



SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter
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Kia Ora ngā Whānau

Last week we welcomed the Education Review Office (ERO) to the school. They were very complimentary of the journey our school has been on over the past 3 years and the practices and procedures we have in place to ensure every student has the opportunity to achieve. We believe that the feedback reflects the hard work, dedication and energy that our staff bring to their role each and every day they come to school. Our full report will be available after the peer review process has been completed and we will make this available via our school website.

School Fees and Donations

The school recognises the financial contribution that our families make towards their children's education and express their thanks for your commitment to your child's learning. Our fees, with the support of the school donations, greatly enhance the delivery of St Joseph's school curriculum by allowing our students to use Athletics, attend H2O for swimming lessons and experience meaningful Education Outside the Classroom EOTC opportunities.

Sadly, our school is facing a significant shortfall between the outgoing costs associated with our compulsory fees, those linked to activities above and beyond the regular classroom programme, and the incoming payments we are receiving. As you can understand this is an unsustainable financial model and will impact upon the future provision of the extra and varied learning opportunities our students benefit from and enjoy.

To help avoid this, we ask that you contact Lorraine or myself in the office to discuss the various options available to cover this payment.

Please know that you are always very welcome to pop into the office to meet with me.

Safety on School Grounds

Our school is unlocked and students are welcome and supervised from 8.30am. Children are not permitted in classrooms before 8.30am, as this is time for our teachers to have meetings and prepare for the learning day ahead. From 8.30am all staff are on site and present to supervise students and ensure their safety. To protect your child's safety, it is essential that you have before school arrangements with our "After School Care" team prior to this time.

School Patrol Team

A huge thank you to our 2019 Road Patrol team. This is a position of significant responsibility as our school is located on two very busy roads. As a reminder, please wait patiently until you hear a patroller call "cross now" before walking onto the road. Thanks also to our parents who are parking in the correct places during pick up and drop off times. This makes the job of the patrol team so much easier.

Board of Trustees Elections

This is the year for school board of trustee elections, and we are looking for some new people to join our board!

As a school board we share a common purpose of ensuring that all students receive the best possible education, strive for personal excellence, celebrate their successes, and grow spiritually in the Catholic faith to become positive contributors to society.

To work efficiently and effectively on the board, you need to develop an understanding of the principles of good governance and have a commitment to work constructively together as a team and in partnership with the principal.

If you are interested, then you are more than welcome to attend a meeting. Our meetings are public and visitors are always welcome. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, 19 March at 7pm in our St Joseph's staff room.

St Joseph's Feast Day!

As Saint Joseph, our school's namesake, has his feast day next Tuesday the 19th March, this is a great time to take a look at the great man himself and the many things we can celebrate about him! Take a read at some of the thoughts below and reflect on how someone in your life might embody the traits that St Joseph himself had.



St Joseph's Feast Day Mass

Please feel free to come and join the School and Parish as we celebrate our namesake! Mass starts at 9.15am at St Joseph's Church and all are welcome.

St. Joseph: A Father Like No Other

Consider this for a second: out of every single man on the planet and, indeed, in human history... God chose Joseph to teach Jesus what it meant to be a man. God could have chosen a famous teacher or an earthly king or a fearsome military leader to raise Jesus. He didn't. God chose a humble carpenter from a town in the middle of nowhere. Joseph of Nazareth would not have had a verified account on Twitter. He wouldn't have had many followers on Instagram. He was a no name, a "nobody" in the eyes of the world, but in the eyes of heaven, St. Joseph was somebody very, very special.

Taken from blogger Mark Hart - on biblestudiesforcatholic.com



St. Joseph's Lantern

Depicted in many families Nativity scene, Joseph holds a lantern aloft and gazes down on his infant son and wife, leading viewers to do the same. In effect, Joseph is making sure the light is always focused on Jesus while he himself slips into the background. He does this so easily, in fact, that we can overlook how essential he was to Jesus' life and ministry.

Joseph married Mary against popular convention of the time; he fearlessly took his family to Egypt ahead of Herod's agents; and he laboured as a carpenter to provide a stable home for Jesus. As we look more closely, we begin to realize just how wonderful a role model Joseph is for all those who work in the background to help Catholic schools flourish.

Legions of talented people work behind the scenes to help Catholic schools, like ours, continue their ministries. They welcome visitors, move tuck shop lines along, and tutor students; they make phone calls, maintain websites, and serve us in many ways we are often unaware of. Like Joseph, they "hold aloft a lantern," allowing principals, teachers, and parents to keep their students' focus on Jesus as they learn to love and serve God and the world. And to those people, we say THANK YOU!"

