



SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter
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Easter greetings to you all

Easter is a wonderful reminder to us all about new beginnings and making the most of the gifts God has given us. The Easter egg itself is a symbol that big things can grow from small beginnings if they are nurtured and supported in their development.

This is what we do here at St Joseph's on so many levels. We nurture and support our young people to develop into the best people they can be. We provide them with the skills, attitudes and values that will enable them to be active contributors to their communities.

To make positive changes and to maximise the potential impact we can have on our young people's learning we do rely on forming working relationships with families and whanau. Parents should never underestimate the impact their attitudes and behaviours have on their children and we 'Thank You' all for being such amazing supporters of your children.

Thank you also, to the families who made the effort to meet with their children's teachers during our first ever 'Drive Through' night. We have received some great feedback from you and will certainly be looking to develop this night and make it even better next time.

We love providing opportunities to share student progress with you and are now trying to empower our students to be able to share their learning journey with you also. We truly believe that a greater focus on our learner agency, mixed with some parental support, we can certainly make a greater difference to all learners.

Have a safe and happy holiday and enjoy some precious, and most needed family time.

Teacher Paid Union Meetings

You may have heard in the media this week that teachers and principals have rejected the latest offer with regards to their collective bargaining. It is a difficult time for us and the big issue here that seems to be the stumbling block is addressing workload and maintaining pay parity with our secondary colleagues.

While the media are reporting we will be striking, we have not yet made any decisions around what industrial action will be taken as we are very mindful of the impact this has on both our students and parents and we are ultimately hopeful that it won't come to that.

What has been agreed by the teachers union, is that they will hold paid union meetings to discuss our next steps during the second week of the term. There are two meetings in our area, so we will once again send half of the staff to each meeting to reduce the impact on the students and whanau. These have been scheduled for the following dates:

- Monday 6th May – 1:30pm
- Wednesday 8th May – 1:30pm

Emotional Wellbeing

We have been focusing on developing the emotional well being of your children during term one. We use a NZ based resource called Sparklers to help with this. Sparklers has some great resources that you can use at home to assist your children with their emotional growth at <https://sparklers.org.nz/parenting/>

For more information about the programme check out <https://sparklers.org.nz/about/>

THIS HOLY TIME: REFLECTIONS AND CONNECTIONS

Holy Week is the week leading up to Easter and involves the Triduum:

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter

During those four days we reflect on the parts of Jesus' Easter Story:

Holy Thursday: Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples,
Good Friday: his arrest, trial, and execution,
Easter Saturday: the long day of silence while his body rested in the grave,
Easter Sunday: His Resurrection.

LIVING OUT HOLY WEEK IN THE MODERN DAY:

Unfortunately, the rest of the world does not stop or slow down as daily life continues.

So here are some ways you can connect with Holy Week in the rush of the school holidays.

Music: Being present in the moment

Spend a little time each day listening to music that helps you slow down. It doesn't matter what kind of music- jazz, folksong, symphony pieces, songs with meaningful words, or pieces that are instrumental only - as long as the listening helps you breathe more slowly and go to a place deeper in your spirit.

Sharing a meal: Coming together with our loved ones:

Prepare at least one meal with special care for the people in your home, and make certain all of you sit down together to eat it. It doesn't have to be fancy or expensive. Maybe there's a soup recipe from Great-Grandma, or a certain homemade bread that sets the tone by sending fragrance through the house.

Deep thinking: Reflecting on Stations of the Cross

Read the different bible verses of Jesus' journey to the cross. Use the Stations of the cross to relate Jesus' suffering and love to moments from your life.

Use art as reflection: Lenten and Holy Week symbols

While you're sitting - maybe at the end of the day, trying to unwind in front of the television - try drawing aspects of Holy Week. Use whatever paper and pen(cil) is available and express something about symbols that are meaningful to you: cross, bread, bread and wine, table, garden, hands, faces, a road, family sharing a meal...

Finally, you might find some time this week to go on a spiritual pilgrimage with Jesus, wherever you are.

Ideas adapted from: www.ignatianspirituality.com

Our schools Special Catholic Character is a big part of what forms our schools focus and values. This term we have been working on strengthening our schools connection with our Parish.

