



SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter
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Kia Ora Whanau

He aha te mea nui o te ao

What is the most important thing in the world?

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

It is the people, it is the people, it is the people

Given a heartbeat by the return of your tamariki, our school is once more alive. At St Joseph's we know the importance that people play in the development of a positive school culture.

Hopefully you will have noticed that our teaching team have begun the year by placing a huge emphasis on getting to know your tamariki. We see the building of relationships as the cornerstone of our school and a major factor in improving the learning outcomes of our students.

We continue this journey of growing relationships with our school picnic this evening. I thank all the parents, students and whanau who are able to attend in advance for your commitment to your children, their holistic development and the growth of our community.

Walking around our school with visitors provides me with the perfect opportunity to regularly pop into different areas around the school. I'm always filled with pride by the feeling of our classrooms and this year feels better than ever. Routines are well established, our students are engaged and interacting positively with each other and our learners are displaying enthusiasm to make the most of all opportunities. St Joseph's School really is a great place to be!

Please remember that our doors are always open for you. Please drop by some time.

Andrew Herrick – Principal

Pope Francis declares a Year of St Joseph

Have you ever thought of St Joseph as a creatively courageous father?

That is how Pope Francis described Joseph as he announced a Year of St Joseph (8 December 2020 – 8 December 2021) in honour of the 150th anniversary of Saint Joseph being named as patron of the Universal Church.

In his apostolic letter, Pope Francis wrote:

In the Gospels, St Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love.

We are now invited by Pope Francis to reflect on and imitate the creative courage of St Joseph. Joseph was courageous in taking on the responsibility of becoming the husband of Mary and the legal father of Jesus and all that those two roles entailed. As we follow Joseph in the Gospel, we see how he could turn a difficulty into a possibility with his trust in the providence of God.

By reflecting on Joseph's life, we can appreciate that God calls each of us to love freely, to accept our responsibility to welcome and serve others, to use and develop our gifts and talents, to appreciate the value and dignity of honest work, to overcome our challenges and become "courageously and firmly proactive" in our daily living. A "respectful and sensitive man," Saint Joseph "did not look for shortcuts, but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it."

Special Character Report

Greetings Everyone

St Joseph's Ash Wednesday Liturgy

On Wednesday February 17 at 11:30, we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday as a school – the first day of the Lenten Season. Each year the Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday is the same.

The Gospel reading from Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18 reminds us that while God loves us to pray, help each other, and make sacrifices, he prefers these activities to be kept to ourselves. Rather than advertising our holiness, generosity and sacrifice, Jesus suggests we give quietly to the needy, pray in private and act cheerfully when fasting.

The symbol of the Cross that will be placed on our foreheads by our student leaders, re-affirm in us our desire to serve our Lord through helping others over the next forty days as we journey with Jesus.

Our Lenten Journey

During Lent, our loving God takes us by the hand and asks us to listen to our hearts so that we can feel His love and we can learn how to care for others as children of God. Let us put our heads down and think about God's love. Let us think about how great we can be if we can keep our promise to God by treating other people with love and respect.

Ma te Atua tatou e manaaki e arahi e tiaki I nga wa katoa
May God bless, guide and protect us always

Gina Foster (DRS - Celebrations)

Key dates for our two School Masses

Pentecost – Sunday 23rd May

First Sunday of Advent – Sunday 28th November



Kia ora e te Whānau,

This year we are continuing on our journey of Tūrangawaewae and Religious Education through the lens of the Catholic Social Teachings (CST). These allow us to understand the key learning in RE and the teachings of Jesus and scripture through real life contexts. This term we are looking at the CST of Human Equality, We are each beautifully made in the image and likeness of God. Differences in talents are part of God's plan, but social, cultural, and economic discrimination is not. Each syndicate is learning this throughout all of the curriculum areas with our integrated approach and will be having a celebration at the end of the term with an action. Keep an eye out for your child's celebration in your syndicate emails. Over the next few weeks I will outline what each syndicate is doing.

This term Camillus are learning about how different cultures celebrate special occasions, with Easter being our focal point. We will explore how God's presence and action in the world is expressed in cultures and discover how the way we celebrate occasions is both similar and different. At the end of the term, our learners will share our learning with their peers and whānau by presenting a celebration we have explored.

In our first mass of the term and year, each class brought their class prayer table candle to the mass and Father Biju blessed them for us. A member from each class went up the front for the blessing.



Heather O'Halloran (DRS - Curriculum)

Sports

Yeah! Girls Cricket - Taster Sessions in Upper Hutt

Calling all girls aged 9-13! YEAH! Girls - is the cricket revolution taking Wellington by storm? It's cricket, but not as you know it - a social, fun, inclusive way to give cricket a go.

We are down at Maidstone Intermediate on Friday afternoons from 19 February 2021 playing short, fast and fun games. Come and meet new friends, move your body and learn new skills. No previous experience required.

Registration is free and all registrations receive a free Yeah! girls' hat. Register here: <https://registrations.crichq.com/register/263506>

If you have any questions please get in touch with us; wellington@yeahgirls.nz

Flippaball

Flippaball is looking a little different in 2021: Year 5-6 students will play on Tuesdays in Term 2 ONLY and Year 5-8 students will play on Tuesdays in Term 3 ONLY. These leagues both run for 10 weeks. There will be "Have a Go" Sessions in Term 1 on Tuesday Feb 23, & Tuesday 2 March 3.45pm until 4.45pm.

