



SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter
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Kia ora Whānau

Education is not a political football!

It's fantastic to see the spotlight on education. It's something we are all invested in as parents, teachers, and whanau of the tamariki that attend our school. What isn't fantastic is seeing education used as a football between politicians who often have no idea about the teaching and learning that is happening in our schools to target individual, and very diverse, needs of our learners.

St Joseph's School is very proud of the teaching and learning programs that we offer our learners. We focus deeply on the core curriculum areas of reading, writing and mathematics and provide lessons that target the specific needs of your children rather than teaching them content they already know or aren't prepared for.

Developing a new curriculum without the resourcing and support required will not provide a silver bullet to our tamariki across New Zealand. Any curriculum changes must be evidence-based and designed by experts in the field for tamariki within New Zealand contexts.

What New Zealand needs right now is a long-term strategy that brings all learners into the fold and gives them good education outcomes all of the time. Right now we have a system that is constantly changing with the government of the day, irrespective of the needs and experiences of our kids.

Thank you

Thank you for your ongoing support for our teachers. We greatly appreciate your support and understanding with our collective negotiations and acknowledge the inconvenience.



EXCELLENCE AT ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

At St Joseph's School we believe that EXCELLENCE means "We strive for personal excellence in all we do". This value allows all learners to be the best they can be, whether it is on the sports field, in virtual environments, through their faith development or through their academic achievement.

CONGRATULATIONS OLLIE, CARTER, KAMILO & BRAXTON

who are part of the Upper Hutt Athletic Club and have been competing on Wednesday nights, and earning points in club meets and competitions throughout the summer season. Recently, the boys have been involved in the Wellington regional championships where they won multiple medals including the 4 x 100m relays pictured below. A special mention to Ollie who was awarded the 1st place trophy from Wellington Athletics for most interclub points earned over the season for all 9 year olds in the Wellington region. Congratulations also to Carter for placing 2nd overall in the 7-year-old competition.



Have a question about school policy or procedures?



St Joseph's School

Click the image for the link

Special Character

Kia ora e te Whānau,

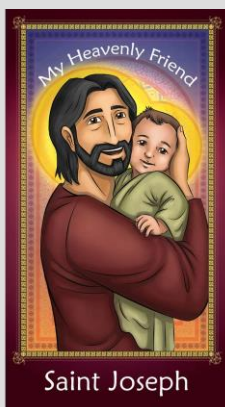
We started this week off, celebrating the Feast of our schools' patron Saint, Saint Joseph. This year, St Joseph's Feast Day falls on Sunday the 19th of March so we celebrated as a school together on Monday. It was wonderful to be able to come together as a school for the Feast Day this year, as last year, we had to celebrate in syndicates.

St Joseph is not only our school's patron saint, but also the patron saint of Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travellers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people, among others.

Joseph is a role model for not only fathers but for all parents, as he nurtured and cared for Jesus, teaching him his trade and supporting him in his faith.

At school, we celebrate St Joseph, the foster father to Jesus, as a role model for looking after others and for working hard.

Each prayer table in our school has the card below with the prayer for St Joseph.



Dear Saint Joseph,
You protected
and cared for Mary,
and loved Jesus
as your own son.
Guardian of
the Holy Family,
please watch over me
and my family.
Please pray for me
that I may be as
caring and loving
and humble as you
Amen.

Catherine Syndicate

This term the Catherine Syndicate has been learning about their Turangawaewae, their standing place. We have been developing our knowledge of where we came from, our school story, and learning what our own unique gifts are. Our aim is to learn how our own unique gifts can be used to make a positive impact in our classrooms.

Join us for a cup of tea or coffee

TB43

TEA BEFORE THREE

In the spirit of the Mercy value of Hospitality, 'TB43' provides an opportunity for all parents and carers within the St Joseph's School whānau to enjoy a cup of tea in the new school staffroom. Everyone Welcome - Thursdays 2:30 - 2:50pm



Sports

Football 7/8: Last week I got the opportunity to take 27 YR 7/8 students to play football at Hutt Rec against other schools in the region. The weather was awesome and they all had a great time. We didn't place but we certainly played some great football. As always, thank you so much to the parents who made this possible.