Adapted by Bridget Connor

Taken from '5 Minutes with the Saints' edited by Lou Delfra, C.S.C, and Ann Primus Berends of the Alliance for Catholic Education, University of Notre Dame.

Farewell

One of these people, who 'hold aloft a lantern' for our school and parish is our St Joseph's Parish Secretary, Christine Macartney, who will be retiring at the end of this month after over 30 years on the job! Her connection with the school and wealth of knowledge will be deeply missed by all of us, as she is one of the 'background' workers who help the school and parish connection stay strong. From all of us at St Joseph's School we say thank you Christine for all your hard work over so many years, and we wish you a relaxing, and well-earned retirement!



Sports

Y7/8 Football

On Wednesday we had football trials for over 50 Y7/8 Boys for two school football teams. Thank you to Capital Football for supporting us with the trial. The teams will be finalised and parents emailed by Monday of week 7. Best of luck boys!

Y7/8 Touch Rugby

Best of luck to our two Y7/8 Touch teams competing in the Blue Light Touch Tournament in Petone on Wednesday.

Huge thanks to Philip Ferzli for coaching at lunchtimes and parents/caregivers for supporting the team.

Y5/6 Hockey

On Tuesday 2nd April our Y5/6 students have the opportunity to participate in an Upper Hutt School Hockey Tournament. We have two year 8 students coaching our teams, thank you to Tyler Hill and Samuel Forbes!

Thank you to those who have returned their electronic permission forms already. The cut off date is Monday week 7, please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz if you did not receive a form.

Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

We have had an overwhelming amount of responses from our students, showing interest in the 2019 Tough Guy and Gal Challenge held on 22nd May.

If your student was 1 of the 136, you would have received an email registration form. If you did not receive one please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz ASAP as there are only 23 spots left!

Jump Jam Competition

We were lucky enough to have the creator of Jump Jam, Brett Fairweather take interested students in a Jump Jam display on Wednesday. He was here promoting the Jump Jam competition in June for school teams. This is offered from year 1 to year 8. Last year we took 60 students who loved the competition and we are really excited to do it all again!

Registration will be held on Monday for interested students.



Y7/8 Cricket

Congratulations to our Y7/8 Cricket team who have now had two matches in their round robin tournament with Maungaraki and St Bernard's. Their next match will be on Monday as a double header against HIBS. We wish them the best of luck and send a huge thanks to Amanda Sharkey and Paul Cant for coaching, scoring, and umpiring the teams.

TOP School

Unfortunately due to the weather, TOP School has been postponed until Wednesday 20th March.

Our team is all ready to go and will be dressed as Kung Fu Pandas! We wish them the best of luck and thank them for representing our school!

Y5/6 Club Tackle Rugby

We have been invited to have our students who play club tackle rugby, represent our school in tackle rugby in an ongoing tournament with other schools club players. If your student is a year 5 or 6, plays club rugby and would like to represent our school, please email me sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz. Electronic forms have been sent already to those who have registered.

Y7/8 Basketball - Term 2 and 3

Our Y7/8 Students have the opportunity to play basketball in an after school league down at Walter Nash, registrations for this will be on Monday at morning tea, or you are welcome to email me directly sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz. More info to come once teams are decided.

Y5/6 Cricket - Student Writing

Senior Cricket

Written by Sophie Bin

On Tuesday 5th March, 18 year 5 and 6 students went to Trentham Memorial Park to participate in an all day cricket tournament.

We travelled by parent transport to get there. It was going to be a big day of cricket! To start us off we played a warm up game against each other, then the matches began. The most runs we scored was 41, we tried really hard and that's what really matters.

Thanks to our parents and the helpers on the day for supporting us and thanks for reading.

Cricket for Year 5 and 6s

Written by Torrance Broome

On Tuesday 5th March there were 18 year 5 and 6 students went to Trentham Memorial Park to play lots of games of cricket. Before we started to play we had a warm up, then the fun really began. We played and played and versed some great teams like Trentham School. We tied one game won one game and lost the other two games.

At lunch time some people bought a sausage and an ice-block, it was only \$1 each.

We had so, so much fun. It was so hot that we were tired by the end of the day.

That was what we did on Tuesday 5th March.



We bowled them out!

Written by Cruz Willson

The tournament was going well, it was our semi final game against St Brendan's we were going well but on their last batsman we stepped up and I bowled them out!

It was a great day!

Thank you to our parent helpers

Year 5 and 6 cricket Tuesday 5th March

Written by Mikaela Woodhead

On Tuesday 5th March a lot of schools from around Upper Hutt came to Trentham Memorial Park to play in a tournament of cricket. First when we got there we played a practice game, it was a good practice, it helped some of the girls get a better idea about cricket.