Term 1 highlights:

School Masses:

We have been having beginning and end of term Masses each Thursday of the first and last week of term. These masses are sometimes combined with the morning Parish Masses. These Masses have been helping our students see our connection with our Parish, and encouraging our students to get involved with the Mass. Family and Whanau of St Joseph's School and Parish are always welcome to come and join in our celebrations with us.

Baptisms:

The Parish and School came together to Baptise 22 children over the past month. Most of these students are, or are soon to be, students at St Joseph's School. We are so proud of these children taking their first steps into the Sacraments of Initiation into our Catholic Community. Some of these students will now go on to doing the Parish Sacramental Programme throughout the rest of this year. Congratulations to all families involved and welcome to our Catholic Family! Thank you to all those who helped with the preparation of these Baptisms.

Sacramental Programme:

We have had a great number of students from our Parish and School Community who have signed up for the Parish Sacramental Programme this year. Around 40 students will be taking time during the next three terms to learn and participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist, for the first time. Thank you so much to the Parish Sacramental Programme Team for organising a great programme!

Coming up next term:

Wednesday masses:

Every week, a syndicate from school will be joining the Parish at the 9am morning Mass on Wednesdays. This is a great opportunity for our students to be involved in celebrating a Mass regularly with members of our Parish and to help our students learn more about celebrating a Mass in our Catholic Faith. Anyone from the School or Parish Community are always welcome to come along and attend these Masses with us.

School Masses:

Beginning of Term 2 School and Parish Mass Thursday 2nd May 9.15am.

Trinity Sunday School and Parish Mass on Sunday 16th June 10.30.

All students are required to attend this SUNDAY Mass as part of being enrolled in a Catholic School. This is 1 out of 2 SUNDAY Masses that students are required to attend. The other SUNDAY Mass will be in Term 4.

Catholic Schools Day:

St Brendan's, St Patrick's and St Joseph's School are coordinating some exciting events to happen between our three schools to celebrate Catholic Schools Day on Tuesday 28th May. Please keep an eye out for any notices coming home or google forms being emailed to be filled out regarding this event.

Sports

Netball

Fees are now overdue, if you have ordered a hoodie this is now overdue also.

Netball uniforms and hoodies will not be released to anyone who has money outstanding.

Please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz if you have any questions regarding this.

Y5/6 Hockey - Postponed

Unfortunately due to the weather the Y5/6 Hockey tournament was cancelled, however organisers are currently looking at some optional new dates in Term 2. As soon as this is decided it will be communicated out via email.

Thank you to Y8 students Tyler Hill and Samuel Forbes who have done an incredible job coaching the two teams!

Y7/8 Football

Y7/8 Football Tournament

Written by: Jack Sharkey-Burns, Alex Taing and Mehtaav Singh-Dhillon

It started off on a sunny day in Petone and everyone was ready for their big day. It was an Intermediate Schools Football Tournament, held at Memorial Park in Petone.

The tournament was against over ten other schools in the Hutt Valley, including Wellesley.

We had two teams, The Panthers and The Tigers who were selected by a coach at Capital Football during our trial in Week 4.

The Tigers won 2 games, lost 1 game and drew 2 games. Our best game was 16-0. Our worst game was against St Brendan's. Lots of their players were in some of the top Football teams in Wellington.

The Panthers won 3 games, lost 1 game and drew 1 game.

We all had an awesome day and would like to thank Bernadette, Frances, Jenn and Erin who supported us on the day and helped transport us to the tournament.

JUMP JAM Competition team

All our student competitors in the JUMP JAM competition teams should have received an email about weekend trainings and their teams video and dance. If you did not receive this please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz See you on Sunday 28th April for our first weekend training!

Y7/8 After School Basketball

We are entering two teams in the Walter-Nash League this year, teams have been emailed.

If you did not receive this, please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz



Competitive Cross Country

Congratulations to the students who competed in the Competitive Cross Country this week!

Students who have successfully qualified will have received an electronic form to submit giving them permission to participate in the inter-school event. The email is also asking about a running club for inter-school training. If this goes ahead it will begin in Week 1 of Term 2, so please keep an eye out in your emails for more information regarding this.



