

St Joseph's Catholic School

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Term 4 Wednesday 13th November 2013



In this newsletter I want to celebrate the events of last week with every class in the school involved in EOTC [education outside the classroom]. We had students camping and tramping in the Kaitoke Forest Park, roller skating, taking part in an amazing race, and a careers day, swimming at Naenae pools, self-defence lessons, playing golf in Titahi Bay and visiting Pataka Museum in Porirua, just to name a few. Thanks to our year 7 & 8 students who focussed on 'paying it forward' by cleaning the grounds, painting some of the rubbish tins and the brick wall, planting trees, gardening and more. The school had a wonderful feeling about it and reminded me about the reasons NZ's education system is so strong; and it has nothing to do with National Standards. Thanks again to those parents who assisted on these events.

With all of this going on the 7&8's Touch Teams participated in a tournament on Wednesday and cleaned up both the boys and the girls grades they played in. Special thanks to the parents for their support and coaching expertise.

It is also pleasing to note our ex-students doing so well in the prizegivings taking place at the moment. Please see the next page for some special award winners we know about.

On behalf of the whole school community we extend our condolences to the Filipino community following the catastrophic events caused by Typhoon Haiyan. Our prayers and best wishes are with you all.

The "Faith on Foot" Pilgrim Walk will begin from the Mercy Convent Grounds, Gibbons Street, to St Joseph's Church on Friday 22nd November at 6.00pm. You are invited to join Archbishop John and other pilgrims as we walk our way to the final days of the Year of Faith and into a "Future Full of Hope."

Reminder: New Entrant Information afternoon is being held on Friday 15th November at 1.30pm in the staffroom.

This Sunday's Gospel Reading Luke 21: 12-19

Jesus said to the crowd: "They will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute..."

*We are taught that suffering and redemption go hand in hand.
Good Friday then Easter Sunday, death then eternal life etc.
No matter what happens in life, know that God will sustain you;
giving you words when you have none, strength when you can't go on...
Thank you Lord.*

Mums' Group Retreat

When: 16th November 2013
Time: 10am till 4pm
Where: Kaitoke Country Gardens
Cost: \$25 (funding available for those unable to meet this cost)
Theme: Releasing the treasure within

We would love to see as many mothers as possible at this retreat. It is a chance for you to have a day to yourself to relax with other like minded mothers and to enjoy pleasant surroundings and great food. No mother is too young or too old to come to this day. We would love to see you there. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Fiona on 5264754. Numbers are limited so please be in quick to register.

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Term Dates for 2013

Term 4: 14th October - 13th December

Term 1 2014 begins on Wednesday 5th February

Uniform Shop Hours

Monday: 8.15am - 8.45am

Tuesday: 2.30pm - 3.00pm

Academic Successes



Congratulations to Monique Scoon who was Dux of Sacred Heart College at their recent prize giving. Congratulations also to Sophie Janssen who won the Academic Excellence Cup for Year 12. Well done St Joseph's Old Girls.



Sporting Success

Congratulations to Connor Maxwell from Room 16 who has been selected for the Wellington Federation Talent Centre. Well done Connor!

Luxury Raffle

Tickets for the luxury raffle for Prize Giving will be handed out to students on Monday. There will be 5 tickets per book and they will be \$2 each. Also could families please start bringing their luxury items to their class teacher from Monday. (eg chocolates, grape juice, biscuits, soaps, frames, Christmas goodies etc)

Disco

Friday 29 November

More details to follow

Please mark the date on your calendar.

Lost: Pair of Glasses

They are in a tan case and the glasses are black and white frames and the lenses are green tint. The glasses were lost at school on Monday. If found please return to the school office.



Dates to Remember

19 November	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00pm
24th November	Feast Day of Christ the King
29th November	Disco
5 December	2013 Prize Giving



St Joseph's School welcomes these new students and their families to our school. We hope that you enjoy your time with us.

- Rico Johnstone
- Rochelle Ngu
- Aidan Ngu
- Ella Tansell

2013 Prize Giving

When: Thursday 5th December 2013

Time: 12.00

Where: Lane Park, Lane Street, Upper Hutt



"Music Notes"

Music events coming up soon...Put on your calendar...early reminder..
Mon 2 Dec...St Josephs pupils, Christmas entertaining in the Upper Hutt Mall
11.30 Artsplash Choir and Rock'n Roll Dancers
1.30 Guitar Group 1, Marimba Instrumental Group, Intermediate Ukulele Group

Wed 11 Dec...St Josephs Christmas entertaining in the Upper Hutt Mall
11.30 Middle School Choir and Rock 'n Roll Dancers
1.30 Guitar Group 2, Marimba Instrumental Group

Wed 11 DecCarols Night for the family..6pm (more info later)
Lead by St Josephs Artsplash Choir and Middle School Choir

Hope to see you at these events.



NEED SCHOOL HOLIDAY CARE? OR CARE OF PRESCHOOLERS?

Homebased childcare available.
Flexible one off's or regular / ongoing
Experienced caregiver - please phone Juliet on 04 938 8867