



SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Tīhei mauri ora,
He mihi ki te runga rawa
He mihi ki te pae maunga o Rimutaka
Te whare e tū ake nei, tēnā koe
Papatuanuku e takoto nei, tēnā koe
Ki a koutou rā te kanohi ora,
ngā iwi nō ngā hau e whā, Tēnā koutou.
E kui mā, e koro mā, rau rangatira mā
Nau mai, haere mai ki tēnei kaupapa nunui o te rā.
Hei whakahōnore ngā rangatira mō apōpō, i mua i te aro o
a rātou whānau me a rātou hoa hoki.
E ai ki te whakatauki, ehara taku toa he toa takitahi, engari
he toa takitini!
Nō reira, Piki mai, kake mai, whakatau mai rā.
tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā rā tātou katoa!

To translate these wonderful words created by our newest recruit Whaea Paige Nuku, I acknowledged the greater forces at play in our world, I acknowledge our mountain range. I acknowledge this whare. I acknowledge everyone here of all iwi from the four winds. Welcome to you all, especially our young leaders who we honour tonight in front of their families and friends. I mentioned a Māori proverb that translates, “success is not the work of one but the work of many.” Therefore, Greetings to you all.

Kia ora and welcome children, families, friends and staff of St Joseph's School. It is an honour to be the Principal at St Joseph's School and I am privileged to be able to welcome you this evening as we join together to celebrate another very successful year in the proud history of our school.

I was searching through Mr Ahern's files in preparation for tonight and stumbled across some of his speech making notes from 2017. Within them I noted a statement relating to the school roll, and how recent roll growth had seen the end of year total hit a long time high of 423 learners. He also noted that St Joseph's School was the 'The best kept secret in Upper Hutt'.

Well, it would be fair to say that the secret is a secret no more with 448 children currently calling St Joseph's School home and more importantly we start 2019 with an impressive 435 students on our roll. One thing those here tonight clearly agree on is that St Joseph's School is a great place to be.

With history in mind, I was privileged to be invited to speak at the Catholic Women's League AGM at the St Joseph's Home of Compassion last month where some of the hard working ladies who gave much time to develop the school we know today recounted their stories of St Joseph's in the good old days. One story that remained with me was a recollection shared by one of the Sisters who stated that “often the sisters had 50 – 60 students within the classrooms and they struggled to know their names, let alone teach them to read and write”. It was at this instant that I gave thanks that firstly I wasn't a sister, and secondly how much the education landscape has changed. We pride ourselves on knowing our learners and forming effective learning relationships with them and their whanau. With our growing use of collaborative teaching practice this can now mean that it is now normal for our classroom teachers to not only work with any of the 120 students that learn within their syndicate, they also take the time to know their names and more importantly their stories, their strengths and weaknesses and how they can help them succeed.

As a school community, we are very lucky to have a professional and hardworking team of teachers and support staff who get out of bed each and every morning with a mission to do the best they possibly can to provide a learning environment that has all the ingredients required for your child's individual success. Thank you again for the great contributions each of you have made to the school and for the work you do every day with and for the children who we celebrate tonight.

I will be the first to admit that we don't get everything right all of the time but I will also back each of my team to put their hands up and be accountable for their actions and interactions with your children in their attempts to bring the best out of them in the mind, body and spirit.

I would like to acknowledge the Board of Trustees for another excellent year. The effective governance of our Board not only ensures we have the necessary funds to deliver the basics such as paying the monthly bills and future proofing our buildings. More importantly our Board has our students, teachers, the vision and mission of our school at the heart of their decision making and constantly ensure alignment between the strategic direction and our school budget so that we have the necessary resources to allow us to cater for the changing needs of your children. A big thank you from all of us.

Ngā Kaitiaki mo ngā tamariki o Hato Hohepa is another group of wonderful volunteers who are the guardians for the children of St Joseph's School. Your involvement in the creation of our Māori and Pasifika education plans and the flow on effects these have on the cultural programmes we provide our students is greatly appreciated.

Fundraising is an incredibly challenging and often thankless task that requires a huge amount of effort and commitment. Thank you Johnathan and your FOSS team for all of the good things your hardworking team of volunteers do, often unnoticed, for our tamariki. We look forward to supporting your future fundraising initiatives as they arise.

