion
Week 5	Monday 12 – Friday 16 Nov	
Week 6	Monday 19 – Friday 23 Nov	Tues – Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm Thurs – FOSS Meeting 7pm
Week 7	Monday 26 – Friday 30 Nov	Sun: Combined School/Parish Mass
Week 8	Monday 3 – Friday 7 Dec	Mon – Wed: Senior Camp Thurs: Prizegiving at Heretaunga Christian Centre
Week	Monday 10 – Friday 14 Dec	Fri: End of Year Mass 9.15am

## FOSS Meeting

Thursday 22 November at 7pm

New members welcome to come along



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