



SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Tēnā Koutou Whānau

He aha te mea nui o te ao. He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. What is the most important thing in the world? It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.

The tragic events involving the Muslim community in Christchurch last week has ensured that all New Zealanders have been reflecting on what we stand for, and what is important to us, as both individuals and a nation.

Within our own space, our St Joseph's Feast Day provided the perfect opportunity for our school community to come together and reflect on how blessed we are to be surrounded with respect, love and kindness.

Who we are, and what we stand for is something we are very proud of at St Joseph's School. Within our 2019 strategic plan (see attached) one of our annual aims is to develop learners who are confident in their cultural, spiritual and emotional identity.

We aim to develop this by:

- Developing an environment where our unique cultural diversity is fostered and celebrated (Cultural)
- Supporting and growing our spiritual identity (RE)
- Nurturing wellbeing and mindfulness within our learners

We welcome your input into our full strategic plan and will be providing an opportunity for you to provide feedback to us regarding the aims during our upcoming 'Drive Through' night.

Celebrating our growing community

In 2016 we held a feast day to celebrate our school roll reaching 400 students. Today, I am very pleased to announce that we have a healthy school roll of 444

with a further 38 pre-enrolments due to join our school throughout the remainder of 2019.

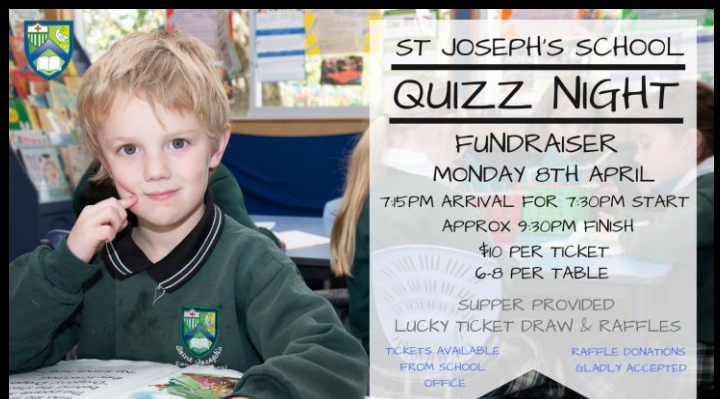
We love the fact that families want to join our Catholic community and learn at St Joseph's School. However, with increasing numbers comes additional pressure upon our current property and infrastructure.

We have clear plans in place to address our growing roll but also ask that our current whānau who have young children that will be joining us throughout 2019 complete the formal enrolment process so that we can adequately accommodate them. Please contact Tracy in the school office asap.

School 'Drive Through' Night

Next Wednesday we are holding our inaugural 'Drive Through' night. The purpose of the evening is for whānau to chat with their child's teacher, hear from your children about their learning goals, contribute to future learning goals and learn about how we will be tracking and sharing the progress of your children this year.

We look forward to sharing time with you during this night. All of our team will be available to speak with you and answer any questions that you have.



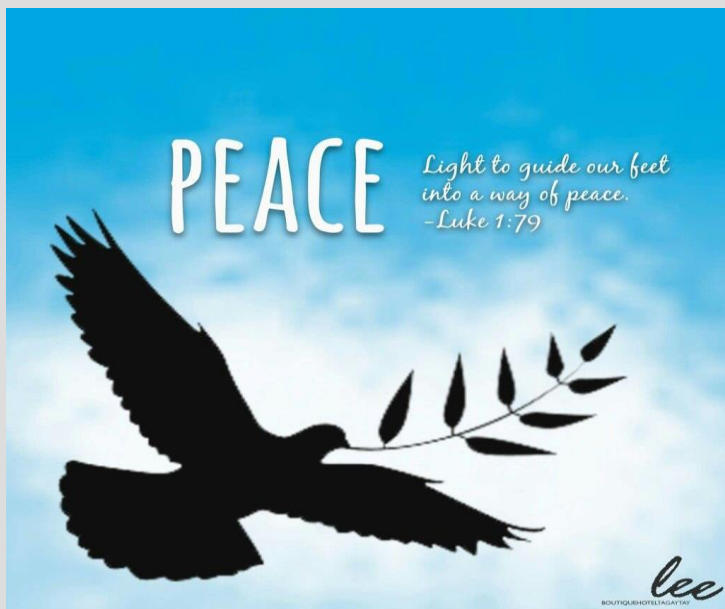
Reflection and Prayer in a time of tragedy:

After the events of the past couple of weeks, it highlights for us the importance of prayer and reflection. In a time of great sorrow and grief, it is easy to turn to blame and hatred to get through the hardest days. Yet, we are called as one nation, one world to rise up against this hatred and spread the message of peace and love to all. We turn to the guidance and wisdom of the scriptures to help us find our way. For this we look to the Gospel of Matthew, where he speaks about instead of spreading hatred and fear, resist this urge and show only love.