I also would like to say a huge thank you to you, the parents of the wonderful students that sit before us today. Without the much valued contributions to your children's learning our input would be far less effective. We value your partnership in our kura and encourage you to become as involved as possible in the life of our school. Last but not least, thank you to each and every one of our learners from the senior and intermediate team. Your enthusiasm, effort, cheekiness and smiling faces are the reason why I get out of bed each morning and can't wait to get to start the school day. Our vision states "Faith in the future, Love of learning and Love of life" and this is exactly what you young people live by each and every day. Enjoy your night, cheer on your mates and when the time finally comes next week have a great summer break. We look forward to seeing those that are returning to us again next year.

Have a Merry Christmas and a fabulous New Year.
Norera Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou Katoa

Religious Education Corner:

Gospel Reflection for the First Sunday of Advent: (Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36)



Last Sunday we began the season of Advent, a time that we prepare ourselves for Christmas. Everyone is very busy getting ready to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. What else must we be ready for? Jesus is living in our world today, and we know that he will return in glory at the end of time. We must be ready to welcome him into our hearts and our lives. How should we do this? Jesus came to share his love, forgiveness, peace and happiness with the world. If we share these gifts of his love with people we meet every day by small acts of kindness or goodness, then we will be ready to fully enjoy the celebrations which take place at Christmas and at the end of time.

Reflection - Something to think about this Christmas Season:

The story of Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay in Bethlehem is rife with meaning. The inn-keepers of Bethlehem had no room for Mary and Joseph, even though Joseph probably told them that Mary was about to give birth. The moral sense of this story (how it applies to us) is a question we all must ask ourselves – "Do we have room in our heart for the Holy Family?" Or are we too busy with the affairs of this world to give Jesus, Mary, and Joseph their proper due?

Upcoming Masses and Liturgies:

- **End of Year Leavers Mass:**

To celebrate the end of the 2018 school year, and farewell our year 8 leavers and staff, we will be having one last Mass together. This will take place at **9.15am on Friday the 14th of December at St Joseph's Church.**

God Bless,

Steve Coulam
(Director of Religious Studies)

Sports

Danish Rounders

On Thursday last week, 29th November, St Joseph's School took 50 Y5/6 Students to represent us in the Danish Rounders Tournament at Trentham Memorial Park. The students all played well and represented our school with pride. Thank you for Philip Ferzli and Steve Coulam for assisting with the team!

Wellington Phoenix dates

We are lucky enough to be offered the following dates to take students and their Whanau to the Wellington Phoenix:
Sunday 17th March 2019 – kick off 7pm
Saturday 30th March 2019 – kick off 7:35pm
Sunday 21st April 2019 – kick off 7pm
We will touch base early next year with interested students!

Regional Athletics

Congratulations to Marco Coetzee, Maddox Jacobs and Daniel Taing who are representing our school and the Hutt Valley at the Wellington Regionals Athletics.

St Mary's Netball Tournament

Next week on Tuesday 11th December, Our Y7/8 Netball team will be competing against St Mary's College, at 2pm on our school courts. If you're free, we would love your support so feel free to come along and watch!

Waka Ama

For the first time, we have entered a Y7/8 Female Waka Ama team. They will compete on Wellington Harbour this weekend. We wish them the best of luck! Thanks to Tui Barber for supporting the team.

Phoenix Coaching Clinics

Throughout the School Holidays the Phoenix are hosting several coaching sessions for interested students, please see the poster for more information.



Wellington Phoenix FC are holding coaching clinics around the Wellington Region in December and January.

The clinics are for children aged 7-12 that are passionate about football and leading a healthy lifestyle but don't have the means or access to sports education beyond their school curriculum.

These clinics involve practical coaching sessions as well as a health and wellbeing seminar.

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE:

- PITA PIT LUNCH
- PHOENIX DRINK BOTTLE
- PHOENIX DRAWSTRING BAG
- PHOENIX HOLIDAY PROGRAMME T-SHIRT

DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS:
ALL CLINICS RUN FROM 9AM -2PM.

- WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER
Upper Hutt College, Upper Hutt
- THURSDAY 20 DECEMBER,
Fraser Park, Lower Hutt
- TUESDAY 15 JANUARY
Endeavour Park, Whitby
- WEDNESDAY 16 JANUARY
Memorial Park, Petone
- THURSDAY 17 JANUARY
Maidstone Turf, Upper Hutt
- FRIDAY 18 JANUARY
Wakefield Turf, Island Bay

PLEASE NOTE: Children can only attend one clinic in December or January.
Maximum of 15 participants per school.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ALYSA DARBY:
ALYSA@WELLINGTONPHOENIX.COM



Learn to Play Tennis

Holiday Programme For Children From 5 Years- 13 Years

Supported by Hutt Valley Tennis Association

Dates: Wednesday 23, Thursday 24 and Friday 25 January, 2019. (wet or fine)

Venue: St Joseph's School Tennis Courts, Royal Street, Upper Hutt.

If wet the programme will be held in the St Joseph's School Hall (Royal Street)

Timetable: 10.00am-11.00am- Boys and girls from 5-8 years old

11.00am-12 noon - Girls from 9 years +

1.00pm-2.00pm - Boys from 9 years +

Cost: \$33-00 for the 3 days. Money to be paid on the first day.

Registration: Contact Gary Nelson –Ph. 5897178 or Email a.nelson@xtra.co.nz

Note: Enrolments must be received by Wednesday 16 January, 2019.

EARLY ENROLMENT is advised as this programme is very popular and the first 12 enrolments in each age group will be accepted.



Christian Merit Awards 2018

Room 2	Jonty Curel & Vaughn Erika
Room 3	Adrienne Baltazar & Siale Uvea
Room 4	Shelby Makanda & Eapeisi Te'o
Room 4 ^¾	Evan Dersley & Arland Sio
Room 5	Eden Vakapuna & Nathaniel Jones
Room 6	Tamara Wilson & Arabelle Eslera
Room 7	Sophie Bin & Russell Foon
Room 8	Reaghan Faaifo & Issac Sanele
Room 9	Erica Madhvan & Maria Coronel Benitez
Room 10	Nadar Singh Dhillon & Ciara Schneider-Gilbert
Room 11	Krishay Prasad & Julia Dennehy
Room 12	AJ Peleti & Harper Lyttle
Room 13	James Tansell & Adifaah Khan
Room 16	Bradley Mason & Felix Mason
Room 17	Tansy Bhalla & Mehtaav Singh-Dhillon
Room 18	Sinama Latailakepa & Bhriette Salig
Room 19	Millie Adhikari & Ryo Sribunwongsa

2018 Trophy Recipients

Congratulations to you all

Boy's Sports Cup	Marco Coetzee
Principal's Service Award	Michael Brophy
Jordan Doig Cup	Noah Sadler
Jamie Delaney Cup	Lennox Johnson-Walker
Tania Withers Cup	Bhriette Salig
Sister John Bosco Cup	Jacob Hanning
Van der Heyden Cup	Shelby Walkinshaw
Hayley Parson's Excellence in Writing for Year 5&6	Eapeisi Te'o
Hayley Parson's Commitment for Reading for Year 5&6	Devon Muller
Hayley Parson's Services to the Library for Year 7&8	Tansy Bhalla
Kapa Haka Trophy – Boys'	Matanofo Sakalia-Andreasen
Kapa Haka Trophy – Girls'	Chrystelle Swan & Nareiah Barber
Copplestone Award	Luke Frude
Mercy Award	Millie Adhikari
Lesley Duncan Award	Connor Baker
Parry Cup	Ngarangikowhawha Nihoniho-Russell
M. Gemmell Trophy Year 4, 5 & 6 Netball	Jorja Vakapuna
D. Morris Trophy Year 7 & 8 Netball	Gibeon Pole'o
Madsen Cup Year 3 & 4 Netball	Amiria Neho
Fainga'a Cup Most Outstanding Player	Zhali Morgan
James Family Scholarship Award	Helen Tang
Rammell House Cup	Manaaki House

2019 Stationery – Available online from 26 November



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2018 Term Dates

Term 4 15 October – 14 December

2019 Term Dates

Term 1 4 February – 12 April

Term 2 29 April – 5 July

Term 3 22 July – 27 September

Term 4 14 October – TBC

Uniform Shop Hours in January 2019

Monday 28 January 10am – 12pm
Tuesday 29 January 10am – 12pm
Wednesday 30 January 10am – 12pm
Thursday 31 January 10am – 12pm
Friday 1 February 10am – 12pm

Term Four – 2018 – Key Events

Monday 10 – Friday 14 Dec
Tues – Board of Trustees Meeting – 7pm
Fri: End of Year Mass 9.15am



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