



SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter
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Tena Koutou Katoa

We are quickly approaching that time of year when we begin to reflect upon, and celebrate, the hard work and achievement during 2018. As we do this, we are also turning our attention to the 2019 year and how we can best meet the academic, social and emotional needs of your children. In the coming week, you will receive an opportunity to provide us with some special information about your child. This information assists us to place your child with the most suitable teacher to meet their needs. The class creation process is not an easy one. Much time and thought is put into balancing the needs of your child with that of the wider cohort. Please use the opportunity to share the information about your child with us as it becomes very difficult to make changes to our classes after their construction.

As you know, we like to keep our whanau informed about the goings on in and around our kura. One of the key communications we like to share is information around the people who will form our teaching team for the year to come and to celebrate the contributions of people who are heading off on new adventures in 2019. Keep your eye out for a special edition of the St Joseph's staffing news that will accompany the student information sheet next week.

STRIKE ACTION UPDATE

The NZEI (teacher's union) has signalled possible further strike action for Wellington schools on Friday 16 November. This is highly likely to go ahead, so the Board of Trustees has decided to close the school for instruction that day. Please make other arrangements for your children on Friday 16 November. The Board appreciates the inconvenience this may cause you. We want to thank our school community for your cooperation while negotiations between NZEI and the Government continue. If there is any change to this date or if the strike action is cancelled, we'll let you know as soon as possible.

School Stationery for 2019

In 2019, we are partnering with OfficeMax to make returning back to school easy with 'MySchool' stationery ordering. It's so simple in fact; you can get everything you need without leaving the house!

Our teachers have worked with the OfficeMax Team to create a full list of your child's class requirements for the upcoming year. Towards the end of the year, we will provide you with a link to the 'MySchool' website. When you have this you just search for your child's school and class where you can then download the entire list. From here, you can buy all the products you need online, in-store or over the phone. If you need something extra then OfficeMax 'MySchool' has an extensive range of school supplies, school stationery, exercise books, BYOD Devices, school books, art supplies and more. Once you've created your order, you can get everything conveniently delivered to your home or office.

Religious Education Corner:

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

(Mark 12: 28-34)



In this week's gospel Mark talks about the two great commandments, to love God and to love our neighbour. Jesus tells us that we must love our neighbour as ourselves. But what does this mean? Who is our neighbour and how do we show love for them? These commandments of love are at the very heart of our Christian faith. By his life and his teaching, Jesus showed us that to love God and one another is more important than anything else we might do. As followers of Christ, this love should be shared and expressed in our words, thoughts, prayers and actions each and every day of our lives.

World Day of the Poor Donation:

Pope Francis has called on us to consider the poor on the 18th of November. You may want to participate in one of the Archdiocese initiatives or support the St Joseph's Parish collection that will purchase meat packs and donate them to low income families. Each meat pack will be valued at roughly \$20 - \$30 so any donation is greatly appreciated. Or you may want to donate a food item to the food bank. Collection boxes can be located in either our school office or St Joseph's Church foyer. If you want to take part or know more about this initiative, please call Teresa on 527 9061 or Judy on 970 7169.

2018 Sacramental Programme - First Holy Communion:

This weekend, at the 10.30am Sunday Mass, 26 of our young people will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We ask that you continue to keep these young people in your prayers.

Ana Alves, Nareiah Teowai Barber, William Patrick Eric Belton, Chelsea Trinity Bennett, Sophie Mae Edhouse, Maggie Paige Elmiger, Willow Grace Elmiger, Gavin Mathieu Fulgarinas, Viah Marithe Fulgarinas, Brayden Joseph Croudace Gemmell, Ashton Herrick, Caleb James Grant-Atack, Nathaniel James William Jones, 'Ilisapesi Ana Lafumoa Kula, Inoke Fakana'ana'a Rodriquez Kula, Simione Jonathan Kula, Ashton Manaia Teokotai Mataiti, Christian McKenzie Pagaura, Mason Roy Renshaw Manea Sami, Matthew Sami, Issac Benjamin Sanele, Madison Rose Sharkey, Noah Zebulon Smith, Jericho Wharehinga, Allissa Victoria Wratt.

A big thank you also to Fr. Maleko Tufuga, Father Kevin Connor, Fiona Rammell, Margaret & Peter Dawson, Liz Te'o, Rachel Olliver, Steve Coulam and to all the parents and caregivers who have helped prepare these children for this Sacrament.

