



SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter
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Kia Ora Whānau

Congratulations and welcome to our new Board of Trustees who held their first meeting on Tuesday this week. Our returning members - Ruth Jones (Chairperson), Simon Edhouse, Nigel Bennett, Kath Bennett and Father Maleko have been joined by our new members - Michelle Curel, Lisa Chivers, Jogeshni Prasad, and Marie Kirkup to ensure we have both continuity and enthusiasm within the team. Congratulations also to Samantha Sasse who was re-elected as our Staff Representative. We look forward to working together, ensuring the continuation of a high quality-learning environment for our St Joseph's School students.

Annual Report

Each year at the end of May, we provide the Ministry of Education with an annual report. This includes our audited financial accounts and an analysis of variance on the achievement targets set at the beginning of the year. Our 2018 Annual Report will soon be live on our website.

Social Media

This powerful tool is a wondrous creation. The school has its own Facebook account which we encourage parents to use to follow us on. We try to use media to advise families of up coming events and to distribute notifications. Follow us on Facebook 'St Joseph's Catholic Primary School – Upper Hutt.'

Unfortunately this same media causes many families, as well as many of our students a great deal of angst. Being very socially conscious, many of our older students, with their parent's permission, are allowed to have their own Facebook profile. *Please, please please*, monitor the activities of your child. Every week we end up dealing with 'fallout' resulting from our students making poor choices as they learn the pros and cons of social media. Guidance and conversation with your young ones about appropriate use is what is required.

Kind Regards Andrew Herrick

School Reports and Learning Conversations

This week you will be receiving a copy of your child's Mid Year progress report. These reports provide the perfect opportunity to reflect on the wonderful achievements that have been made during the first part of the term.

On Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th June we will be holding Learning Conferences for all our children. Learning Conferences are a time for you and your child to meet with the class teacher to share the learning progress they have made and to discuss their next learning steps.

This is a valuable opportunity to strengthen the parent-teacher-child relationship that helps to promote the learning of our children.

The format of the Learning Conferences will be:

- children showing their learning progress this year, and their next learning steps
- teachers explaining your child's current progress against expectations (where they are in terms of their learning)
- discussion/ questions you have

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to praise your child for their learning and to ask them how you can help with their next learning steps. It's easy to want to 'compare' your children but please remember, every child is an individual learner.

It is important that every family makes a time to meet with the class teacher. Each meeting is scheduled for 15 minutes. If you require more time than this, please contact your child's teacher to make an alternative or additional appointment.

Teachers look forward to meeting you and your child to celebrate the progress they have made so far this year and to talk about their goals for the second half of the year.

Religious Education Corner:

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Trinity Sunday Mass review:

Written by Jed Young and Austin Achilles (Intermediates)

"The Church of Saint Joseph in Upper Hutt became alive this Sunday, as the attendance of The Trinity Mass was breath-taking. Hundreds of people piled into the historical church, to hear the words that were spoken and the message that was shared. There wasn't a single chair left to sit on or place left to stand, as there was just so many parents, grandparents, and children flocking together to celebrate this significant day.

For those who have not been informed, Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost in the Catholic liturgical calendar. Trinity Sunday celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit. This special day is an important part in the Catholic Church and faith, and the Mass did an amazing job of capturing the significance of this memorable day, a day that we won't forget.

As we enter the Church, we start the Mass off by participating in the Sign of the Cross, which symbolizes a prayer, a blessing or a sacramental, of which this day is all about. The Priest will begin his opening prayer, really setting the scene for the exciting events to come. Significant Bible verses are read, and Father shares his homily, which were inspirational. Prayers of the Faithful are shared and we sing and praise the Lord together. Father, Then we proceed to take the Holy Communion, and blessings from the Priest. And as we do the sign of the cross for the second time, the mass comes to an end.

The events that took place were extraordinary, and the amount of people that turned up was amazing. It was so inspiring to see the amount of people that went out of their way to come and celebrate the special occasion of Trinity Sunday. The kids who took time out of their weekend to come to Church, and the adults who did the same, really made the atmosphere so much better, and without them, the Mass wouldn't have been what it was.

