



# SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter  
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## Tena Koutou Katoa

In the last newsletter I emphasized the need for parents to be active guides for their children as they learn to navigate the digital world that is a significant part of the modern life. It appears my message would have been best shared with the adults within our wider Upper Hutt Community who enjoy trolling local Facebook pages to criticize and shame those around them for doing amazing everyday deeds.

May I publicly acknowledge Jayden Lansdown and Samuel Forbes for living out the values of our school within the wider community. There will always be a place for human beings to offer respect, courtesy and love to others regardless of race or gender.

For those that are still wondering what I'm referring too, these young men waited patiently at their bus stop while the female commuters and students exited the bus before them. This was an action that occurred naturally to them as a sign of respect to those around them and I commend them for their actions.

### “Manaaki te katoa – Be kind to all”

#### Staffing News:

**Toni Burrell**, who worked in the School Library and within the International Team, has successfully won a new position in the Administration Team at Ray White Real Estate. We wish Toni the best of luck in her new role. We know her flexibility and ability to work autonomously will ensure she is very successful in her new role.

**Rachel Olliver**, who has provided cover for Tracy Sharpe during her vacation, has accepted to take over Toni's role and we formally welcome her to the school team.

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)

Positive Behaviour for Learning is a school wide approach to teaching social and behavioural skills. In it's simplest form it involves the development of a school wide discipline plan that leads to a positive school climate and creates a supportive environment for personal, social, and academic growth for students and staff.

At St Joseph's School we focus on the values of Determination, Respect, Creativity, Love and Excellence which link to our DRIVE acronym.



During term three we will be focussing on the different behaviours relating to each of these values. One of the expectations you can help with is:

### RESPECT – WHAKAUTE: “We respect the worth of ourselves, of others and of our environment”

At St Joseph's School this includes:

- Being considerate of others
- Using polite and appropriate noise levels
- Wait patiently for others

Please encourage and praise your children when they are displaying these values at home, on the sports field or within the wider community.

# Religious Report

## Mary, Queen of Heaven – Student Art

The following are pieces of art completed by some of our Junior and Middle School children, to commemorate our recent Feast of the Assumption.



## St Joseph's School Wide Integrated Studies Focus

Our students continue to focus upon their School-Wide integrated study focus for Term 3, which is concerned with 'Care for the Poor and Vulnerable'.

Pope Francis exemplifies the importance that, we as Christians, should live our lives in ways that improve outcomes for the poor in our world. In his words, he reminds us that, 'The Lord hears the cry of the poor.'

Towards the end of this term, we will be sharing the ways in which we have helped the poor in our community and endeavoured to bear witness to Pope Francis' following message about the need to show compassion and love towards them.

"As believers, we must stretch out our hands as Jesus does with us. The cry of the poor finds a hearing with God. Yet, I ask, does it with us? Do we have eyes to see, ears to hear, hands outstretched to offer help? Or do we keep repeating, "Come back tomorrow?" Christ asks us to recognise him in all those who are hungry and thirsty, in the stranger and those stripped of dignity, in the sick and those in prison.

*Jesus demands that we do something more (Matthew 5: 46); to give to those who have nothing to give back, to love gratuitously. Let us look around in our own day. For all that we do, do we ever do anything completely for free, something for a person who cannot repay us? **That** will be our outstretched hand, our true treasure in heaven. Lord, help us to love as you love. Teach us to leave behind all that is passing, to be a source of reassurance to those around us, and to give freely to all those in need."*

From Pope Francis' Homily on World Day of the Poor, November, 2018.

## Daily Prayers

The following prayer from St. Francis of Assisi is one that you may wish to include as one of your daily prayers, if not already. It offers a perspective of how we may approach each new day - with Hope, Faith and Love.

### St. Francis of Assisi

*Lord, help me to live this day  
Quietly, easily  
To lean upon your strength  
Trustfully, restfully  
To wait for the unfolding of your will  
Patiently, serenely  
To meet others  
Peacefully, joyfully  
To face tomorrow  
Confidently, courageously  
Lord so help me live this day*

**AMEN**

Finally, everyone at St. Joseph's wish all fathers' and grandfathers' a very happy and enjoyable Father's Day this Sunday. May their days be filled with love and blessings. Have a happy and safe weekend.

May God Bless you and your loved ones.

Leyton Walker (Acting DRS)

## Scoop on Sports

### Y7/8 School Swimming

Year 7 and 8 school swimming notices were sent home last week, please ensure the student ability form is returned to your classroom teachers as soon as possible. If you did not receive a notice, please speak to your students classroom teacher.

### Y5/6 Netball Tournament

On Tuesday 20th August 18 of our Y5/6 students competed in the UVPSA Netball tournament at Heretaunga courts.

We could only enter x2 teams participation & competitive. Both teams played amazingly well & showed incredible sportsmanship!

Our competitive team made the final but unfortunately lost by 3 goals to Trentham! A very close game!

A huge thank you to parents, coaches & umpires for support & transport, making this day possible for our tamariki.

### Collins Cup - Intermediate Rugby & Netball

On Wednesday 4th September, We have 23 Year 7 and 8 students participating in the Collins Cup for Netball and Rugby. Our Netball team are playing at the Taita Courts, and Rugby will be played at St Bernard's College, this is a full day tournament for both teams and we wish them the best of luck!

