



# SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings to you all.

## 'Whāia te ara poutama o te reo ka tohatoha ai'

"Te Reo Māori is living, dynamic and rich. As you learn, you appreciate that diversity is the key to wellbeing and unity."

This week we celebrate 'Māori Language Week'. A special week in the St Joseph's calendar that has been celebrated in Aotearoa since 1975. The Māori Language Commission's Chief Executive Ngahiwi Apanui says 'Kia Kaha' is well known in New Zealand English with its correct Māori meaning of 'be strong'. We often talk about languages as if they are people – talking about language health, strength, and revitalisation. So when we say 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori language strong'.

At St Joseph's School we are trying hard to revitalise the Māori language. A major part of our mahi is the celebrating success and promoting te reo Māori and tikanga Māori within our school. Whilst Māori language week is an opportunity for concentrated celebration, promotion and encouragement, we want every minute of every hour of every day to be a Māori language minute. We can all choose to use te reo, even just a 'Kia ora!' or 'Morena' contributes to this revitalisation.



**Kia Kaha te Reo Māori**

Te Māori o te Rau Kōwhiri  
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## Want to Raise Successful Kids? Let Them Fail

The adage "practice makes perfect" applies to coping with failure just as much as it applies to sports, music, and academics. Playing the role of protector can interfere with a child's ability to practice being disappointed or emotionally bruised. While the short-term result is more smiles and fewer tears, the long-term consequence is lack of resilience and weak coping skills. Remember that one of the hardest but most important parts of parenting is to tolerate your child's temporary discomfort knowing that it's the only way to build the coping skills necessary to succeed in the real world where no one will be running interference for your child.

Letting kids practice failing is an important lesson that is easiest learned early in life. Think about it--the consequences of defeat or failure in preschool or early in their school are far less dire than the consequences during the teenage years. Suffering the consequences of forgetting their swimming gear or forgetting their homework is easier to manage than failing an exam in high school. There will definitely be tears spilled and egos bruised no matter what age, but the ability to bounce back comes more naturally for younger children. So, start allowing your child to practice falling down and getting back up again as early as possible.

If you give yourself permission to step back and allow your child to fail, it ultimately sends the message that you trust your child. Your willingness to see your child struggle communicates that you believe they are capable and that they can handle any outcome, even a negative one. All of this is unsaid, but incredibly powerful. Keep this in mind next time you're on the verge of stepping in to save your child from defeat and make a brave parenting choice that will help your child's confidence in the long-run.

Adapted from [Christina DesMarais](#)

# Religious Report

Greetings Everyone

## Social Justice Week (8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September)

This year's Social Justice Week calls us to ponder our part in ensuring that our places of work, our schools and our communities are fair places for all. We are challenged to see, hear and experience the lived reality of people, naming what is happening and take action.

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Agency, is using this year's theme of **fairness** to ask the hard questions of us all. Caritas Director, Julianne Hickey suggests, 'Social Justice is about ensuring that everyone gets a fair go. Whether that be in employment, housing, healthcare or education, or in any other respect – we all deserve to be treated with human dignity and to have a fair opportunity to flourish.'

Scripture is full of stories of the prophets, and Jesus' life and teachings around fairness. Perhaps we could reflect on one or two pieces of scripture such as:

**Leviticus 19: 34, Matthew 20: 1-16, Luke 15: 19-31 and Acts 2: 43-44**

## Care for the Poor and Vulnerable

As noted in an earlier column, St. Joseph's students and teachers have been engaged in investigating ways to contribute to, and improve, outcomes for the poor and vulnerable within our community and wider society. This theme has formed our integrated studies across our school during Term 3.

Below are just two of many of the initiatives undertaken across the school by our students this term. The first is by Caitlin Burn and Zoe Kroezen from Mr O 'Halloran's class and the second, from the Middle Syndicate.