Movin March: We have had some great participation with this. There is still time to get cards completed and build some habits that will carry on into the coming weeks and months :)

Basketball: Year 7 & 8: Wednesday starting 26th April to 21 June 2023 at Walter Nash. Keep an eye on Hero for a link to register your interest.

Netball: The link for YR 3/6 netball has been put on hero this week. Please fill out the form to register your interest.

Water Polo: YR 7/8- There is an opportunity for YR 7/8 to participate in water polo at Stokes Valley pool in term 2. Keep an eye on Hero for more information on this.

Touch: We have finished up the last of our games at Awakairangi Park this week. Well done to all those who participated. The league will start up again in term 4.

Volleyball Camp: NZFire Volleyball will be running 2-day camps during the school holidays.

They will be having upcoming club volleyball Saturday sessions starting up again in term 2...more info to come!

Years 5-8 Camp: APRIL 11-12

Time: 9:00AM - 3:00PM EACH DAY

Location: St Oran's College gym

Cost: \$60 for both days of camp. PAID IN ADVANCE

PAYMENT- Prepay BEFORE camp in this account: 01-0530-0515415-00 (Include student's first/last name and Reference Code: NZFIRE-23 in payment) 2nd child is \$45. 3rd child is \$30

Signup: <https://forms.gle/JBRqe4bK6x3FBJirg>

School Photos

Next week we are delighted to welcome back Lisa Preston to do our school photos for 2023. Attached is a flier about the services she offers and how the photos will work across our school. Lisa has a unique style and takes individual and group photos across three days to ensure all students are represented in their class. A timetable has also been attached so you can ensure your child is present on the day of their photo. If they are away, we do have plenty of opportunities for catch-up sessions during the week. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact the office.

St Joseph's Catholic School Photography Days 2023

Dear Parents & Caregivers

Lisa Preston Photography will be taking our school photographs again this year.

CLASS PHOTOS - Landscape style, relaxed poses, taken indoors \$17

STANDARD PORTRAIT - "Head" shot only. All children will be photographed in this style.

STUDIO PACK - Studio style with modern poses. Each child receives up to 5 images proofs.

SIBLINGS - Wed PM during day
Portrait/Sibling photos from \$13 each.

Studio and sibling sittings must be prebooked - emailing Lisa by Sunday 26 March. Proofs can be viewed online before purchasing. You do not need to pay in advance! Order forms will be sent out from the school after the photos have been taken and edited.

Monday 27 March
Class & Individual Photos
Rooms: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9

Tuesday 28 March
Class & Individual Photos
Rooms: 10,11,12,13,14,15,16,18,19

Wednesday 15 February
Class & Individual Photos
Rooms: 20,21,22
Studio/Sibling/Catch ups

TIMETABLE

Lisa Preston 021 678964 smile@lisaprestonphotography.co.nz
www.lisaprestonphotography.co.nz

Civil Defence Update

We are currently restocking our food and water supply. Food and water for each student is supplied by the school and stored in each classroom in the event of an emergency.

If your child has any dietary requirements, please send a named lunchbox to school that can be stored in their classroom. This should hold non-perishable items that your child can eat in the event we need to use our school emergency supplies (e.g. canned food, dried fruit, muesli bars). Note this is only required if your children have dietary requirements and would not be able to eat food from the school supply.

2023 School Dates



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL DATES FOR 2023

TERM DATES

Term 1 - Wednesday 1st February to Thursday 6th April
Term 2 - Monday 24th April to Friday 30th June
Term 3 - Monday 17th July to Friday 22nd September
Term 4 - Monday 9th October to Thursday 14th December

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Term 2 - Monday 24th April
Term 4 - Friday 20th October

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Term 1 - Monday 6th February: Waitangi Day
Term 2 - Tuesday 25 April: ANZAC day
- Monday 5th June: Queen's Birthday
Term 4 - Monday 23rd October: Labour Day

PUBLIC HOLIDAY in the School Holidays

Friday 7th April: Good Friday
Monday 10th April: Easter Monday
Friday 14th July: Matariki

Uniforms Sales are through NZ Uniforms.