Hopefully next time we gather both as a Parish and School community to celebrate a Mass, it will turn out just as amazing as this one, because this twice a year combined Mass, is not something you want to miss."



Liturgical Events this week:

Thursday: Corpus Christi

This Thursday is the feast of Corpus Christi. It is one the time when our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is shared with fellow Catholics and the world. This is a time when Catholics can show their love for Christ in the Real Presence by honouring Him in a very public way.

It is also a wonderful way in which we can show our love for our neighbours by bringing Our Lord and Saviour closer to them. At many Catholic Churches all over the world, a procession is held, where we should our faith and servitude to our Lord and the ultimate sacrifice he made for us.

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that those who believe in him may not perish, but may have life everlasting." John 3:14

Sunday: Day of Prayer for Refugees & Migrants
Every year, the Catholic Church has an official day of Prayer for both Refugees and Migrants. This day of prayer helps us as Catholic spread the word and teachings of Jesus Christ, by showing our Catholic values are projected into the world and we are welcoming and caring for all people in need. The following is an excerpt from the address Pope Francis about our Catholic responsibility to look after refugees and migrants.

"Dear brothers and sisters, our response to the challenges posed by contemporary migration can be summed up in four verbs: welcome, protect, promote and integrate.

We will promote the integral human development of all people.

'... it is not only the cause of migrants that is at stake; it is not just about them, but about all of us, and about the present and future of the human family.

Migrants, especially those who are most vulnerable, help us to read the "signs of the times".

Through them, the Lord is calling us to conversion, to be set free from exclusivity, indifference and the throw-away culture."

COMING UP:

Week 8:

Thursday 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

Sports

Junior and Middle Syndicate School Swimming

This week Junior and Middle syndicates received notices home for their syndicate school swimming commencing in week 2 of term 3.

Please ensure you return your students ability form to their classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Y7/8 Basketball Tournament

Congratulations to our mixed & boys Y7/8 Basketball teams for their amazing efforts in the LHPSSA Basketball tournament on Tuesday 11th June.

A huge thank you to Xavier, Anna, Conrad, Lisa & Jenn for helping with our transport, coaching & supporting our 2 teams!

A lot of wins, a couple of losses & draws but an incredible day & amazing sportsmanship shown!

Y5/6 Interschool Swimming

Great work from our Y5/6 students, who participated in the Y5/6 interschool swimming sports on Tuesday 11th June.

All our students showed awesome sportsmanship and encouragement towards one another which was noticed from other schools,

Fantastic work!

Special thank you to Mish and Cushla who attended the event with our students!

Y7/8 Interzone Cross Country

Well done to our Y7/8 interzone Cross Country team who competed in the regional qualifier at TMP on Tuesday 18th June

Special congratulations to Ruby in year 7 girls who came 6th and qualified for Regionals! & Sarah who came 12th in year 8 girls who will be a "back up" for the regional team!

Special thanks to Jenn, Rachel & Channa for supporting our students & helping with transport.

Maungaraki Sports Exchange

On Tuesday next week (week 9) we are welcoming Maungaraki School Y7/8 Students in a sports exchange with our x2 Netball and Football teams.

Our A Football team will kick off at 1.50pm on our School field and Whero Netball team at 1.50pm on the Heretaunga College Courts.

Our Football B team and Kowhai Netball team will be playing at Manguraki School also beginning at 1.50pm. Thank you in advance to those parents who are supporting our teams on this day and helping with transport, Thank you also to our 4 Heretaunga College students who are refereeing and umpiring the games.



JUMP JAM - Hutt's Got Talent

Our Jump Jam students would have received a google form this week regarding another performance opportunity that Ms Harrison is involved in organising, called Hutt's Got Talent, this is another chance to wear your awesome costumes and perform in-front of a positive crowd and be in to win some amazing prizes!

If you did not get the google form please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz forms need to please be back by Friday week 9.

