



SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter
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“Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia o tātaou mahi”

Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work.

At St Joseph's School we pride ourselves on the values we uphold as a Catholic School. Along with our **DRIVE** values that we hold dear to our school, the principles of Catholic Social Teaching guide much of the students learning within our integrated curriculum.

This week our senior syndicate have been applying the Catholic social teaching principle of 'Common Good'. In short this principle means working for the good of all - hei painga mō te katoa. This means respecting the rights and responsibilities of all people.

A number of our students doing good deeds within the community has provided the perfect showcase of these values in action.

Whilst we expect our students to act in this manner it is reassuring when these behaviours become a natural response from the children rather than something we have to ask of them.

The values of love and respect are also some the core values at the heart of the white ribbon campaign who are marching from the gates of St Joseph's School from 1pm tomorrow.



After taking the pledge to speak out and act to prevent men's violence towards women (Family violence in general), I am now encouraging other men to 'Stand Up' and join me by taking the online pledge and committing to take one or more actions at

<https://whiteribbon.org.nz/>

Reunification Exercise

The upcoming reunification exercise has certainly highlighted the importance of being prepared when we are faced with a major disaster. We know that we won't be perfectly prepared when a real situation strikes but what we have learnt in the planning and preparation, completed already, is that we are far more prepared to keep your children safe than we were previously.

The safety concerns of your children are the reason why we are taking the opportunity to complete the exercise. We appreciate that it may cause some changes to your weekly schedule but we will not apologise for taking your children's safety so seriously.

We will have a final letter home to parents in preparation for Friday early next week. One issue I would like to clear with you now is that we are prepared, and planning for, your children being in our care for the length of the school day. Despite the exact timing of the drill there is no expectation for you to race to school and collect your child immediately after this alert. In reality the day does not have to be majorly different for you and your child.

Planning for 2020

With the year quickly drawing to a close planning is well under way for 2020. Once reports have been completed, teachers will be turning their attention to sorting out classes for next year. Our aim is to develop classes and teaching teams that promote high standards of teaching and learning for all students at St Joseph's school.

Our annual 'Staffing News' will be sent out with the next newsletter and this will outline some of the major changes that we have made to the structure of the school and the teachers that will be leading these classrooms.

Enjoy the sunshine

Andrew Herrick

Religious Report

Greetings Everyone.

Feast of Christ the King

This Sunday, we celebrate The Feast of Christ the King. It is a 'movable' Feast Day, but it is commemorated on the last Sunday of the annual cycle of the liturgy and precedes the Season of Advent. It is a day when we have an opportunity to reflect on the humiliation of Jesus and the agony he suffered on the cross, yet we believe that at this very moment, he is truly revealing himself as our king. On the cross he is raised up as king of the world.

Saint Pope John Paul II reminds us that Jesus Christ is a "King who loves." Because he loved us humans to the shedding of his blood. Because he loves, he has liberated us from sin, because only love is capable of freeing us from sin. By liberating us from sin, he made from us the kingdom of God. His reign never fades." "The Kingdom" of truth, of love, of grace and of pardon 'knows no sunset'.

Prayers and Devotions, Pope John Paul II (1994)

Let us challenge ourselves to take up John Paul's pledge to look now with 'the eyes of faith' to Christ's kingdom, and repeat, "May your reign come."



Third World Day of the Poor

Last Sunday, Pope Francis invited us to remember the Third World Day of the Poor, by taking the opportunity to reach out to meet people experiencing hardship, homelessness and isolation. Francis reminded us that before all else, the poor need God and his love, made visible by "the saints next door," people who by the simplicity of their lives express clearly the power of Christian love. God uses any number of ways and countless means to reach people's hearts. Our very own "saints next door"- St Joseph's Senior School students and teachers, who, in keeping true to our Term 4 Christian Value focus of 'Care for the Common Good', prepared dinners and desserts this week for the Saint Joseph's Parish community dinner, that is provided every third Tuesday of each month. Those who celebrated this occasion, enjoyed the company of our school community and left with full tummies and happy smiles.

Up Coming Event

Parish/ School Combined Mass

Date: Sunday 1st December

Venue: St Joseph's Parish Church

Time: 10.30 am

You are warmly invited to join us to celebrate the First Sunday of Advent at our final Parish School Mass for 2019.

