



SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter
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Welcome to Term Two

The school holidays have recharged the batteries of the teachers and learners of St Joseph's School who have returned with renewed energy and motivation.

Decoding the National Education Priorities: How They Benefit Your Child

During the break you may have heard the national government has outlined a set of priorities aimed at strengthening our education system in Aotearoa. But what does this mean for your child's learning experience?

We have had a go at breaking down these priorities to see how they might benefit your child's educational journey:

Focus on Core Skills: A key emphasis is on establishing a clear curriculum grounded in core skills like literacy, numeracy, and critical thinking. This ensures your child develops a strong foundation for future learning and success in any chosen path. This is something that St Joseph's School is already committed to and supports fully.

Boosting Early Learning: The government is prioritizing a better approach to early literacy and numeracy. This translates to evidence-based teaching methods such as structured literacy in primary schools, equipping your child with the crucial reading, writing, and math skills they need to thrive throughout their academic life.

Supporting All Learners: Inclusion and equity are at the forefront of these priorities. We believe this means fostering a safe and inclusive environment where every child feels valued and supported, regardless of background or learning style. This summarises the learning environment our staff and students work hard to maintain at St Joseph's School

Empowering Teachers: The government recognises importance of a strong teaching force. Initiatives aimed at improving teacher training and development will ensure your child has access to qualified and passionate educators who can effectively guide their learning.

Collaboration is Key: These priorities encourage schools to collaborate more with families, communities, and employers. This fosters a network of support that can benefit your child by providing them with additional resources and opportunities.

Measuring Progress: The government aims to implement consistent assessment methods to track student progress. Like our HERO updates, this focus emphasises why our teachers identify areas where your child excels and needs additional support, ensuring their learning is personalised and targeted.

Overall Impact: By focusing on these key areas, the current government aims to create a world-class education system that equips all students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to succeed in a dynamic and ever-changing world.

We will continue to provide updates that allow you to stay informed about these national priorities and how they are being implemented at your child's school. Don't hesitate to reach out to teachers or school leaders if you have any questions. Working together, we will ensure your child continues to receive the best possible education.

Welcome to all of the new families and whanau who have joined our kura this term! A special welcome to our newest staff members – Mr Kyle Jones, Mrs Monique Jones and Mrs Kate Fitzgerald.

Have a great term.

Andrew Herrick

Special Character

Kia ora e te Whānau,

As always, we started the term with our Start of Term Mass on Friday, welcoming the new tamariki and staff to our family.

In our classrooms and around the school, the prayer tables are wearing the yellow prayer cloth at the moment. This marks the period between Jesus' death and resurrection and Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is a significant time in the Church Calendar as commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Disciples. This occasion marks the beginning of the Catholic Church, as Jesus' Disciples and other followers went out and shared the story of Jesus with the rest of the World.

This year, we are lucky to be hosting the Pentecost Mass for the Church on Sunday the 19th of May at the 10.30 am Mass. The children have started practising dances, readings, and creating art to display for the occasion.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Father Biju on his remarkable 25 years of service as a priest! Your dedication, compassion, and guidance have touched many lives and comforted countless individuals. We wish you all the best on your sabbatical and look forward to seeing you when you return.



Gracious and loving God,

As we approach the celebration of Pentecost, we are reminded of the powerful outpouring of your Holy Spirit upon the disciples gathered in Jerusalem. Fill us, we pray, with that same Spirit.

Grant us the courage to proclaim your truth boldly, the wisdom to discern your will, and the compassion to love one another as you have loved us.

May the flames of Pentecost ignite in us a fervent desire to spread your message of hope and reconciliation to all corners of the earth.

Bless our school community with unity, understanding, and a deep sense of belonging, as we strive to live out the values of Pentecost each day.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

Matariki 2024

We are hosting a Matariki event this year - Thursday 27th June.

We are seeking support from our school community. If you want to be involved, please fill this form out.

<https://forms.gle/5s4beu83sf2AtgJ68>

Sacred Heart College Open Morning

Our Year 8 St Joseph's students are booked in for the open morning on Wednesday 12th June 9:00am-10:30am. Parents are to take their child to the open morning please.

Year 9 enrolments for 2025 have opened. All enrolments are done online via the college website.

