



SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter
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The last newsletter of the term comes with great responsibility... not only does it remind us about the well-deserved break for our students and staff, and informing you of the exciting events that have taken place, but it also means that from today there are only 89 sleeps until Christmas! Putting that into a school context that only leaves us with 46 days of school before we farewell each other on December 19. Scary to think how fast the year has gone!

When you break down a school term into days it highlights the significance of making the most of each day and each learning opportunity, especially in the dreaded winter terms. Term 3 was especially bad with a number of new and nasty bugs that introduced themselves to school children across the region. Although it is increasingly more challenging exercise to stay home with sick children, it is vital we all do this to stop the spreading of bugs, germs and disease across the school. The last couple of weeks have been especially nasty, with a number of staff also feeling the effects of sickness. With summer just around the corner, we hope the weather plays its part and we can all enjoy the beautiful outside spaces at St Joseph's.

On a more positive note, we must single out our talented Kapa Haka group who this week performed in the Upper Hutt Cultural Festival. Performances of this quality don't just happen. They are the outcome of hours on hours of hard work, dedication and commitment to representing our school and the many cultures our families identify with. This year it was especially significant as we dedicated our performance to Grace Nicholls who sadly passed away late last year. Nanny Grace has a long affiliation with our school, not just as a parent and grandparent, but also for her involvement with setting up Kapa Haka at St Joseph's. A huge thank you to Whaea Paige, Whaea Carol and Ms Peauafi who are the driving force behind our Kapa Haka group and our amazing tamariki who performed with such passion, energy and pride. I was blown away with the performance and am so proud of each and every person involved.

Throughout the term I was also lucky enough to get to watch many sports events, but it is always swimming lessons that fill me with most excitement. Watching the looks on their little faces when they achieve their goals in the pool, hold their head under water for the first time or swim their first length reminds me why I love teaching. It is a great opportunity to see students modelling our school values and testing themselves to achieve goals, not relying on others to do the work for them.

We love to celebrate the many success stories at St Joseph' so thank you to all of our students who took up the challenge of swimming lessons in 2019!

Moving on to Term 4 and then 2020. There will be a large amount of correspondence coming home as we prepare our teachers and students for their learning journeys. If google forms are emailed to you, please take the time to complete these as your voice is invaluable in the direction of our school and the priorities you have for your children. Currently we are looking at teacher placements for 2020, including the inevitable farewelling of teachers and inducting new ones. Once we have established syndicate make ups we will then focus on the children's classrooms, including requests from parents in regards to educational or cultural needs.

In the meantime, thank you for everything you have done as parents to support your children, especially this term. Each day you wake up you have the responsibility to shape the mind and values of your children. These values are also the ones that shape their daily interactions with others, so never underestimate the excellent job you are doing and the positive values you are installing in them.

Have a blessed holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again in Term 4. Quick reminder that there is a Teacher Only Day on Friday 25 October.

Andrew Herrick.

Religious Report

Greetings Everyone

Saint Vincent de Paul's Feast Day and St. Joseph's Fundraising Efforts

St Vincent de Paul's Feast Day is on 27th September. St Vincent de Paul (1581-1660) was a French priest who devoted his life to serving the poor. He was renowned for his compassion, humility and generosity. Canonised in 1737 he is known as 'The Great Apostle of Charity.'

The Society formed in his name has its origins in 1833 in Paris. The Society was first called the 'Conference of Charity' but was later named The Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Here in New Zealand the Society has 4,600 members. This dedicated army of volunteers goes about visiting the elderly and lonely, providing meals and assisting with school fees, delivering firewood, visiting prisoners, helping the disabled find work, running food banks, providing transport to hospital appointments, raising funds for the victims of natural disasters, doing whatever is required to support people in need.

Mrs Anne Bowles, a local member of the Upper Hutt Society, was invited to this week's Middle-School Assembly to speak with the students about the work of the local society and to receive a cheque presented by our Principal Mr Herrick, for the sum of \$240.00 - the amount raised through popcorn sales last week.



It has been an enriching experience for all of our students this term. We are very proud of the ways they have improved outcomes for the poor and vulnerable through their studies of inquiry based upon this Christian perspective, and the innovation and resolve many showed in the way they have raised money and awareness of the needs for these groups.

May you and your families remain in Christ and enjoy the holidays ahead.

Ma te Atua tatou e manaaki e arahi e tiaki I nga wa katoa

May God bless, guide and protect us always

Leyton Walker (Acting DRS)

Scoop on Sports

What is coming up in Term 4?

- T-Ball and Softball Y1-6 (Week 2)
- Super Starter Cricket Skills - in school with classes in 45min slots (week 2)
- Touch Rugby Y5/6 (Week 3)
- BMX Challenge (rescheduled) (Week 4)
- Y4/5/6 InterSchool Athletics (Week 5)
- Interzone Athletics (Week 7)
- Regional Athletics (Week 7)
- Traditional Maori Games Y5/6 (Week 7)
- Ki-O-Rahi Y7/8 (Week 9)

Dates TBC

- St Brendan's School Sports Exchange
- Y7/8 Softball skills workshop

Junior Total Touch Rugby Registrations

The Total Touch Upper Hutt Junior Touch Competition is about to tap off and will take place every Wednesday for 6 weeks starting 23 October 2019.