Caitlin and Zoe explain in their own words, that their inquiry ***"...sought to help out the poor and vulnerable, just like everyone else in our class. We chose to help the blind people and decided to fundraise for The New Zealand Blind Foundation. We also wanted to try something else. Instead of just fundraising, we wanted to make others aware of the challenges for those who are blind. We would like some of the Juniors, Middles and Seniors to complete an obstacle course blindfolded. We would like them to know what it feels like having to do different challenges while they're blind."***

The girls have raised \$156.40 through local fundraising in Central Upper Hutt, for the Foundation and are to be congratulated for their enterprise and the stewardship they have demonstrated.



The Middle Syndicate have learnt about the life and work of St. Vincent de Paul and his lifelong dedication to helping to serve the poor. As a fundraiser, students have drawn largely on aspects of the Technology element from the New Zealand Curriculum. This has involved investigating different types of food packaging, designing popcorn containers and promoting their 'product' through posters.

Next week, they will be selling popcorn across the school with all proceeds going to The New Zealand Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.



May you and your families remain in Christ and enjoy the days ahead.

Ma te Atua tatou e manaaki e arahi e tiaki I nga wa katoa

May God bless, guide and protect us always

Leyton Walker (Acting DRS)

## Scoop on Sports

### Y7/8 School Swimming

It is our Year 7 and 8 students turn for swimming lessons down at H2o Xtream, these lessons began this week (week 8) and will continue into week 9. Y7/8 Students are swimming Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your student has their swimming gear at school each of these days.

### Collins Cup

Last week on Wednesday we had x2 sports teams participate in the Collins Cup, our XII Rugby team and our Y7/8 Netball team. Our netball team had some great games winning them 2nd place overall. Our rugby team did their best but unfortunately did not place.

A huge thank you to Whaea Carol & Mr Steffensen who oversaw the teams & to all the parents/caregivers who supported the students and assisted with transporting our students.

### Y7/8 Interzone Swimming

We sent a team of 8 students down to Huia Pool on Friday last week to participate in the Y7/8 Interzone Swimming Competition. All our students did exceptionally well, a big shout out to Millie Abbott who came 1st place in 50M Freestyle!

A huge thank you to Trina Far and Rachel Leitch who supported and transported the students down to the pool.

Without your help, our students would not have had this opportunity.

### Y5/6 Football

Congratulations to our two Y5/6 Football teams who played in the UVPSA tournament on Tuesday last week in the sunshine at Trentham Memorial Park. It was an awesome day & experience for these tamariki!

A huge thanks to the parents & caregivers who transported & supported our students at the tournament!



### Y3/4 Non Stop Cricket

It was the Y3/4 students turn to have some sporting fun on Tuesday 10th September. We took 4 teams to the UVPSA Have a Go Non Stop Cricket Tournament at Maidstone Park. Our teams had a wonderful day in the sunshine and showed some real natural cricketing talent!!!

A huge thank you to Gavin Kirton, Stevie Harrison & Jennifer Dennehy who went along & supported our teams.

### Oxford Crescent Sports Exchange

On Wednesday 18th September, we are attending a sports exchange at Oxford Crescent School.

We are taking a year 4 football team and a year 5/6 rugby team.

The games will begin at Oxford Crescent School 12.45pm and we wish them the best of luck!



### BMX Schools Challenge

On Tuesday 17th September, we have 11 students from all the year levels participating in the 2019 BMX Schools Challenge at the BMX track down at McLeod Park.

If your student has registered for this event and you have completed the online registration form you should have received a confirmation email with extra details regarding the event, if you have not please email [sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz)

## Scoop on Sports

Wednesday 18th September (Next week) is Sports Photo Day

Please ensure your student brings along their sports uniform/s this day to wear for each photo.

If you are a coach of one of the teams you are more than welcome to be a part of the photos.