Sacramental Programme 2019:

If you, or someone you know might be interested in participating in the 2019 Sacramental Programme, information for this will be available in the new year.

God Bless,

Steve Coulam
(Director of Religious Studies)

Sports

Swimming Y3/4

Our years 3 and 4 have had swimming at H2O Xtreme the last 2 weeks, they have had a great time. Thanks to H2O Xtreme, parents and caregivers and the middle syndicate teachers for making it happen.

Danish Rounders Y5/6

We are taking 60 year 5 and 6 students to the UVPSSA Danish Rounders Tournament on Tuesday 27th November. If your child has registered their interest for this event please respond to the electronic form emailed, otherwise please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz to receive another permission form.

Please make sure your child has sent in their \$4.00 transport cost for the bus to the School Office before Monday 26th November.

Y7/8 Cricket

We have been lucky enough to be invited to the Hutt Valley Cricket Tournament on Wednesday 28th November, we are entering one team of 8 students. These students have been sent electronic forms.

We have a coach coming in to support the team on Fridays 1pm - 1.50pm (lunchtime).

Athletics Y7/8

On 27th November we are sending 29 students to the Inter-Zone Athletics. These students have been emailed and sent an electronic form. Please ensure you complete the form and return your \$4.00 bus cost to the School Office.

Y4/5/6 Inter-School Athletics

On Tuesday next week our inter-school athletics team will take on the rest of the Hutt Valley in their sporting events! All the best to the team! We look forward to hearing your results!

Don't forget your sausage sizzle money :)



Miniball League

Our Miniball Team has had their first two games of the season and are working very strongly as a team. Thanks to Emma Brown and Tyler Mataiti for coaching and Deb Hunter for managing the team!

Prize Giving 2018

Thursday 6 December

Heretaunga Christian Centre

Years 1 - 4 Prize Giving 1.00 – 2.15pm

Years 5 - 8 Prize Giving 6.30 – 8pm



Year 8 Leaver's Dinner

Tuesday 27 November

6 – 9pm

Trentham Racecourse

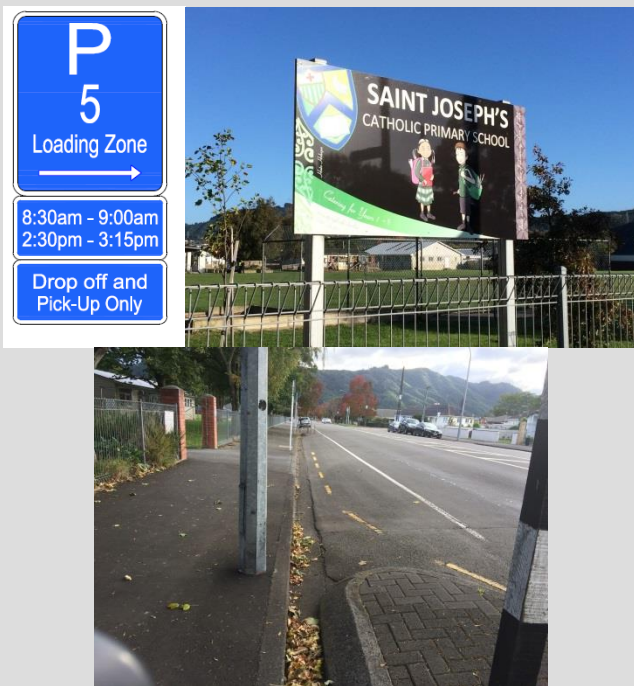
PLEASE PUT CHILDREN'S SAFETY FIRST AT ALL TIMES

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**
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If you need to go in to school please drive past the Saint Joseph's sign to find a park.

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2018 Term Dates

Term 4 15 October – 14 December

2019 Start Date

Monday 4 February

Uniform Shop Hours in January 2019

Monday 28 January 10am – 12pm

Tuesday 29 January 10am – 12pm

Wednesday 30 January 10am – 12pm

Thursday 31 January 10am – 12pm

Friday 1 February 10am – 12pm

Term Four – 2018 – Key Events

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
Week 7	Monday 26 – Friday 30 Nov	Tues – Year 8 Leavers Dinner 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	Tues – Board of Trustees Meeting – 7pm Fri: End of Year Mass 9.15am

**Due to the Teacher Strike school
will be closed on Friday 16
November**