



SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter
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Tēnā Koutou Whānau

Last week, we were visited by the Catholic Education Review team. They are responsible for ensuring that our Kura is safeguarding and strengthening our Catholic special character, and to provide assurance to the proprietor and to the community that our school is authentically Catholic.

Their verbal feedback shared with our staff at their completion was of the highest order. It highlighted how the teaching and learning programme we deliver reflects best practice and current pedagogy for Religious Education. They commented on our teachers' use of a wide range of strategies to engage students and give them agency over their learning.

During their observations in our classrooms the review team saw evidence of a variety of ways of learning taking place, from teacher initiated, students working in pairs and groups and students directing their own learning through independent research and projects. The teachers collaboration with planning, liturgical celebrations and prayer was a visible strength.

They loved that our students could talk about how their learning was connected to Jesus, the Sisters of Mercy and Tikanga Māori. Our students could explain how this includes caring for the environment and / or those more vulnerable or unwell. They witnessed our learners engaged and passionate about how their learning could make a difference in the real world.

They also highlighted that the relationships in the classroom were positive and relaxed. Teachers know the students and their needs and relate to them respectfully. Our classroom cultures are supportive and students with differing needs are treated with dignity. Students' relationships with one another are positive and accepting.

These are just some of the wonderful comments provided by the review team but they are a true reflection of the wonderful learning environment your children, our learners experience each and every day.

Thank you to the members of the Board of Trustees and our beautiful parent community representatives who gave up time to share their feedback with the review team. We are grateful to have such awesome people to serve.

Thanks also to our hard-working staff for all your tireless work and support for the learners. You are amazing people who give so much of yourselves to provide the best possible learning for our kids. Please know that you are deeply appreciated by us all.

He aha te mea nui o te ao. He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. What is the most important thing in the world? It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.

Teacher Negotiation Update

On behalf of the teaching team, I wish to thank the parent community once again for your support during this time. Our teachers love teaching your children and I can assure you that the first consideration is always the impact on our students.

The teachers have received a new offer which is currently being considered. It is our hope that ongoing negotiations between the teachers' union NZEI and the Ministry of Education can find a solution that all parties are satisfied with and that ultimately lead to greater outcomes and learning conditions for the kids at St Joseph's School.

Nga mihi nui
Andrew Herrick - Principal

Special Character

Kia ora e te Whānau,

This week, we welcomed a team from the Wellington Archdiocese into our school to evaluate our Religious Education Programme and the Character and Charism of our school. It was exciting to share the awesome mahi our learners do and how Jesus is at the heart of all we do here at St Joseph's.

Last Sunday, the Parish celebrated Pentecost Mass, led by the Multicultural group. Our School Kapa Haka were able to sing a couple of songs and represent our school at the Mass, well done to all who participated! You made our school very proud.

To recognise the significance of Pentecost, all the prayer tables at school are wearing a red cloth. This represents the fiery tongues that descended upon the apostles' heads when they received the Holy Spirit.

We will change our prayer tablecloths back to Green next week as we return to ordinary time in the liturgical calendar.

Camillus

This term, Camillus syndicate are learning about how the church cares for vulnerable people through reconciliation and the anointing of the sick, through an inquiry question of; What responsibilities has God given me to care for the vulnerable? We are also learning about how we can care for our Grandparents. We will be celebrating with a Grandparents Day and liturgy at the end of the term, where our learners will be able to serve their Grandparents.

Sports

Cross country:

As you will know we have managed to complete our School cross country for Yr 7/8 and have put forward names for Interschool. This will take place at TMP on Tuesday 13 June.

Baseball5:

This week I had the privilege of taking two Yr 6 teams to participate in a Baseball5 Tournament at Walter Nash. It is always great to see our children learning a new sport and encouraging their peers outside of a classroom setting.



Gymfest:

Later on, this month there is a gym festival taking place at Remutaka Gymsports for Yr 1-6. There is a form on Hero if you wish to register your interest.

Danyl is so excited to share the photo of his new bike bought with his Movin'March Gift voucher.



Message from The Attendance Dues Team

Just a friendly reminder that full payment of the Attendance Dues for 2023 is due by 31 May 2023. If you are paying by regular instalments, payments should be set up to close the balance by 30th November 2023 or by arrangement with the Dues team.

The May invoice/statement was emailed or posted to all families on 5th May.

Please check that the invoice has not gone to your Spam/Junk Inbox and that all your children are listed on the statement.

Financial assistance is available to families experiencing financial hardship (loss of income/redundancy, family reasons, etc.). It is a condition of the assistance application that the family has an affordable regular payment in place.

If you have any questions, please contact us:

Phone: 0800462725

Email: dues@wn.catholic.org.nz

Text: 021 08907902

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

DanceSplash 2023

Kia Ora!

We are excited to have the opportunity to perform in DanceSplash this year!

Ms Harrison is back organising a dance troupe, from years 1-8.

Please read the information in the registration form below carefully if you wish for your child to take part in this.

<https://forms.gle/NgiimWNsGpBKfJR9>



PTA- FUNDRAISER

PIZZA

WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE

PTA- Parent and Teacher Association is running a pizza fundraiser
The fundraiser is to raise money for lunchtime clubs.

Thanks to Hell Pizza-Upper Hutt, we are selling a snack, cheese pizza for \$5.00 (one flavour, no GF sorry). We will deliver the pizza to classes ready for lunch.

Payment: Cash only and correct amount, dropped into the office, with student's name and room numbers.