Matthew 5: 38 - 41

"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you."

As we all are sending our wishes of love and support to the people of Christchurch, the Muslim community and the families who have loved lost ones - we also send our messages and assurances of peace. Peace between all people, all cultures and all ways of life, that God created here on earth.



A reflection from Cardinal John Dew in the days following the tragedy:

"The events of Friday 15 March are being overtaken in the global and national media and somehow it seems too early to return to "normal".

Life will be very different for the families who lost loved ones or who were injured. Something has changed for all of us, perhaps a loss of our sense of security, moments of grief, a new awareness of the communities which make up our society. The prayerfulness of the Muslim community has been a revelation to many, and has been respected by many.

Jacinda Ardern said she finds it "deeply confronting" that the attack was timed to target people who were "gathered for peaceful worship". On the 24th March, the Church marked the feast of another person who was killed in his place of worship 39 years ago, St Oscar Romero. His attackers also fired on the crowd gathered for his funeral.

To pray together makes worshippers in many parts of the world vulnerable, because it makes them visible as a group. To pray together is an act of courage."



Messages of love and peace for Christchurch
by Room 7 & 8 students
(on display in class windows)

Upcoming Baptisms in St Joseph's Parish:

We are pleased to announce that there are a number of Baptisms coming up involving many students from our school. We wish them all the best on their next step in their faith formation. There will be two groups of Baptisms, the first this Saturday 30th March at the 9am Mass and the second on Sunday 7th of April at 10.30am. Everyone is invited to come to Mass to support these students.

Sports

Competitive School Cross Country

This year we are going to put together a St Joseph's team for the year 1-6 Inter-School Cross Country on Sunday 19th May. We have decided to run a competitive cross country at the end of Term 1, then a full school fun run event later in the year.

We have made this decision based on feedback from parents and students.

Our competitive cross country is optional and is aimed at the students who would like to represent our school at the Inter-School event.

The dates for our competitive cross country are:

Years 1-4 = Tuesday 9th April - 11.30am @ St Joseph's School Field

Years 5-8 = Wednesday 10th April - 11.30am @ St Joseph's School Field

If you are interested in supporting the organisation around these competitive events please email Ms Harrison sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz Thanks.

Tough Guy and Gal

We had a large interest in this event this year, unfortunately now we have reached our capacity of students we can take. Thank you for getting your permission forms submitted back quickly. Caregiver communication will go out via email in the weeks leading up to the event.

Y7/8 Football

We wish our two year 7 and 8 Football teams the best of luck in their tournament on Wednesday this week! Thanks to Philip Ferzli for coaching the teams during our school lunchtimes & Capital Football for helping select our teams in a trial to avoid conflict of interest. We look forward to hearing how they get on!

Y5/6 Hockey

We wish our two year 5 and 6 Hockey teams the best of luck as they compete in the Upper Hutt Schools Hockey Tournament on Tuesday this week. A huge thank you to Samuel Forbes and Tyler Hill for coaching the teams at school lunchtimes.

Jump Jam Competition

There was an overwhelming response of students right from year 1 to year 8 who have registered to compete in the JUMP JAM competition in June. St Joseph's School are entering 4 teams of 15 this year, we hope their practices are going well!

Y7/8 After School Basketball

We are currently forming a Y7/8 Basketball team for games commencing in term 2. Our teams will play on a Wednesday after school at Walter Nash. If your student has not registered but would like to play please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz



Y7/8 Cricket

Year 7 and 8 Cricket Tournament

Written by Mehtaav and Leo

Congratulations to these people in the team
Jozef Hall

Leo Smith

Keagan Sharkey

Ngarangi Russell

Kane Simon

Rico Cant

Cayden Marshall

Mehtaav Singh Dhillon

Josh Burns

Panav Kumar

The tournament was made up of 4 games on different days over 3 weeks, 2 HIBs teams, 1 Saint Bernard's team and 1 Maungaraki School team.