St Joseph's Upper Hutt Web Shop

Welcome to the St Joseph's Upper Hutt Web Shop:

Your new easy to use Web Shop platform is now live.

If you need to try on uniform items for sizes these are available at our retail location based in Lower Hutt at 92 High Street.

Follow your personalised URL:
<https://stjosephshh.nzuniforms.com/>

Items will ship in 1-2 business days and will be sent with a pre-paid return bag if you need to swap any sizes.

If you have any queries please reach out to our friendly customer services team.

Introducing the NZ Uniforms Uniform Club to families of students attending St Joseph's Upper Hutt School.

The Uniform Club works by allowing you to add payments to a Uniform Club card, which can then be redeemed online.

The Uniform Club helps you save for your child's School Uniform throughout their school journey.

Join our Uniform Club and we'll encourage your savings for your child's School Uniform. You will receive a 10% discount* off purchases made using your card on a great range of products such as Dr Martens, Ascent and Vans shoes and Jansport bags (*Excludes School Uniforms).

customerservice@nzuniforms.com
nzuniforms.com

WEARING IS BELIEVING

House colour hats are available for sale from the school office until the end of Term 1.

The cost is \$20.

Scholastic Book Orders

Scholastic book pamphlets were sent home last week.

Orders are due back at school by Monday 27 March. Please make sure that your child's full name and room number are on the order form and handed in to the School Office.

Tuck Shop 2023

Tuck Shop 2023 is now available through Lunchonline.

Orders must be made by 8.50am on the day of delivery.

To learn more about Lunchonline please visit www.lunchonline.co.nz

ELENOA TOKALAUTAWA

Head student 2023

FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME
ELENOA@STJOSEPHSUH.SCHOOL.NZ:



Bula vinaka, My name is Elenoa Tokalautawa, I'm 11 yrs old and I am your head student of 2023. This is my 5th and last yr at St Joseph's school. I enjoy hanging out with my friends, inside and outside of school, and in my free time at school I enjoy playing basketball and playing netball with my friends. My goal as head student is for me to be working with everyone and to make fun challenges with the other leaders for you all to enjoy. Thank you!

PB4L Certificates Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who received PB4L certificates in weeks 7 and 8.

Room	Week 7	Week 8
1	Shelby Walkinshaw	Arielle Eslera
2	Zaria Puriri	Jaiden Jacob
3	Evan Desley	Serena Elvin
4	Elijah Warwood-Cameron	Lukas Toi
5	Molly Smith	Vishwam Panchel
6	Guy Dickinson	Salem Schultz
7	Inayat Chandi	Ryan Lee Sok
8	Xander Milatante	Indigo Latu
9	-	-
10	Mehar Bedi	Naira Sharma
11	Liyana Abdul Hakkim	Myra Sharma
12	Enzo Del Pena	Arlene Sunil
13	Abigail Logan	-
14	Kush Talati	Max Stratford
15	Claire Fargher	Salu Vui Falesoani
16	Jimmy Alexander	-
18	Ella Goldsmith	Gabby Searle
19	Reaghan Faaifo	Shaun Salig
20	Sarah Fitzgerald	-
21	Nina Sribunwongsa	Max Crown
22	Axel Evasco	Aoife Wong



PTA Raffle Books

PTA Raffle Books were sent home with your children last week. Please return tickets and payment to the school office by Wednesday 5 April 2023. Prizes will be drawn and announced to be picked up on Thursday 6 April 2023.

We have 3 prizes this year for our easter raffle:

1. An Easter Cake
2. Easter Cupcakes
3. A bucket filled with Chocolate treats

The PTA appreciates your support, this fundraiser will go towards board games and other inside games that your children can use during the wet lunchtimes over this winter.

Would you like to be involved in our School PTA? Come along to our next meeting on Thursday 27 April 2023 at 6pm in our school staff.



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