Year 5-6 Flippaball sign ups will happen in Term 1, Week 5 - Wednesday 3rd March, please email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz for more information.

Total Touch Rugby - Years 1-8

Total touch is back again for Term 1, beginning at the end of February. An electronic form has been emailed home to those students who attended the sign up meeting on Tuesday. If your child did not make the sign ups, or you did not receive a form you can complete it online here: <https://forms.gle/cKQs5U281vAakSM67> All information is available on the registration form or you are welcome to email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz

Floorball - Years 4-8 ONLY

Floorball sign ups were on Tuesday this week. If your child missed the meeting or you did not receive a form you can complete it online here: <https://forms.gle/RD77Ly1YeVaWawXY6> All information is available on the registration form or you are welcome to email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz

Basketball/Miniball Years 4-6 ONLY

Miniball sign ups were on Tuesday this week. If your child missed the meeting or you did not receive a form you can complete it online here: <https://forms.gle/ktVZvrQWAXNgPcbV7> All information is available on the registration form or you are welcome to email sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz



Year 7 and 8 Non Stop Cricket

Our Year 7 and 8 students have been invited to a Non-Stop Cricket Tournament on Tuesday 2nd March at Trentham Memorial Park. Sign ups for this tournament will be on Monday 15th February at morning tea time, following this an electronic permission form will then be sent out to parents/caregivers with more information. Please note: This is also our scheduled day for our Year 8 Gardasil immunisations, if you would like your child to attend the tournament you will need to make alternative arrangements for immunisations.

Top School

Save the date! Top School is on at Harcourt Park on Tuesday 9th March! St Joseph's School WON this event last year and we are ready to go bigger and better this year! Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

Congratulations

A big congratulations to Safira Schultz who travelled up to Auckland in the weekend representing Hutt Valley U13 Girls Softball. Her team are now the U13 Girls Champions of the 2021 Rookie Sox Tournament.



Baptism

If you would like your child to do the Sacramental Programme in 2021 and they are NOT Baptised, please contact the Parish Office at stjosephsuh1@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Before and After School Care

St Joseph's Before and After School Care is back for another year.

If you require Before and After School care please use our new Enrolmy booking system. It has all our details on it and is very user friendly.

The link is:

<https://enrolmy.com/stjosephsuh/book-now/5-Before--After-School-Care--Term-One-2021>.

If you have any queries or require further information please do not hesitate to contact us. Our email address is asc@stjosephsuh.school.nz and our phone number is 021 062 1766.

Items Wanted

Our Year 3/4 teachers are collecting some resources we are going to be using for our learning.

If you have any unwanted items that we are looking for please pass them onto the school office.

- Measuring cups, baking tins, pots/pans, cookie cutters, kitchen items
- Tyres, rope, pipes, tarp, drop sheets

Lunchonline

Please remember to update the classrooms for your children for 2021!

This can be done by logging on to www.lunchonline.co.nz and clicking on Members.



2021 Term Dates

Term 1	4 February – 16 April
Term 2	3 May – 9 July
Term 3	26 July – 1 October
Term 4	18 October – 16 December

Public Holidays

2 April – Good Friday
5 April – Easter Monday
6 April – Easter Tuesday
7 June – Queen's Birthday
25 October – Labour Day

Teacher Only Days

Thursday 1 April
Friday 4 June
Friday 27 August
Tuesday 26 October

Uniform Shop Hours

Monday 8.15 – 8.45am
Thursday 2.30 – 3.00pm

Preference of Enrolment Forms to be signed

Fr. Maleko will be available to sign preferences on a Tuesday afternoon between 3:00 - 4:00 pm in the Presbytery. No appointment necessary.

Kaitiaki

Vision:

Kaitiaki are the cultural guardians of St Joseph's School/Hato Hohepa. Our role is to ensure St Joseph's School / Hato Hohepa is culturally responsive in all they do.

Mission:

Kaitiaki of St Joseph's School / Hato Hohepa aims to enhance cultural awareness in our school and our school community. We want all our students and whānau to feel that their cultures are valued and respected at St Joseph's School / Hato Hohepa. Kaitiaki aims to work alongside the school in strengthening the relationship between whānau and school.

Whakatauki:

Ka maru koe i tōku pūreke, he kahu pītongatonga. You shall be sheltered by my rain cape, an impervious garment. Protecting and nurturing a caring environment.

Meeting dates:

We meet on the third Thursday of each month.
7.30pm in the staff room. All are welcome.

Term 1:

Week 3: 18th February
Week 7: 18th March
Week 11: 15th April

Term 2:

Week 3: 20th May
Week 7: 17th June

Term 3

Week 4: 19th August
Week 8: 16th September

Term 4

Week 1: 21st October
Week 5: 18th November

School App




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our school app!

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- ↪ Cancellations
- ↪ Notices
- ↪ Newsletters
- ↪ Permission Slips
- ↪ Instant notifications
- ↪ Absentees

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School Website

<https://www.stjosephsuh.school.nz/>

Tuck Shop

The Tuck Shop will re-open on Tuesday 16th February. Please order in the Office Foyer between 8.30 – 8.50am.

If you are able to help out in the Tuck Shop on Tuesday's please leave your details with the Office.



Faith in the Future, Love of Learning, Love of Life