It was an intermediate tournament competing for the Wellington Schools Plate. The first games were very close and our game against Saint Bernard's was the closest. The HIBs teams were the hardest teams. Everyone in our team tried their best for the win but we needed to score more runs. The only decent score we had was against Saint Bernard's. The others scores were quite low. We had some parents that helped us, Paul Cant and Amanda Sharkey.

They helped us with coaching and the transport to all of the games and lunch-time practices.

We can't thank them enough for making this opportunity possible.

We are looking forward to the next tournament.

Phoenix Tickets - 21st April

Our school has been given 50 Phoenix tickets for the football match at Westpac Stadium on 21st April, if you would like tickets, please email the amount you require to sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz and these will be put aside for you and information emailed in regards to collection - this is a first in first served basis.

Top School

Congratulations to our Top School team who competed in the event last week at Harcourt Park!

Check out the photos on the activation Facebook page!



PB4L Certificates

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

- Ryan Farquhar
- Megan Henley
- Jackson Brabyn
- Vaughn Erika
- Matthew Sami
- Aiden Baltazar
- Nina Sribunwongsa
- Arabelle Eslera
- Erica Madhvan
- Frankie Robinson
- Archer Jones
- Lilly Fortune
- Peighton-Rose Richards
- Az Thomas
- Siena Brown
- Hayden White
- Charlie Beams

Table Tennis Coaching - Term 2

The school is offering table tennis coaching in Term 2, for children from years 4-8. The coach will be Mr. Gary Nelson, an experienced teacher and table tennis coach. The programme will be operating in the School Hall **each Friday from 1.00-1.45pm, commencing on Friday 17 May 2019**, and continuing for 6 consecutive weeks.

The cost of this block of 6 lessons is \$50.00 with payment to be made at the first lesson. Table tennis bats and balls will be provided.

If you wish your child to be enrolled please phone Gary Nelson (Ph- 5897178) **as soon as possible. Enrolments will be accepted on a first in first served basis.**

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 Hours

Tuesday 8.15 – 8.45am

Wednesday 2.30 – 3.00pm

Easter Raffle

Tickets have been sent home to the eldest and only children this week.

Please could the tickets / money be returned by 5 April.

Prizes will be drawn 9 April.

Winners will be notified.

Thank you for your support



DRIVE THROUGH

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL invite you to our 'Drive-through' evening
Wednesday 3rd April: Come anytime between 5-6.30pm

The purpose of the evening is for whānau to chat with their child's teacher, contribute to their learning goals and understand how their child will track progress this year.

We will have Mr Whippy and Kick Start-Coffee Cart available on the night for those that want to purchase a snack.



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Guiding Whakatauki: Hapaitia te ara tika pumau ai te rangatiratanga mo nga uri whakatipu
Foster the pathway of knowledge to strength, independence and growth for future generations

Our strategic goals

Know yourself

Our learners are confident in their cultural, spiritual and emotional identity.

Mold yourself

Our learners are engaged and connected to their holistic growth.

Involve yourself

Our school community are active participants in learning and achievement.

Our initiatives/actions

- Develop an environment where our unique cultural diversity is fostered and celebrated (Cultural)
- Support and grow our spiritual identity (RE)
- Nurture wellbeing and mindfulness

- Support and encourage students to be responsible, active, confident and entrepreneurial learners (R.A.C.E)

- Live and Embed the DRIVE values across the school
- Develop a learning pathway (framework) that allows students to take ownership of their learning, progress and achievement.

- Explore collaborative practices that support achievement and success

- Empower our community to be actively engaged with learning and achievement

- Develop a coherent pathway from play based to Inquiry based learning across the school

Our success/outcomes

- A school of confident and connected learners who are resilient, positive in their own identity, and have the ability to relate well to others.

- A school where learners have the dispositions, values, knowledge and skills to achieve academic and social success.

- A school community where everyone feels engaged, empowered and actively involved.

DRIVE

DETERMINATION

RESPECT

CREATIVITY

LOVE

EXCELLENCE

Faith in the future, love of learning, love of life.