Check out more of Hutt's Got Talent here - huttsgottalent.com



PB4L Certificates

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

Room 1: Caitlyn Broome
 Room 2: Millie McDiarmid
 Room 3: Issac Sanele
 Room 4: Mikaela Woodhead
 Room 5: Sarah Fitzgerald
 Room 6: Malachi Neho
 Room 7: Charlotte Perez
 Room 8:
 Room 9:
 Room 10: Cooper Chivers
 Room 11: Adifaah Khan
 Room 12: Molly Smith
 Room 13: Aira Trinidad
 Room 14: Aaliyah Daigneault-Lafrentz
 Room 17:
 Room 16: Jayden Lansdown
 Room 18: Harry Coard



The recent Scholastic Book Fair held at our school raised over \$2200 in sales. Thank you to the families and students who purchased items to make this a very successful event. From these sales, Scholastic donated teaching resources, books for our library and generous prizes to our students. The Dress Up Day Parade was very impressive this year and we look forward to seeing the many different book characters who visit our school for the day.

Toni Burrell, Librarian



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

Kaitiaki

Dates for the rest of the year:
 Staff room, second Tuesday of the month, 7pm.
 Hope to see you there.

Term 3 2019

Week 4: Tuesday 13th Aug
 Week 8: Tuesday 10th September

Term 4 2019

Week 5: Tuesday 12th November
 Week 9: Tuesday 10th December

\$5 ENTRY
BLACK AND WHITE THEME
IT'S DISCO TIME!

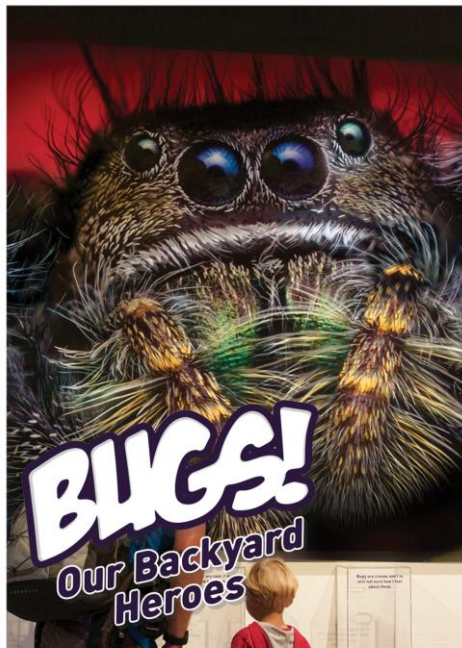
ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL HALL
FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2019

JUNIORS 5.30-6.30 PM
 MIDDLES/SENIORS 6.45 7.45 PM
 INTERMEDIATES 8-9 PM

THERE WILL BE A SHOP TO PURCHASE:

- DRINKS
 - CHIPS
 - LOLLIES
 - GLOW STICKS

TICKETS ON SALE AT THE OFFICE BEFORE SCHOOL



BUGS: OUR BACKYARD HEROES

29 JUNE - 11 SEPTEMBER • ENTRY BY DONATION

Bugs may have a reputation for being small, scaly and scary but some creepy crawlies are actually superheroes in disguise!

Bugs! Our Backyard Heroes is a family-friendly, hands-on educational experience that brings visitors face-to-face with some real live mini-monsters. The exhibition explores the secret world of bugs and the vital role they play in our lives without us even realising it! Featuring 'Eugene', the giant centipede, and his friends the tree wētā, stick insects, locusts, crickets, cockroaches and Avondale spiders, the exhibition also provides the opportunity for visitors to learn about the different native species of bugs in New Zealand and the sometimes precarious position they hold in the ecosystem.

Developed and toured by Pukeariki

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CHAMBER MUSIC NEW ZEALAND CELEBRATES MATARIKI 2019 WITH

TORU

SUNDAY 30 JUNE • 1PM • FREE

NZTrio & Taonga Puoro NZTrio presents Toru, a celebration of Matariki. This beautifully curated performance of works written especially for NZTrio by kiwi composers, explores the meaning of Matariki in modern day Aotearoa. Maori mythology is brought to musical life in works by Gareth Farr, Richard Nunns and Victoria Kelly. These tales are interwoven with three new works celebrating Matariki.



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Are you interested in being an Altar Server at St Joseph's Church?

Please contact Phil Griffins on 02251085302 or phil.t.griffin@gmail.com.

You need to provide your name, address, phone number, age and have a parents consent. Training will be provided. You must be Confirmed.