A huge thanks to the parents who are supporting this day with transport or coaching, it is much appreciated!

### Y5/6 Football tournament

Our 2 Competitive Y5/6 Football teams are representing our school in the UVPSA Football Tournament on Tuesday 3rd September, They are playing down at Trentham Memorial Park in a full day tournament, We wish the teams the best of luck!

### Neon Walk4Good

Caregivers and students who are participating in the Neon Walk4Good on Saturday 5th October should have received an email this week regarding the online registration for this event, if you did not receive an email with this information please let Rochelle know at [sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz)



### Y3/4 Non Stop Cricket Have a Go

We have 38 Y3/4 students heading down to Maidstone Park on Tuesday 10th September to Play have-a-go at Non Stop Cricket.

This is an awesome opportunity for our year 3 and 4 students.

Thank you to the parents/caregivers for supporting this day.

This event is now closed and registered students will be notified of their teams next week.

### BMX Challenge

On Tuesday 17th September we are taking 10 students to the McLeod Street BMX track to participate in the Upper Hutt Schools BMX Challenge. Entries for this event are now closed and we wish the students attending all the best!

### Y7/8 Inter-zone swimming

We have 7 Y7/8 students participating in the Y7/8 interzone swimming on Friday at Huia Pool. We wish them the best of luck!

A huge thank you to Trina Far and Rachel Leitch who are transporting and supporting the team down at the pool, without you this event would not be possible for our students.



## Scoop on Sports

### Hutt's Got Talent - Dance Troupe

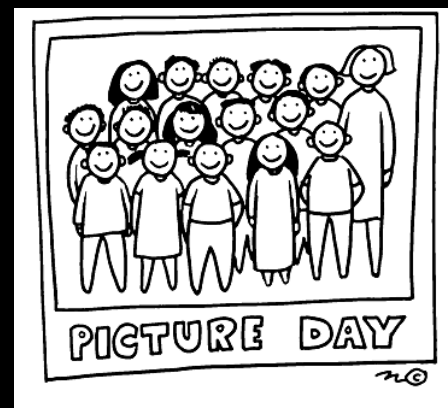
Our school dance troupe performed in Hutt's Got Talent, their first heat was on Monday 12th August, where they performed at Walter Nash. It was announced they had made the Grand Finals at the Town Hall on Friday 16th August where they performed in front of over 800 people and won one of ten awards, "Community Spirit Award." They have won themselves a big day out taking place in week 10, going to Monterey Cinemas, having cupcakes and a special lunch!

Congratulations St Joseph's School Dance Troupe!



### School Photos

The **Middle** and **Junior** students will have their class and individual photos taken on **Wednesday 18th of September**.



## PB4L Certificates

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

Room 1: Lilly Esau  
Room 2: David Kula  
Room 3: Tori Broome  
Room 4: Stella Herrick  
Room 5: Michael Bustamante  
Room 6: Wiremu Kale  
Room 7: Hunter Ryan  
Room 8: Madison Hill  
Room 9: Jarvis Henwood  
Room 10: Imogen Billings  
Room 11: Jacob Chapman  
Room 12: Jenny Cao  
Room 13: Maya Ngu  
Room 16: Jozef Hall  
Room 17: Anush Uppalapati  
Room 18: Joshua Wanden  
Library: Molly Smith



## Pizza lunch winners

Devon Rm 4 (winner)  
Matangihau Rm 18

## 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
Labour Day	Monday 28 October

## Uniform Shop Hours

Tuesday 8.15 – 8.45am

Wednesday 2.30 – 3.00pm

## Wanted

If anyone has any bulk Lego that is no longer used, the school would love to take it off your hands. Please drop in to the School Office.

## Lunchonline

Sushi available every Wednesday

Pita Pit available every Friday

To order visit

<https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/families/>

## 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



# School Gala

Friends of St Joseph's School are holding a Gala on Sunday 3 November 2019 at the school in Pine Avenue in Upper Hutt from 10.00am to 3pm rain or shine.

We are having many varied stalls and if you wish to have a stall at the gala the cost is \$50.00 or 20% of your turnover. We are able to supply a table and 2 chairs if you require them.

Please contact Tracy Sharpe at the school office email: [tracy@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:tracy@stjosephsuh.school.nz) or ring on 04 528 4910 and leave your details and someone will contact you.

Kind Regards

Gala Committee

## Tongan Language Week



2nd- 6th Septema

The goals of the week are to:

- celebrate Tongan language and culture in New Zealand
- Promote the teaching and learning of the Tongan language and culture

Monite:	Tongan Prayer <u>Start Tongan Language week with a Tongan prayer in your class/syndicate</u>
TuSite:	Dress up in your Tongan gear Cat walk in the hall at morning tea, prizes for best dressed
Pulelulu:	Tongan Tapa Come to Room 18 to create a piece of Tapa Cloth
T u'apulelulu:	Tuakana/Teina Enjoy a Tongan Activity in your Tuakana/Teina Class
Falaite:	Panikeke Pre orders only. Order Forms available from office and money due Thursday x2 for \$1.00