



SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter
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Kia Ora – Welcome

Welcome to 2019 at St Joseph's! I hope you have had a restful break during what has been a beautiful summer so far.

The staff have spent time in the weeks leading up to school preparing for the return of your tamariki. Our batteries are clearly charged and your children were in our hearts and minds as we began thinking about the learning opportunities that we could offer them in the year ahead.

As a staff, we are excited to continue building the vision and mission that honours St Joseph's past, protects its unique environment and celebrates its distinctive character while embracing the innovation our students require to be successful in the future. As always, everything we do at St Joseph's School is based on our core values - determination, respect, creativity, love and excellence = **DRIVE**

What we do at St Joseph's is guided by our Strategic Plan (link available within the attached documents) and as the school evolves we constantly test the Plan through staff, student and parent feedback. We will be seeking this from you throughout the year and I thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

Lots of exciting developments have happened over the school break to enhance our unique learning environment. A snapshot of these includes:

- New paint job - Close to completion by the start of the school year
- New driveway surfaces in the church office carparks
- A focus on student well being with the 'Sparkler' programme
- Vertical classes for Tuakana Teina Teams
- A re-ignition of PB4L and the consistent use of the DRIVE expectations by all staff and students

- A deeper look at Teacher as Inquiry (Professional Development) and the impact we are having on student achievement
- A schoolwide timetable to include Tuakana Teina Team Time, Rapid student conversations and school wide PB4L sessions

Hopefully you will have noticed that our teaching team have placed a huge emphasis on getting to know your tamariki. We see the building of relationships as the cornerstone of our school and a major factor in improving the learning outcomes of our students. Thank you to those of you who have completed our surveys. For those that haven't please complete this at : https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6uvGJ7IAPKdUZq1gH7ifdkqomgorvffhwMZRDN3xFHgmRMew/viewform?usp=pp_url

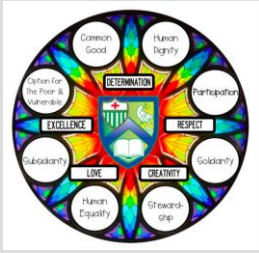
ERO Review

On 4th March 2019, however, the perfect test for our strategic direction, internal reviews, quality teaching and learning and ultimately the impact we each have on student achievement will be undertaken by the Education Review Office. The review team, led by Carol Shand, will be with us from Monday – Thursday in Week 5.

Other Updates

I would like to congratulate Paul and Heather O'Halloran who became husband and wife in a beautiful wedding ceremony over the holiday period. Congratulations also to Teina and her husband who welcomed Arthur into their family on the 26th December last year. He has been into visit the staff and he is as beautiful as his father. And mum!

Catholic Social Teachings in our St Joseph's School Religious Education



This is St Joseph's second year using the Catholic Social Teachings to guide our integrated planning across different areas of our learning. This year we will be focusing on the teachings of Human Equality, Subsidiarity, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable and Common Good. Term One's focus will be on Human Equality. In the Catholic Church, Human Equality refers to all of us being made in the image and likeness of God. Therefore we are all loved equally by God, even though we are all very unique. Therefore we must value each other's uniqueness and look upon each other as God looks upon us. With a loving heart. The focus of Human Equality allows each syndicate to relate their specific religious education learning, and other learning areas such as literacy and social science, to one of the Catholic Social Teachings, that helps show the Catholic Character of our beautiful school.

James 2:1-4

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?



Psalm 67:4

May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

Mark 12:28-34

The Greatest Commandment

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

(The Gospel from St Joseph's School beginning of 2019 School Mass)

Up-coming reminders and events for the Church and School:

- If you wish for your child to be Baptised and you have not received a letter and enrolment form from school, please pick up a form from the School office by the end of week 3.
- Sacramental Programme sign up - if you missed the Thursday 14th February registration day for the Sacramental Programme with the St Joseph's Parish and School, please come to the Church Foyer at 12pm this Sunday to register. Note: Your child must be Baptised before doing this programme. Please email the Director of Religious Studies at bridget@stjosephsuh.school.nz if you are interested but unable to attend.
- The School will be having a Mass for Saint Joseph's Feast Day, on 19 March at 9.15am in St Joseph's Church. All are welcome to attend!

God Bless,
Bridget Connor
Director of Religious Studies

Sports

Danish Rounders Y5/6

On Tuesday 19th February 60 Y5/6 students will be representing our school in the Danish Rounders tournament.

Thanks to our parents and caregivers who have offered to help on this day.

Miniball Y4/5/6 & Flipperball Y4/5/6 and Y7/8

We have now entered our teams for our Term 1 after school sports, thank you to those who got their electronic forms submitted back. Fees for these sports are now due to our school office. Please email Ms

Harrison sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz for more information.

Cricket Y5/6 and Y7/8

We have been invited to compete in a boys and girls cricket tournament at the beginning of March and are currently in the process of creating teams. If your child is interested or you are available to coach please let us know as soon as possible. Cricket electronic forms will go out on Monday Week 3.

