



# SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter  
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## Welcome to Term Two

The school holidays have recharged the batteries of the teachers and learners of St Joseph's School who have returned with renewed energy and motivation. We are extremely blessed to have such a professional team of teachers and support staff on our current team. Their dedication and commitment to the children of St Joseph's School was highlighted by the amount of time they each spent over the break preparing wonderful learning experiences and opportunities for your children.

This dedication to each individual student is what makes St Joseph's School so special. Ensuring we know every child so that we are able to provide the best possible environment for their learning, each and everyday, is our core business. To do this we require your support and value the partnerships we create together.

## A special welcome to our newest members

Our start of term Powhiri provided the perfect way to start term two for the 25 new members of our community. I offer a very special welcome to all of our new students and to their families.

Our school roll now stands at an impressive 452 students and is forecasted to reach as high as 480 students by the end of the year. With this growth in numbers it is with great excitement that I welcome **Mrs Angela Gemmell** to our teaching team. Angela has a vast amount of teaching experience in both primary and early childhood education and we are privileged to find someone with the perfect skillset to help build the direction of our junior school. Angela will officially begin her role in Week 6 this term.

We also welcome **Mrs Rachel Olliver** who will be filling in for **Mrs Tracy Sharpe** whilst she is jet setting around the world over the coming months. Safe travels to both Tracy and Danny. We look forward to tracking your adventures on Facebook and will be sure to share this with all.

Our non-preference roll is now full for 2019. Please ensure that if you have young members of your whānau planning to join our school in the coming year that we receive their official enrolment form. We are now having to plan very strategically about the availability of quality teachers as much as we are physical teaching spaces.

## NZEI Paid Union Meetings

As you are aware, both the Principals and Teachers overwhelmingly voted to reject the latest offer from the Ministry of Education. NZEI is returning to the negotiation table and the National Executive called for Paid Union Meetings which were held on Monday and Wednesday this week. You will have noticed that during these paid union meetings we remained open as normal for us so the impact on your children's learning was minimized.

At these meetings our Teachers voted to decide whether to accept or reject the government's position, and whether to take a full day of strike action on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May**. The results of this vote will be announced early next week.

NZEI Te Riu Roa in conjunction with the PPTA commissioned an independent public opinion poll. It validates what a lot of us feel from parents every day - **the public is right behind us.**

- 89% agree there is a shortage of teachers
- 89% of the public support more money being spent on education relative to other issues
- 83% agree we need a pay rise
- 79% agree we need more time for planning, preparation and assessment
- 91% agree more needs to be done to support students with additional needs

Once again, we thank you for your ongoing support. At the core of our negotiations is a desire for your children to have the greatest opportunity to learn and grow whilst within the education system of New Zealand. Thanks to those parents and community members who have shared messages of support with both the school and our local MP, and Education Minister, Mr. Chris Hipkins.

## Happy Mothers Day

To all of the beautiful mothers who send their children to school each day with hand made lunches, clean clothes and wondrous smiles – Have a special Mother's Day this weekend.

God Bless – Andrew Herrick

## ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Term 2 Overarching theme: Subsidiarity

### Catholic Social Teaching: Subsidiarity

*"The principle of subsidiarity protects people from abuses by higher-level social authority and calls on these same authorities to help individuals and groups to fulfil their duties. This principle is important because every person, family and intermediate group has something original to offer to the community."*

(Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church par. 187)

This term St Joseph's School is exploring the Catholic Character, by inquiring into the Catholic Social Teaching of Subsidiarity. Across the School, we are looking into people, Saints, organizations and our Catholic community, to see how Subsidiarity is at work, not only in school and local community, but globally.

By exploring this Catholic Social teaching, every student at St Joseph's will get a chance to learn about this Catholic Principle that was seen to be lived out by Jesus and the works he did and how they can see this at work in their own lives today.

This overarching theme will start connecting across different learning areas of their learning, and deepen their understanding of their Catholic Faith.



### OUR RECENT CELEBRATION:

During term one, our St Joseph's School community had 23 students Baptised in our St Joseph's Parish into the Catholic Church.

We welcome them into this universal family of Catholic Church.

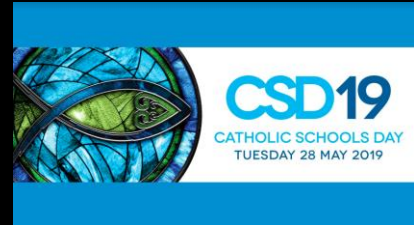


## SAVE THE DATES FOR TERM 2 EVENTS: Liturgical events and celebrations St Joseph's Catholic Character

### Week 5:

#### TUESDAY 28TH MAY: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DAY

We are busy planning some celebration activities involving St Brendan's and St Patrick's College. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks.



#### THURSDAY 16TH MAY JESUS' ASCENSION - St Joseph's School Liturgy 12pm at St Joseph's Church

Friday 31st May - Mary's Visitation

### Week 6:

- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Sunday 9th June - Pentecost Sunday

#### Week 7: SUNDAY 16TH JUNE - TRINITY SUNDAY- WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 10.30am at St Joseph's Church

### Week 8:

- Thurs 20th June: Corpus Christi
- Sunday 23rd June: Day of Prayer for Refugees & Migrants

### Week 9:

Friday 28th June: Sacred Heart of Jesus -  
Saturday 29th June: St Peter and Paul - Apostles -

### Week 10:

• THURSDAY 4TH JULY  
END OF TERM SCHOOL MASS 12pm at St Joseph's  
Church

*We are looking forward to a wonderful term ahead,  
full of God's blessings!*

Director of Religious Studies  
Bridget Connor

## Sports

### Interschool Cross Country Y1-6

We have 63 students entered in our inter-school cross country this year down at Harcourt Park, this event is on Sunday 18th May.