May you and your families remain in Christ and enjoy the Advent Season.

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

Flippaball Games

We are heading into our final flippaball games next week! Please keep an eye out on your emails for the next draw on Monday.

Y4/5/6 InterSchool Athletics

Last week 28 of our Y4/5/6 students headed to Trentham Memorial Park to compete in the Inter-School Athletics. We had an awesome day, our students were incredible. A huge thank you to the parents and caregivers who came along to help on this day.

Y7/8 Interzone Athletics

On Tuesday 19th November 19 of our intermediate students went down to Hutt Rec to compete in the Y7/8 Interzone Athletics. A great day was had by all and lots of personal bests and qualifying scores. A huge thank you to our parents and caregivers who came along to help on this day. Looking forward to hearing who has made it into regionals!

Regional Athletics

Congratulations to the following Y4/5/6 students who have qualified for Regional Athletics on Tuesday 3rd December at Newtown Park.

LONG JUMP

Year 4 Boys

2nd - Panashe Mvere

3rd - Lennox Johnson - Walker

QUOIT

Year 4 Girls

1st - Isabella Sharkey

Year 6 Girls

3rd - Moa Kula

VORTEX

Year 4 Girls

1st - Charlotte Perez

Year 6 Girls

3rd - Safira Schultz

SPRINTS

Year 4 Girls

1st - Sienna Letoa - Tuala

Year 5 Girls

2nd - Millie McDiarmid

We are still awaiting results from the Y7/8 Interzone Athletics.



Y7/8 Participation Cricket

Next week on Tuesday we are sending 30 students down to the Y7/8 Participation Cricket Tournament. The day is held at Trentham Memorial Park from 9am-2.30pm, All registered students should have received a confirmation email, if you have not please contact Miss Harrison sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz

Rimutaka Inline Hockey Demo

On Wednesday our Y3/4 and Y5/6 syndicates were treated to a demo from the Rimutaka Inline Hockey Club.

A huge thank you for coming to our school and making our students aware of Inline Hockey opportunities.

Y5/6 Traditional Maori Games

Our senior syndicate teachers have selected 11 students to represent our school at the Traditional Maori Games next Tuesday at Trentham Memorial Park. We look forward to hearing all about the day!

If your student was selected and you have not received an email please contact Miss Harrison sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz

Total Touch Games

We are heading into our final touch games next week! Please keep an eye out on your emails for the next draw on Monday or find it here:

<http://www.totaltouch.org.nz/Draws-Results/Wellington-Competitions>

PB4L Certificates

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

Room 1:	Ella Tansell
Room 2:	Ishaan Adhikari
Room 3:	Liz Kroezen
Room 4:	Cruz Willson
Room 5:	Aliyana Letoa-Tuala
Room 6:	Reaghan Faaifo
Room 7:	Zoey Watkins
Room 8:	Anthony Bun
Room 9:	Monyveda Lim
	Lincoln Strickland-Overdevest
Room 10:	Rose Renjith
Room 11:	Lachlan Godfrey
	Piper Rijk
Room 12:	Jacob Olliver
Room 13:	Jappam Bhangu
Room 14:	Marcell Brink
Room 16:	Zack Ziogas
Room 17:	Millie Abbott
Room 18:	Nicholas McKelvey

Pizza Lunch Winners

Peyton Rm 11
Luke Rm 8
Rose-Star Rm 1
Zack Rm 16 (winner)

Children's Mass Feast of Christ the King

Children's Mass of Christ the King, Sunday 24th November at 10.30.

Children are encouraged to come to this Mass dressed in the traditional dress associated with the family's ethnic group.

Any child who would like to take an active role in the Liturgy of this Mass, please ring or text Teresa Homan 527 9061 or 022 312 7259.

There will be a Parish event after this Mass to celebrate this Feast and the beginning of Advent. There will be food, games and possibly carol singing. Please plan to attend this celebration. Chop Suey and sausage sizzle will be available free or for a koha. Bring a picnic style lunch to share and BYO. Hot drinks will be available.



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.

Prize Giving

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

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