After the practice we had some water and headed off to our first game, it was so fun and we had a good time. Sadly we lost the game, but at least we had a good time. We also lost our second game but happy news is we won our third game and tied the last. When it was lunchtime I had a hot-dog and an ice block, it was so yum.

By the end of the day it looked like I went overboard with the blush!!! Since it was so hot!

Thanks so much to our parent helpers for supporting us and helping with transport.



Sports Events Term 1

Phoenix event 17th March

Touch Tournament Y7/8 20th March

Cricket Y7/8 28th March

Hockey Y5/6 2nd April

Football Y7/8 3rd April

Phoenix event 21st April

Wellington Hockey Pre-season Year 5 & 6 Development & Festival Day – All Welcome, Beginners to more experienced players

WHEN: Sunday 31 March

WHERE: National Hockey Stadium, Mount Albert
Road, Newtown

TIME: 12-4pm

EXPECT: Quality Coaching, Fun Hockey Games,
Competitions & Prizes

REGISTER: Head

to www.wellingtonhockey.org.nz and click “HAVE A
GO” under the “DEVELOPMENT” tab

CONTACT: Jenni Cronin, Development Manager,
Capital Hockey, jenni@capitalhockey.org.nz,
0212098483



Upper Hutt Community Emergency Hub Exercise

St Joseph’s School has been identified as a Community Emergency Hub. This means that in a large emergency event, community members can open the school to respond to local needs. A Community Emergency Hub Exercise is being held at Upper Hutt Primary School, at 10am on Saturday the 6th of April, open to all the Upper Hutt community. Using a real-time earthquake scenario, we will be practising how to set up, allocate roles and run the Hub, and will begin creating the Upper Hutt Central Community Response Plan. There will be a free BBQ provided afterwards. See you there!

Message from the Attendance Dues Team



Statements have been sent out in the post to all accounts that have an outstanding balance. If you do not receive your statement by 15 March 2019 and believe you have an outstanding balance, please contact our office on 0800 462 725 or email dues@wn.catholic.org.nz.

You can pay attendance dues in the following ways:

Mastercard or Visa Debit/Credit Card - One off payments using your credit card can be made at www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues. If you would like to set up monthly recurring payments from your card, please contact our office.

Internet Banking Payments - You can process a one-off or regular payment yourself through internet banking. If you **do not** use internet banking please contact our office or your school for an automatic payment form to take to your bank.

Cash - You can pay in cash at any Westpac branch or in person at our office at 22 Hill St, Thorndon.

Cheque - Make out to Archdiocese of Wellington Attendance Dues Collection Fund. These can be posted to PO Box 1937 Thorndon, Wellington, 6140 or dropped off in person at our office.

Phone: 0800 462 725

Email: dues@wn.catholic.org.nz

Text: 021 0890 7902

www.wn.catholic.org.nz/attendance-dues

PB4L Certificates

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

- Nathaniel Jones
- Jaimee Strickland-Overdeest
- Nina Almand
- Matthew Leitch
- Christopher Taing
- Elena Leng
- Devin Mitchinson
- Shelby Walkinshaw
- Taylor Leng
- Zacc Maguren
- Sinama Latailakepa
- Zackery Gibson
- Jonathan Jones



Pizza lunch winners from PB4L Prize draw

- Sophie - Rm 9
- Ryo- Rm 14
- Ekam - Rm 2

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

Uniform Shop Opening Days

Tuesday 8.15 – 8.45am

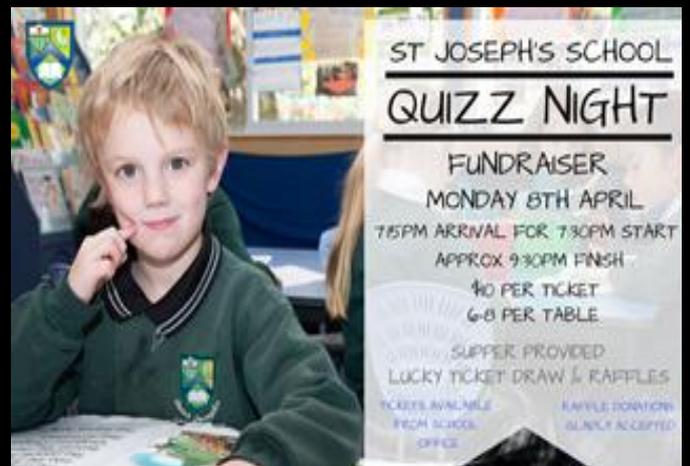
Wednesday 2.30 – 3.00pm

Absences

Please notify the School Office if your child is absent by phone 04 528 4910, via app, or email by 8:50 am.

Contact Details

Please remember to advise the School Office of any change of contact details. As we will be sending out election papers for the Board of Trustees Election it is important that we have your correct address.



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