



SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter
1 March 2024

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Nau mai, haere mai and welcome to our 2024 school year.

We started off the year with a Pōwhiri to welcome new teachers, tamariki and their whānau to our Kura. Our role is at 530 today and growing each day. We are proud of our Kura and the hard mahi we put in to the benefit of our tamariki.

A few highlights of the year so far:

- Our Cyber evening with Rob Hope had an amazing turnout, filling the ballroom of the Cossie Club. We will continue to support the Cyber-Safety messages from a school level.
- Our School Picnic last Friday was a great way to start the year, meeting new whānau and enjoying time together as a school community.
- The School are now owners of an 11-seater Van. Having the van is going help us provide transport to events and open other opportunities.
- Year 8 Leaders Camp: Andrew, Paul, Nicole and myself spent three days in Taupō with our year 8 leaders setting up their leadership for the year.



We look forward to the term ahead.
Ngā mihi, Selina Ede (Deputy Principal)

Scootering and Cycling update

Our School Safety Policy has just been updated, please take note of the key points below. We will be teaching this through our Positive, Behaviour for Learning lessons.

Scootering/Cycling:

-All children who ride scooters to and from school and bring them to school will wear a cycle helmet correctly fitted and fastened.

-Scooters/bikes will be left in the rack within their syndicate area. Helmets can be kept in class in areas designated by the class teacher.

Scooterists/cyclists will dismount their scooter outside the entrance and walk it to the rack. On leaving they will walk their scooter outside the school entrance.

Scooterists/cyclists will respect pedestrians at all times.



NZUniform update

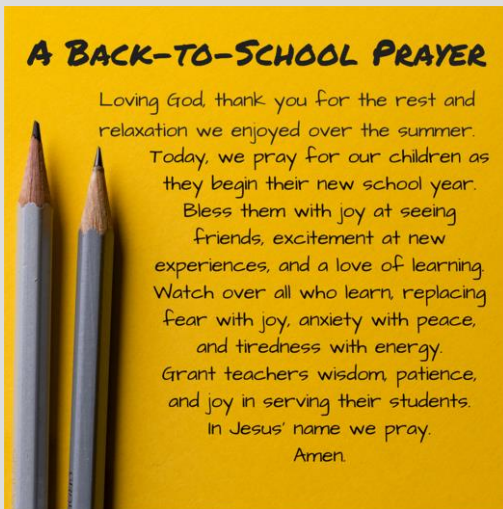
The black buckets and green wide-brim hats are no longer in stock at NZUniform. If your child owns a green hat or black school bucket hat they are allowed to wear these. The new house bucket hats are the only hats available for purchase at Uniform.

Special Character

Kia ora e te Whānau,

Welcome to our new Whānau and to those who are already with us. My name is Heather O'Halloran, I am the Director of Religious Studies (DRS) at our Kura. My role is to support the implementation and growth of our Catholic Character within the school and our community.

We opened our year with a school mass and had the opportunity to bless all of our new learners and staff in the School Parish. This is always a special time as we as a school sing Welcome to the Family to all our new whānau. This extends to the wider whānau, as our Parish is now yours." Welcome to the Family, we are glad that you have come to share your life with us."



We had a Liturgy for Ash Wednesday. This is an important day in the liturgical calendar as it signifies the beginning of the Lent period leading up to Easter when Jesus was crucified on the cross. At the liturgy, we all received crosses on our forehead made from the ashes of last year's Palm Sunday Palms. The ashes symbolize both death and repentance. During this period, we show repentance and mourning for our sins, because we believe Christ died for us.

This term, we will once again be completing the Baptism Programme for any tamariki who wish to be baptised. Please see the attached poster about this programme and feel free to email me if you have any pātai, questions about the programme.

God Bless,
Heather O'Halloran.

Dates of Sacramental Programme 2024

Reconciliation:

Sunday 5th May

Sunday 12th May

Sunday 19th May

Sunday 26th May

Friday 31st May- Afternoon practice for candidates in church

Saturday 1st of June- Sacrament of Reconciliation at 2pm

Confirmation:

Sunday 16th June

Sunday 23rd June

Sunday 30th June

Sunday 7th July

Friday 12th July- Afternoon practice for candidates in church

Saturday 13th July- Sacrament of Confirmation at 6pm Vigil Mass

Holy Communion:

Sunday 28th July

Sunday 4th August

Sunday 11th August

Sunday 18th August

Saturday 24th August- Practice for candidates in church

Sunday 25th August- Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 10:30am Mass

Sacramental Programme enrolment forms are available from the School Office.

PB4L Certificates Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who received PB4L certificates in weeks 1 - 5.