Fill out the form to order your child's pizza.

*Orders close on Monday 19th June, 3pm
Limited to 200 pizzas and once these are sold the form will close.
One pizza order per student.

Pizza order form:

<https://forms.gle/FzywZqrKrCgiuqJP7>

From the PTA

Next PTA meeting Thursday 22 June in our Staffroom at 6pm – it would be great to have you join us!

PB4L Certificates Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who received PB4L certificates in weeks 5 and 6.

Room	Week 5	Week 6
1	Jatindeep Braich	Josaiah Taufatoutai
2	Aidan Abhilash	Adifaah Khan
3	Tyler McLean	Zavier Alcomendras
4	Locki Godfrey	Keanu Faaifo
5	Claire Chuah	Aaron Almeida
6	Ivy Billings	Lucas Greentree
7	Chase Elmiger	Avika Sharma
8	Prableen Adhikari	-
9	Rayan Shaik	Madison Pena
10	Adam Olliver	Baxter Kirton
11	Jahsiah Best Hutchison	Arlo Molloy
12	Mia Rudman	Elijah Reynolds
13	Lachlan Sio	Shraddha Doddi
14	Max Stratford	Javier Studd
15	Ryder Little	Martina Claudio
16	Wiremu Kale-Puru	Elenoa Tokalautawa
18	Laila Rodrigues	Liam Buck
19	Shilah Howard	Azaria Snowden
20	Kenzie Gillies	Zoey Watkins
21	-	Lennox Johnson- Walker
22	Aleena Eldho	Arlo Latu

Scholastic Book Orders

Scholastic book pamphlets were sent home this week. Orders are due back at school by Wednesday 7th June. Please make sure that your child's full name and room number are on the order form and handed in to the School Office.



House Points

Interschool Cross Country		
AUBERT	20	1st
MCAULEY	12	4th
POMPALLIER	13	3rd
AMBROSE	11	5th
VIARD	14	2nd

House points score board T2		
AUBERT	1026	2nd
MCAULEY	867	5th
AMBROSE	914	3rd
VIARD	866	4th
POMPALLIER	1036	1st

School Photos

If you ordered printed copies of your child's photos, these are being sent home today.

If you have any queries please contact the photographer, Lisa, at
smile@lisaprestonphotography.co.nz



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



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL WHĀNAU ART EVENT

Thursday 8th June

Come along anytime between

3-7pm

VIARD

RM 19

MCAULEY

HALL

POMPALLIER

RM 15

AUBERT

RM 1

AMBROSE

RM 6

COME ALONG WITH YOUR WHĀNAU TO CREATE
A PIECE OF ARTWORK. THIS WILL BE
DISPLAYED AROUND THE SCHOOL.



We welcome you to our Cultural Day 2023!

On Friday 9th June, St Joseph's School will be hosting a cultural day for all students to showcase their cultural heritage.

There will be a shared lunch, so please bring traditional food to share with your class. Whānau welcome to join us for lunch 1pm



Event and poster created by
Elenoa and Mitchell
Year 8 Leaders



Girls Mentoring TERM 1



Day 1 - Maggie and Zoey.

During girls mentoring in term 1, we learnt about communication and cooperating with each other by playing some fun games like 'human knot.' We also learnt survival skills and what to do if you're lost and what to bring on hikes/walks in the bush. We learnt how to listen, team build and set goals like speaking in-front of audiences.



Day 2 - Scarlett and Izabella

On our second session we helped make a meal for the church community dinner. We made cheesy lasagna and chocolate and vanilla moose. It took a lot of team work and patience to get it done, but we all had fun and that's all that matters. We made these delicious meals for the people in the community that cant afford food for their family and friends.



Day 3- Aliyana, Shilah and Azaleah.

On the third day our mentoring group went on a bush walk at cannons point but sadly it was closed and we had to do the dam walk which was very nice. When we started the walk we had a scavenger hunt to try find items on the walk and found so many things. We also made track signs to lead another group to safety. We made riddles for the other group to find out what we had saw. These are some of the diffrent skills we learnt that day.



About me!!!

I love food and eat a lot but still skinny sadly :(Anyways I love playing video games AND I am a big brain person. I love sports like basketball except for soccer cause its just kicking, I love helping people finish their school work, I love doing coast to coasts tournaments and getting hard challenges.



What I do

I love playing basketball *best sport in the world* And I love playing video games, I do study a lot in home thats why I know alot about ALGEBRA!!! Also I play coast to coast tournaments with my best buddies Shaun and Shane and Keone, I love playing Music *no I dont I just learn it* And hanging out with friends But the problem is IM so busy to hangout with people



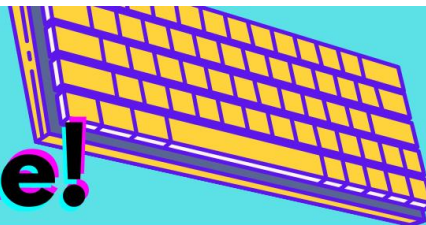
Fritz Pagtakhan
Catholic church leader



JACK ALLEN



About Me!



Kia Ora, this is my 4th year here. I like to hang around and make new friends! I love going on new adventures and trying new things! I love to play video games, and knows a lot about technology. I love exploring new places, like camping and walking!

I play sports, and video games! I play rugby, and football at playtime, I like to talk about PC hardware, and video games. I want to learn many languages, Maori, Spanish, French and Italian, I hope I serve you well. See you sometime!