Flipperball

Our current Flipperball teams will carry over into Term 2. If you would like to join or be removed from a team, please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz

What's Happening in Term 2!

***Please note there are more sports to be added as these arise, dates are subject to change.*

This is an indication only.

Sports events – Term 2					
Week:	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Week 1					
Week 2					
Week 3					SUNDAY - Y1-6 Inter-school Cross Country
Week 4			Y3-8 Tough Guy and Gal Challenge		
Week 5		Y5/6 AFL			
Week 6					JUMP JAM Competition Y1-8
Week 7		Y4/5/6 Competitive Swimming			
Week 8		Y7/8 Interzone Cross Country			
Week 9				Y4/5/6 GymFest	
Week 10		Regional Cross Country Y4-8			

After School Sports on offer:

- Y7/8 Flipperball
- Y7/8 Basketball
- Y4/5/6 Miniball
- Y5/6 Flipperball

HOLIDAY NETBALL Years 1-8

Mon 15 & Tues 16 April 2019
Walter Nash Centre



Join us at our popular school holiday netball sessions.

Sessions on Mon & Tues for players in Years 3-5 & 6-8

Tues session for Year 1-2

Suitable for new and returning players

More information and registration online.



Netball Hutt Valley
www.netballhuttvalley.co.nz
 567 5971
admin@netballhuttvalley.co.nz
www.facebook.com/NetballHuttValley

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

Phoenix Tickets - 21st April

We are lucky to receive tickets to the Phoenix game on the 21st April, if you have already requested tickets to this, an email has been sent to you regarding collection.

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.**

Good Friday Walk of the Cross

10am Good Friday, St Joseph's Parish Walk of Cross and Drama, starting in St Joseph's Church

Emergency Contact Details

It is important that we have your correct information so please let the School Office know if you have changed any of the following:

- Phone Number
- Address
- Email address

Easter Raffle Results

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

Approximately \$1700 was raised.

All winning ticket holders have been contacted.

Please pick up your prizes from the School Office before
Friday 12 April.

Ticket No:	Name:
Green 176	Di & Steve
Red 110	Pilcher
Blue 79	M. Maguren
Red 85	Simone
Blue 65	Hill
Orange 109	Wilson
Light blue 175	Ariah
Green 107	Trin
Green 55	Ruth
Blue 02	Patricia
Red 53	Gemmell
Orange 100	T. Travers
Pink 170	Lyndall
Orange 45	Sandra Low
Black 57	D. Ryan
Grey 70	R. Paderes
Light blue 79	Whaea Carol
Black 94	Alf Sekona
Pink 99	Desiree
Pink 05	Nick
Pink 151	Ishaana

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Guitar Lessons

Mr Blair Johnstone, a relief teacher at St Joseph's School, is available during Term 2 for ½ hour lunch time lessons 1.15-1.45pm commencing Friday 3 May.

\$10 per week for ten weeks.

Payment must be made at the first lesson for the ten week block.

Expressions of interest to the School Office please.

PB4L Certificates

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

Keylana Asovale
Ekam Dhillon
Yasmin Holsted-Russo
Leo Brown
Ellah-Rose Page
Sienna Letoa Tuala
Isabella Sharkey
Mason Renshaw
Keanee Penetito
Evan Ashbrook-Rowe
Chris Su
Zachariah Rapana
Hollie Martin
Charlize Robertson
Jaya Ngu
Sean Salig
Yuan Reyes

Pizza Lunch Winners

- Siena (winner)
- Arpan
- Isabel
- Jappam



UPPER HUTT RAMS
2019 UPPER HUTT JUNIORS RAMS RUGBY CLUB REGISTRATIONS

REGISTRATIONS ARE STILL OPEN FOR:
Under 6 / Under 7 Ripa Grades
U11 Tackle Grade

ONLINE REGISTRATION:
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/85729>
REGISTRATIONS ARE STILL OPEN FOR 2019

www.facebook.com/UpperHuttJuniorRamsRFC/

2019 FEES
One Child \$55, for two or more in one family \$95, & Nursery Grade \$25

Paper based registrations will not be available
Late registrations only accepted on Junior Convenors approval for any other grade