



SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter
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He waka eke noa – We're all in this together.

Our recent Gala day provided the perfect illustration of our tamariki (children), kaiako (teachers) and whanau (families) pulling together for the greater good of our kura.

It is timely however, that we remember that events like the Gala day do not just happen overnight and I take this opportunity to thank the significant mahi taking place behind the scenes by our FOSS team, our teachers and students in preparation for the day.

The final result for the day is still being calculated but the FOSS team are hopeful of hitting a profit of around \$8000 for the school. An update of this total, and what the proceeds will be going towards, will be provided in our next edition.

School Reporting – Term 4

Our teachers are currently finalising the report comments for the end of year reporting cycle. When this report reaches you there will be some changes this year. Most noticeably, the graph indicating where your child is achieving in relation to the curriculum has been removed.

We believe that this graph was a cruel reminder for too many of our students about their current level of achievement. Additionally, it provided no indication of the individual progress that your child has made throughout the year.

We encourage you to focus on the progress of your student as an individual rather than an unhealthy desire to compare them to others. We know all kids are individual and as such their academic development is individual also.

Support staff are making a difference for children. Now it's time to make a difference for support staff.

New Zealand's School funding system is broken. It fails to deliver certainty for schools, secure and fairly paid work for support staff, and consistent, quality learning support for students.

Teacher aides are on the frontline of learning support. They are often unable to support themselves and their families on what they earn. 90% of teacher aides are earning less than the living wage and most are in insecure, fixed term employment.

What are we campaigning for?

Pay equity and collective negotiations for teacher aides are underway, and we're pushing for a government commitment to a substantial pay increase that recognises teacher aides' skills and responsibilities by the end of 2019.

Other support staff also need significant pay increases, improvements to allowances and firm commitments to pay equity processes too.

Government funding is essential to make this happen. Schools must be resourced to pay support staff fairly, ensure secure employment and provide high quality learning support.

Support staff make a real difference for our tamariki and rangatahi – and now it's time for the people on the frontline of education to get a fair go. Together, we can make it happen.

Fair's Fair – Mana Taurite

Religious Report

Greetings Everyone

All Saints Day

Last Friday, students and staff celebrated a Liturgy celebrating All Saints Day that centred upon a reflective focus on holiness aligned to the Beatitudes. These served as a reminder, as noted by Saint John Paul II who tells us that, "All the saints have ever been, and are, poor in spirit, meek, afflicted, hungry and thirsty for justice, merciful, pure of heart, peacemakers, persecuted because of the Gospel. They have been these things in varying degrees. We have to be like them."

Our students remembered and honoured, on this day, all those who have died and who are now numbered amongst the friends of God. They also prayed to a number of Saints and considered how these men and women listened to the Word and practised as best they could.

All Souls Day

While the 2nd November remains the Liturgical celebration for the Commemoration of All Departed Souls, we remember our deceased throughout the entire month.

Father Kevin Mowbray, an assistant priest at St Mary of the Angels in Wellington, reminds us that in faith and prayer, we re-establish our family links with our deceased loved ones and show them that they are not forgotten.

Let us remember in our daily prayers our deceased loved ones in their time of need, throughout November.

St Joseph's Parihaka Celebration Mass

On Tuesday, we celebrated Mass in Te Reo, acknowledging the historical community of Parihaka, who strived to uphold the values of their tupuna. Many of our students had an opportunity, prior to Mass, to reflect upon their inspirational and poignant story about gentle resistance and how this historical example of demonstrated peace, aligns to our Catholic Social Teachings. Special thanks to Father Kevin who celebrated our Mass, Mr Herrick, Whaea Carol and Whaea Paige, Miss Connor, our Kapa Haka group and our student readers who made this occasion special and memorable.



May you and your families remain in Christ and enjoy the days 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

Congratulations

Kane Simon, Mehtaav Dhillon and Keagan Sharkey have all been selected into both the JCUH Yr 8 Zone representative team and JCUH Yr 8 Hawkes Bay representative team, with Keagan also being named as one of the team captains. They will play 5 Zone games, starting next Sunday, and round out their junior cricket careers in Hawkes Bay on 6th-9th January.

Congratulations

A big congratulations to our Year 6 student Ashton Mataiti for earning himself a place in the Wellington Touch Team! A huge achievement, great work Ashton!