Girls Futsal Y3/8

On Wednesday 20th February we are taking 42 girls from years 3-8 to represent St Joseph's School in the Girls Futsal Tournament at Walter Nash Stadium. We have a lot of really excited girls ready to go! Thanks to our parent helpers for making this event! We look forward to sharing photos.

Top School

Top School is back! and this year it is a full family friendly event! Food trucks, Ice Cream Van, Coffee Cart, Large Inflatable Hunger Ball game for spectator family members to use, large Cardboard for Cardboard slides down the grass bank.

We are looking forward to you coming along to this family fun event and supporting our school!

PHOENIX EVENT - 50 TICKETS

We have been lucky enough to receive 50 free tickets to the Wellington Phoenix on Sunday 17th March, Saturday 30th March and Sunday 21st April!

- Free bus/ buses (depending on availability) out the front of your school to pick up and drop off parents and children. (Buses seat up to 50 people)
- Free complimentary tickets to the game (up to 50 tickets per bus)
- Free Pita Pit for everyone that attends the match
- Free Phoenix flag and poster
- Meet with members of the "Yellow Fever" to learn chants before the game so the children and parents can join in with the chants

Email Rochelle Harrison sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz to secure your spot early!



Sports events to pop in your calendar for this term!

**There may be more pop up over the term so ensure your student listen to the daily notices for sign ups!

TERM 1

Danish Rounders Y5/6 19th Feb

Girls Futsal 20th Feb

Super 8 Cricket Y5/6 5th March

Top School 13th March

Phoenix event 17th March

Touch Tournament Y7/8 20th March

Cricket Y7/8 28th March

Phoenix event 30th March

Hockey Y5/6 2nd April

Football Y7/8 3rd April

Phoenix event 21st April



www.upperhutthockey.org.nz

Congratulations

In January, three of our intermediate students travelled to the Hawkes Bay Cricket Camp to represent JCUH Year 7. Kane Simon was an intimidating presence to the opposition, performing well with bat and ball. Mehtaav Dhillon made the Honours Board with 47 runs against Taupo. Keagan Sharkey also made the Honours Board at wicket keeper, with 2 catches and a spectacular run out, beating the batter to the bowler's end against Collegians, collecting 2 bowling wickets in the same game.

Keagan was also selected as a Boundary Rider at the Waitangi Day T20 double-header where the Black Caps and White Ferns performed so well against India.



PB4L Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received PB4L certificates at this week's School Assembly.

Jared McKelvey
Madison Sharkey
Ashdyn Adams
Maddox Maxwell-Fawcett
Allissa Wratt
Noah Smith
Julia Dennehy
Mia Mason
Arland Sio
Dylan Parker
Oliver Bone
Lucas Harrison-Ajoc
Tamati Payne
Harsh Adeshara
Condoleezza Wright Leleimalefaga

Pizza lunch winners from PB4L Prize draw

Harsh
Peyton
Nina

2019 Term Dates

Term 1 4 February – 12 April
Term 2 29 April – 5 July
Term 3 22 July – 27 September
Term 4 14 October – TBC

New Uniform Shop Opening Days

Tuesday 8.15 – 8.45am

Wednesday 2.30 – 3.00pm

The new days take effect from 25 February.

Parent Tutor Reading Programme

We are looking for people to help out with our Parent Tutor Reading Programme each Monday, Tuesday or Thursday morning, between 9.00 – 11.00 but times are flexible. It involves listening to five or six children reading individually.

No experience necessary. If you would like to volunteer, please leave your details at the School Office or email liz@stjosephsuh.school.nz

Tuck Shop

Open every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime. Please place order before 8.50am at the School Office. Eftpos is available.

Lunchonline

Sushi available every Wednesday
Pita Pit available every Friday

To order visit <https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/families/>

Please ensure that you have amended your child's class for 2019.

St Joseph's Parish Upper Hutt –

Parish Secretary Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Secretary to work part time – 20 hours per week – Monday to Friday. The role includes administrative and accounting services with some general duties. Previous experience in an admin/accounts role is required with a good level of computer skills – experience with Apple Mac and XERO would be an advantage. Excellent people skills, a compassionate and empathetic nature and a high level of personal integrity are essential. For a job description please email the Parish Office at stjosephsuh@actrix.co.nz Applications should be emailed to the same address with a brief CV and a covering letter by 4pm on Wednesday 20th February.

What Now Audience

During 2019 we are broadcasting our first 10 shows from around Wellington, showcasing a different community each week. On Sunday 10th March our show will be coming live from Upper Hutt and I would like to invite your families to be part of the live audience!

Families (including adults) are all invited to come and experience live tv being made while being part of our awesome audience... & it's FREE!! As space is limited, we work on a 'first in best dressed' approach.

To register online to be part of the audience www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience

Ground Location: Upper Hutt Primary, 49 Martin Street, Wallaceville, Upper Hutt.

2019 Evening Art Classes

Where: St Joseph's School Hall

When: Start Tuesday 12 February
Finish Tuesday 9 April

Time: 6-9pm for 9 weeks (9 classes)

Level: Any age

Help on any field of art, techniques, step by step demonstration, one on one, free practice spaces even the NCEA students are welcome.

Contact: 021 128 9342 for more information



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