Registrations for this event were for students were placed in the top 10 at the School Competitive Cross Country, entries have now closed.

Students who have entered have been sent emails regarding training and information on the day. Please email Ms Harrison at [sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz) if you have not received any communication.

### Tough Guy and Girl Challenge

Best of luck to the 71 students we have entered in the Tough Guy and Girl Challenge this year, this event is on Wednesday 22nd May.

We are really excited to have such a large number of students attend, representing our School.

If your child has entered you will have been receiving communications from Ms Harrison, please email [sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz) if you have any questions.

### Y7/8 Basketball

Our Y7/8 basketball teams have their first game of the season this week. We wish them the best of luck! They are lucky enough to be training in the YMCA gym for practices.

Thank you to Conrad Simon and Anna Lloyd who are coaching the two teams.

### Flipperball

Our flipperball teams continue with their games into term 2. All our current team members have been emailed this reminder.

If you have any questions please email [sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz)



### Y5/6 AFL

One of our sports sign ups this week for Y5/6 was for AFL. If you did not receive a sign up email, but your child is interested please email [sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz) for a registration form.

### Y4/5/6 Competitive Swimming

Another sports sign up was for Y4/5/6 Competitive swimming. Students entering must be competent in their swimming strokes. If you have a child in lessons who would like to compete for our school, please email [sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz)

### JUMP JAM

Our 5 JUMP JAM teams have been training hard during lunch times and in weekends in preparation for their competition in a couple of weeks time.

Thank you to the parents and caregivers who are supporting their students in this event. We are really looking forward to seeing them shine up on stage!

### Netball

Congratulations to our netball teams who had their first games of the season last weekend. Thank you to FOSS who ran our School BBQ. Bring on the rest of the netball season!

## St Joseph's Board of Trustees' Election

Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 24 May 2019 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on *Friday, 7 June 2019*.

Signed Lorraine Sayer

Returning Officer

## FOSS Sausage Sizzle - Friday 24 May

Orders must be received at the School Office with money before 22 May.

Forms are being sent home on Monday.

Money raised will go towards School Production costs.

## Lunchonline

**WOW**

**Sushi delivered to  
St Joseph's Catholic School**

Sushi starts Wed 13th Feb!!  
Pita Pit still every Friday!!

It's simple; all you need to do is register at  
[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)  
and follow 4 easy steps to get started

- 1 Register an account
- 2 Add member/s including your child's name, school and classroom
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- 4 Select your lunch and place an order

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## 2019 Term Dates

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

## St Mary's College Open Day

13<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 9am

For more information please contact St Mary's College

## Immunisation Certificates

If you received a letter from the School Office last term requesting a copy of your child's Immunisation Certificate please could you drop a copy in as soon as possible.

Thank you to those who have done so already.

## FOSS AGM

FOSS AGM will be held on 23rd of May at 7pm in the Staffroom.

We are looking for people to be officers; Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Deputy Chairperson, & committee members.

Nominations can be emailed [tracy@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:tracy@stjosephsuh.school.nz) or dropped into the School Office.

The nominated persons need to agree to stand for nomination.

FOSS meets monthly and has a Gala coming up in November.

## School Photos for Year's 5 - 8

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

More information to be sent home shortly

## School Photos for Year's 1 - 4

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

## PB4L Certificates

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

Tobias David

Irihapeti Tuiletufuga-Nicholls

Adrienne Dycoco

Tamara Wilson

Olivia Rowell

Maria Coronel-Benitez

Max Crown

Jessemia Sina

Helen Tang

Jatindeep Braich

Ryan Teng

Rian Rudman

Emma Thompson Frankish

Lacey Watkins

Sophia Gu

Anika Snaith



## Book Fair Dates

- Wednesday 5 June Scholastic Bookfair open 3pm to 3.30pm
- Thursday 6 June Bookfair open 8.30am - 9.00am and then 3pm to 3.30pm
- Friday 7 June Bookfair open 8.30am - 9.00am and then 3pm to 3.30pm
- Monday 10 June Bookfair open 8.30am - 9.00am and then 3pm to 3.30pm
- Tuesday 11 June Bookfair open 8.30am - 9.00am and then 3pm to 3.30pm
- Friday 7 June Dress Up Day Parade

## Scholastic Books

Scholastic book pamphlets were given out this week. These are due back at school by Wednesday 15th May. Please make sure that your child's name and room number are on the order form and handed into the office. Orders can be paid for by cheque made out to Scholastic NZ, eftpos at the school office or through the LOOP website: [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) or mobile app. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Toni Burrell on 0272118118.

## Movin'March Parent Survey

### Parent Feedback on Movin'March:

**Movin'March was a month-long event organised by Greater Wellington Regional and local Councils to encourage students to walk or wheel to school. To help us improve our programme, please complete Greater Wellington's [parent survey](#) before it closes on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Respondents can go in the draw to win a \$100 Prezzy card! We appreciate your help - your comments will help us encourage more students to walk and wheel to school.**



*Faith in the Future, Love of Learning, Love of Life*