The competition is held at Heretaunga College.

Games are run from 4.00pm. Rounds are 30 minutes in duration. Grades generally run at the same time each week.

Cancellations

If you are unsure if games are on due to the weather or grounds, please check the Total Touch Facebook page. Entries for this CLOSE TODAY please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz if your child is interested but you did not receive an electronic form.

Total Touch Ruby Y7/8 Referee intake

Total Touch run the new junior touch module at Heretaunga College (Weds) in Term 4 and Term 1 and are calling for students interested in becoming Touch Referees for the season.

Refereeing is a great way to keep fit, enhance leadership and communication skills, be a part of a supportive community and earn some pocket money. There will be training provided and the opportunities to attend regional and national events.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please follow this link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSddGbBpoZO-4iCdySD38VQk1A5rM8QB0K24DqF-aYB1lsj1w/viewform?usp=sf_link

before 30 September to register.



"Have a Go" T-Ball years 1-4 and Softball Y5/6

Electronic forms for Have a Go T-Ball and Softball were sent out on Tuesday/Wednesday this week. This event is in Week 2 of Term 4 and numbers are limited as we can only enter a small number of teams. If you received an electronic form, or your child is interested in being in a team please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz and submit your electronic form as soon as possible.

Neon Walk4Good

Best of luck to our students and caregivers who are participating in the Neon Walk4Good on Saturday 5th October in the school holidays!

We have some spare spots on our team, so if you would like to walk with us please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz as soon as possible.

Some info on the walk is available here: <https://neonnightwalk.co.nz/>

Flippaball & Floorball - Continues into Term 4

This is a reminder that our Flippaball and Floorball League will continue into Term 4. Draws for these teams have already been sent out.

If you have not received these please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz

Y7/8 After School Basketball

Unfortunately, there will be no Y7/8 After School Basketball League in Term 4. Most schools are unable to source teams so Hutt Valley Basketball Association do not provide a league.

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Dance Troupe - Winners Day Out

On Monday 23rd September our dance troupe cashed in some of their amazing winnings from their Hutt's Got Talent prize.

They had a special advanced screening of the movie "Abominable" at Monterey Cinema, got to eat delicious double chocolate cupcakes from Sweet Bakery and Cakery and had a wonderful time at Mc Donald's Upper Hutt before heading back to school. Many thanks to the caregivers who came along to parent help that made this day out possible.



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

Teacher Only Day 25 October

Uniform Shop Hours

Tuesday 8.15 – 8.45am

Wednesday 2.30 – 3.00pm

Emergency Contact Details

Please advise the School Office of any change of address, email or phone numbers.



The Rotary Club of Upper Hutt
Invites you to their Annual
Charity Ball





On Saturday
12th October 2019
6.00 for 6.30pm
at
Expressions Arts &
Entertainment Centre
836 Fergusson Drive,
Upper Hutt

Cost \$80 per person or
\$600 for table of 8 (\$40 discount) or
\$750 for table of 10 (\$50 discount)



Charity Auction
In aid of
'Fuel the Need'
& other Rotary
Community Projects
Auctioneer Wayne Schindler

For tickets:
Email: rotaryupperhutt@gmail.com
giving your name, address and the
number of tickets you require and we
will contact you re payment etc.

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Intermediate Hats

These are now in stock. The cost is \$23.

PB4L Certificates

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

Room 1: Bryn Essery
 Room 2: Anya Trinidad
 Room 3: Noah Sadler
 Room 4: Brylee Burn
 Room 5: Shane Salig
 Room 6: Ethan Edassery
 Room 7: Elena Leng
 Room 8: Azaleah Rijk
 Room 9: Aeden George
 Room 10: Rome Tracey
 Room 11: Archer Jones
 Room 12: Eidelle Hernandez
 Room 13: Harper Lyttle
 Room 14: Shannon Gemmell
 Room 16: Coddina Nanauava
 Room 18: Jack Sharkey-Burns
 Library: Timothy Leitch



Chair Winners Room 2 and 13

Pizza lunch winners from PB4L Prize draw

Week 8	Week 10
Tyra Rm 6 Moa Rm 4 Matangihau Rm18 (winner)	Dylan Rm 11 Madison Rm 8 Danny Rm 2 Leo Rm 17(Winner)

School Gala News

Friends of St Joseph's School are holding a Gala on Sunday 3 November 2019 at the school in Pine Avenue, Upper Hutt from 10am – 3pm rain or shine.

We are still having many varied stalls and if you wish to have a stall at the gala the cost is \$50 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 or phone 04 528 4910 and leave your details and someone will contact you.

Baking for Gala

Plates will be coming home with the eldest child on 29 October for you to fill with yummy home baking and return to school on 1 or 2 November for us to sell at the Gala. More details to come.

White Elephant Items

We will start to collect donations of goods for white elephant and much more after the holidays.

As you spring clean, if there is anything you would like to donate, we will be opening up the garage at the school from the start of the term to commence storing items.

WOW

Pita Pit & Sushi deliver to St Josephs Upper Hutt

Sushi delivers every Wednesday
 Pita Pit delivers every Friday - Order now !!

It's simple; all you need to do is register at
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
- 3 Make a payment so you have funds in your account before you order
- 4 Select your lunch and place an order



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