Preference of Enrolment Forms

Fr. Maleko is available to sign preference forms on Tuesday's between 3-4pm at the Parish Office.

PB4L Certificates Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who received PB4L certificates in week 11 in Term 1 & week 1 in Term 2.

| Room | Weeks 11 and 1 |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Tyson Taufatoutai |
| 2 | Cooper Ireland, Ayla Shepherd |
| 3 | Sarah Ambadan |
| 4 | Rayeed Shaik |
| 5 | Ekam Badesha, Cason Martin |
| 6 | Hunter Howard, Eva Mclean |
| 7 | Raphael Aljean Layos, |
| 9 | Anashe Zitye |
| 10 | Cara Alcomendras |
| 12 | Scarlette Van Wyk, |
| 13 | Arnav Nellipudi, |
| 14 | |
| 15 | Louie Raymond, |
| 16 | Sargun Kaur, |
| 17 | Declan Ashton, |
| 18 | Zavier Alcomendras, |
| 19 | Joe Andrews, Tabitha Hindley-Mehl |
| 20 | Daniel O'Connor, Siena Schultz |
| 21 | Nadar Singh Dhillon, Regan Thi |
| 22 | Livy Rowell, River Buhler |
| 23 | Isabella Ebrahim, Natasha Szabo |
| 24 | Cory Arcus, Sanjith Ragunath |

RAMS RUGBY - YEAR 8 GIRLS & BOYS KEEN ON TACKLE

Our grade is running a little low and we would love for you to join us. Games are played on Saturday mornings and this year we have some amazing things happening in our older grades. If you are keen to give it a go please register via the link below, if you have a player that is not year 8 and are wanting to register you can also follow the same link. If you have any questions, please email Sarah Rawiri on juniors@uhramsrugby.co.nz or send a message through our page

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/257906>



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

Starting in Term 2

BREAKFAST CLUB

ALL WELCOME

8.30AM, EVERYDAY
ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL HALL

KickStart BREAKFAST

Sanitarium
Weet-Bix
97% WHOLE GRAIN
9g FIBRE
10g SUGAR
10g PROTEIN

Anchor
lite

Sanitarium
The Health Food Company

Fonterra
Every day for life

Metlink Fares

UNDER 25?

Fares are changing for young adults and children from 1 May 2024

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metlink.org.nz/fares
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TERM 2 SPORT UPDATES...

Welcome back :)

I hope you all enjoyed a slower pace of life, some lazy mornings and a break from the usual routine. It's great to see all the smiling faces back at school for another term!

This week has been busy issuing lots of uniforms! Basketball and netball have started this week. Good luck to all those playing and representing St Josephs, have fun!



Cross country

Interzone cross country is coming up on the 19th of May. This is held at Harcourt park on a Sunday. We strongly recommend all those who placed in the top 20 at our school event to attend. If you missed the school cross country you can still register. Keep an eye out on HERO for how you can do this next week

"COURAGE ISNT THE ABSENSE OF FEAR, BUT STAYING ONE STEP AHEAD OF IT. BECAUSE THAT IS WHERE YOU FIND A STRONGER VERSION OF YOURSELF " -CRISTIANO RENALDO





MATARIKI

Celebrating the Māori new year

St Joseph's School is hosting a Matariki Celebration on THURSDAY 27th June, after school. We are seeking support and interest.

Can you do any of the following...

- Cultural Performance
- Any other performance groups
- Food Stall
- Craft /Own Stall
- Food Vendors
- Volunteer to help on the night

Please fill this form out if you are interested in being part of this event.

<https://forms.gle/PB2hizBycropoZJCA>

MARSHMALLOW MONDAY IS BACK!

Starting Monday 6th May

11:00am - School Hall

Bring your own plastic cup with handle



**Kindly bought to you by the
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YEAR 9
OPEN
DAY



ST PATRICK'S
COLLEGE
SILVERSTREAM

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DAY

Day School - 2025 Enrolment

Thursday, 23 May 2024

9am - 10:30am or 1pm - 2:30pm

Year 8 boys along with their caregivers/parents are invited to attend one of these sessions. No prior registration required. Meeting point: School Chapel.



Try Boarding - 2025 Enrolment

04 June, 06 June, 10 June, 11 June & 13 June 2024

To secure a place for one of these dates please refer to our website under the section "Try Boarding" to register your interest.

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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