Athletics

Our Middle and Senior Syndicate had their School Athletics Day at school on Wednesday in Week 2, and our Intermediate students had their athletics at Trentham Memorial Park on Friday of Week 2. Our Inter-School students have now been selected from these events and caregivers have all been emailed an electronic permission form for attendance. If you believe your student qualified, but you did not get an electronic form please email Ms Harrison sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz

BMX

Nine students participated in the Schools BMX Challenge last week at McLeod Park. They had an awesome day!

A huge thank you to the parents/caregivers assisting and supporting our students on this day.

Total Touch

Total Touch has begun on Wednesday afternoons at Heretaunga College for the next 6 weeks, and it is proving to be extremely popular with the students in our 6 school teams.

The league is going to run again next year in Term 1.

Y7/8 Ki O Rahi

Our Y7/8 Students have a Ki O Rahi Tournament coming up in Week 8. Information regarding this will be sent out to caregivers of interested students within the next few weeks.

Y5/6 Traditional Maori Games

Our Y5/6 Students have Maori Traditional Games coming up in Week 7. Information regarding this will be sent out to caregivers of interested students within the next few weeks.



Guess the Lollies Winners

The winners of "Guess the Lollies" which was run by Room 11 for the Gala were the following children:

- Vaughn Erika – Room 4
- Harper Lyttle – Room 13

The correct guesses were

- Jellybeans = 449
- Wrapped lollies = 165

Thank you all for your support.

PB4L Certificates

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

1. Xavier Smith
 2. Sophie Edhouse
 3. Nicholas Feng
 4. Chelsea Bennett
 5. Carmen Edassery
 7. Zac Stemp
 9. Jordan Beavis and Emily Ross
 10. Alexander McDiarmid
 11. Braxton Herrick
 12. Miller Hines
 13. Kaomony Lim
 14. Harry Jones
 16. Martin Antonio
 17. Semisi Sina
 18. Panav Kumar
- Library: Aqeel Hyder



Pizza Lunch Winners

- Krithika Library
- Willow Rm 4
- Lachlann Rm 11
- Issac Rm 3 (winner)

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Prize Giving

Date: Thursday 12 December
 Venue: St Joseph's Church
 Time: Years 1-4: 1.30pm
 Years 5-8: 6.00pm

St Mary's College

St Mary's College is finalising enrolments for Y9 students 2020 - limited preference places are available. If you would like more information please contact our enrolment team at office@stmw.school.nz or ring (04) 473 5554.

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 – 19 December at midday

Uniform Shop Hours

Please note new days of opening starting from 11 November

Monday 8.15 – 8.45am

Thursday 2.30 – 3.00pm

Emergency Contact Details

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

Absences

If your child is absent from School, please remember to advise the School Office before 9am.

FOSS Meeting/Gala Debrief

Thursday 14 November at 7pm in the Staffroom. If you have any feedback or constructive observations please come along or advise the Office staff.



White Ribbon March 2019
 Sat 23 Nov | 1pm | Upper Hutt | All Ages

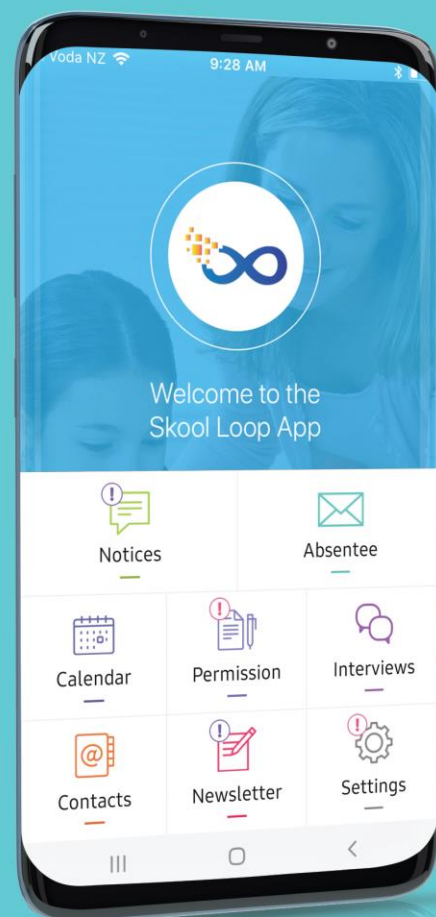
Stand up Upper Hutt and march for respectful relationships. Say NO to family violence. Accessible community march followed by a rally and entertainment. All welcome!

White Ribbon March:
 1pm | St Josephs School, Pine Ave, Upper Hutt

White Ribbon Rally & Entertainment:
 2pm-3pm | Upper Hutt Primary School, Brown Street

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