Room	Weeks 1 - 5
2	Christopher van Wyk, Adirah Khan, Abner Abraham, Sehajvir Singh, Chance Castaneda
3	Kaniha Vipinraj, Anton-Stowers Sanele, Ronan Lemon, Sarah Ambadan, Freddie Blackwell
4	Mark-Anthony Tulia, Aidan McKenzie, Irin Mobin
5	Charlie Zammit, Harper Torres, Hunter Bohanna, Jorelle Delos Santos, Jack Homan
6	Akein Thennakoon, Akshainni Bonthapalli, Anshvir Adhikari, Amoon Thi, Jack Prier
7	Isaac Reilly, Sam Bucayan, Kaitiaki Brown, Evie Lyttle
9	Eknor, Gill, Broden Olliver, Sienna Aitchison, Mason Tyrrell, Matthew Remnant
10	Brooklyn Treviranus, Lockie Stratford, Amber Mason, Abigail Logan, Arlo Latu
12	Evellyn Shibu, Lorraine Hernandez, Christian Tuhi-Sidal, Paina Mahina, Levi Chapman
13	Esther Cammock, Rayan Shaik
14	Jiyong Kim, Oliver O'Connor, Tristan Harrison-Ajoc, Leon-Joel Carter, 'Oholei Taulanga
15	Samuel Remnant, Tyson Wallace, Ashton Almeida, Caleb Steffenson, Aven Walkinshaw
16	Blake Taylor, Zaria Puriri, Sudikksha Prabhu Vidhya, Jacob Olliver
17	George Beets, Jarvis Henwood, Cassidy Wratt, Emily Goldsmith
18	Chloe Bailey, Guy Dickinson, Peighton-Rose Richards, Lukas Toi, Ethan Homan

Room	Weeks 1 - 5
19	Kaylin Murdoch, Lucas Harrison-Ajoc, Azaleah Rijk, Wilson Cho, Archer Jones
20	Aiden Baltazar, Rifaa Riyas, Sofia Gail Abulencia, Devin Mitchinson, Marcus Evasco
21	Marco Adrian Layos, Carter Stirling, Reeco Johnson-Walker, Jaiden Jacob, Sophia Shaw
22	Paige Mason, Arland Sio, Reuben Brodnicki, Fern Waldrom, Kevin Clyde Bascara
23	Alex Webb, Blake Stafford, Izabella Harrison-Ajoc, Shelby Walkinshaw, Imogen Billings
24	Jae-Llyn Martin, Caleb Cotter-Marklew, Scarlett Dixon, Eli Taylor, Angad Singh

Tuck Shop 2024 - Thursday's

Tuck Shop 2024 is open. Orders are to made via Lunchonline before 8.50am on the day of delivery. (Thursday)

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

Indian Dance Classes - Bhangra

" Come join us to learn Bhangra - Indian Folk Dance. We are taking expression of interests for classes that are starting soon at Anita's Dance Academy, Upper Hutt. Please refer to the poster for further details."

**BHANGRA BY BHATT
DANCE ACADEMY**

Activities:
Kids Bhangra Groups
(Age 3-5) (Age 6-9) (Age 10-13)
and 13 onwards.

**BHANGRA
FITNESS CLASSES
AND
BHANGRA FOLK DANCE
CLASSES FOR ADULTS**

Timing: Sunday 10am - 4pm

FREE TRIAL CLASSES

Term Discounts Available

**Venue: 5 King Street, Upper Hutt Central,
Wellington 5018**

Contact: Harjeet Bhatt 0221960682



Faith in the Future,

2024 SPORTING UPDATES...

We are underway with our term 1 sports which is exciting! Both touch and floorball have had a great amount of interest. Thank you to all those parents who are helping with a team!

RIPPA RUGBY-

Our YR 7/8s got to travel in the schools new van to a ripper tournament. Another great experience for them and a fun day had by all.

MOVIN" MARCH-

This kicks off today, friday 1st March. Wheel or walk to school and complete the passport to go in the draw to win cool prizes!

FACEBOOK: Check out our Facebook page for more pictures and updates all things sport

St Josephs School Sports

NETBALL-

This week I had the opportunity to take a selection of students YR 3-6 to play in a netball give it a go tournament at Heretaunga college. It was a lot of fun and learning and we also had some of our amazing YR 8 girls help umpire.



"SOMEBODY GIVES YOU AN OPPORTUNITY, SAY YES TO IT. SO WHAT IF YOU FAIL? YOU WON'T KNOW IF YOU FAIL OR SUCCEED UNLESS YOU TRY."

—ANN MEYERS

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE BAPTISM PROGRAMME

Baptism

Baptism is the first in the Initiation Sacraments. The Sacrament of Baptism is being welcomed into God's Family. The Baptism Programme will allow your tamariki to be baptised before the Sacramental Programme through the church starts. If your child is 8 before September 2024, they will be able to complete the rest of the initiation Sacraments.

Contact Info

If you have any questions, you can email me here:

heather@stjosephsuh.school.nz

Key Dates

Parent evening

Thursday 22nd February 2024
7 - 8pm

Sessions at school

Wednesday 28 February 2024
Wednesday 13 March 2024

Parent evening

Thursday 14 March 2024
7 - 8pm



Sign up form

Follow the QR code to
complete the sign up
form for your child





ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

DATES FOR 2024

TERM DATES

Term 1 - Thursday 1st February to Friday 12th April

Term 2 - Monday 29th April to Friday 5th July

Term 3 - Monday 22nd July to Friday 27th September

Term 4 - Monday 14th October to Friday 13th December

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Term 2 - Friday 31st May

Term 4 - Friday 25th October

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Term 1 - Tuesday 6th February: Waitangi Day,
Easter: Friday 29th March, Monday 1st April,
Tuesday 2nd April

Term 2 - Monday 3rd June: King's Birthday,
Friday 28th June: Matariki

Term 4 - Monday 28th October: Labour Day

PUBLIC HOLIDAY in the School Holidays

Friday 25th April: ANZAC day