Any questions, please contact, [sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:sports@stjosephsuh.school.nz)

8.30am	Mercy - Netball team
8.35am	Faith - Netball team
8.40am	Aroha - Netball team
8.45am	Manaaki - Netball team
8.50am	Whero - Netball team
8.55am	Kowhai - Netball team
1.10pm	Dance Troupe
1.15pm	Basketball Boys team
1.30pm	Basketball Mixed team
1.35pm	XII Football team
1.40pm	XII Rugby team

## Learn to Play Tennis

Holiday Programme For Children From 5 Years- 13 Years  
Supported by Hutt Valley Tennis Association

Dates: Wednesday 2, Thursday 3 and Friday 4 October, 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](mailto:a.nelson@xtra.co.nz)

Note: Enrolments must be received by Wednesday 25 September

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

## 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

Tuesday 8.15 – 8.45am

Wednesday 2.30 – 3.00pm

## Mufti Day

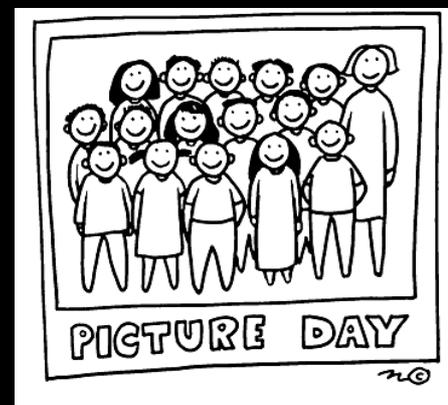
This term our school theme has been helping the poor and the vulnerable and as part of this the children have decided they want to have a mufti day to collect canned food. The canned food will be for two purposes: 1. St Joseph's School Emergency Supplies and 2. Donated to the parish for those in need. The mufti day will be on **Wednesday, 25th September (week 10)**. Please think about food your child would want to eat if they were stuck at school in an emergency.

Thank you for your donations  
Junior School



## School Photos

The **Middle** and **Junior** students will have their class and individual photos taken on **Wednesday 18th of September**.



Family/Sibling photos will be taken at 8.30am.

## PB4L Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received PB4L certificates at this week's School Assembly.

Room 1:	Adrienne Baltazar
Room 2:	Lily Almand
Room 3:	Daniel Taing
Room 4:	Max Gibson
Room 5:	Nicholas Taumoepeau
Room 6:	Shaun Salig
Room 7:	Mikey Toi
Room 8:	Azura Jurgens
Room 9:	Tyler McLean
Room 10:	Rose Renjith
Room 11:	Liam Bastida
Room 12:	Guy Dickinson
Room 13:	Maysann Fauena
Room 14:	Listar Thi
Room 16:	Caitlin Burn
Room 17:	Kyson Sio
Room 18:	Zhali Morgan
Library:	Lee Richer Sok



Chair Winners

Rooms 6 and 8

## School Gala

Friends of St Joseph's School are holding a Gala on Sunday 3 November 2019 at the school in Pine Avenue, Upper Hutt from 10am – 3pm rain or shine.

We are still having many varied stalls and if you wish to have a stall at the gala the cost is \$50 or 20% of your turnover. We are able to supply a table and 2 chairs if you require them.

Please contact Tracy Sharpe at the School Office email [tracy@stjosephsuh.school.nz](mailto:tracy@stjosephsuh.school.nz) or phone 04 528 4910 and leave your details and someone will contact you.

Kind Regards

Gala Committee

ADVENTURE PLUS! SCOUTS

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**AKAJONUI SCOUTS QUIZ NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER, 7PM**  
**UPPER HUTT COSSIE CLUB**  
**SPOT PRIZES AND RAFFLES**

FUNDRAISING FOR 22ND NZ SCOUT JAMBOREE  
(a ten-day event, will be held at Mystery Creek, Hamilton)

Purchase tickets from St Joseph's/Akatawara/Wainuiomata Scout Groups Ph: 021 022 59984

**RESTAURANT AND CAFE OPEN FOR DINNER**

TICKETS \$10

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