



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

We Learn With Faith for Tomorrow

Me ako tatou! Ma te pono! Mo apopo!

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Kia Ora Koutou, Bula Vinaka, Annyong Haseyo, Kumusta, Greetings!

Wow, we are approaching our last week of learning at St Joseph's School for 2016. Time seems to have flown in the midst of all of our activities. Congratulations to our Year 8 students who are about to begin the next part of their learning journey. *Best wishes to you all. Make good choices, and if you fail to, pick yourself up and turn the corner to the next good one ☺.*

All students attended a technology road show hosted by Noel Leeming on Thursday. Everyone was inspired by the cool things that can be achieved with through the use of modern technology. Through a generous grant from the Catholic Charities and PTAF of St Joseph's, we have purchased 14 new Chromebooks and 8 Apple iPad for use in classes in 2016. This is just the beginning of an upgrade to our technology capacity for teaching and learning. The MoE are also funding Professional Learning and development for our teaching staff in 2016 so that they have up to date pedagogy on 'learning with Digital Technologies'. Exciting times ahead!

Speaking of digital technologies, our long awaited school website will go live on Monday evening! Yahoo! Please check out www.sjwairoa.school.nz , and let me know of any spelling errors!

Our student reports were due to be sent home with students today however they will now be sent home on Monday afternoon. I apologise for the delay. Also please find attached the Mathletics letter for parents which I forgot to attach last week.

Congratulations to our basketballers this term for a fantastic effort. Your skills improved in such a short time and it is awesome to see the talent that we have amongst our players. Congratulations also to our all of our triathletes who competed on Monday in the HB Triathlon Champs. We were the only Wairoa school represented and you did us all proud! The Yr 7 Boys Team 'Hotshots' of Barney, Ishmael and Lochlann placed first in their race and our Yr 8 Boys Team 'Blonde Boys' of Cameron, Archie and Eugene placed first in their race! Champions! ☺

Thank you to Jo Simmonds who has been busy organising our last Christmas Children's Mass on Saturday night. Come along with a grandparent, or maybe even your next door neighbour and celebrate good times. See you there!

Sadly, we farewell Jeanne Clayton-Greene our wonderful Reading Recovery teacher. Jeanne has made such a difference to the lives of our wee ones and set them on a great pat of learning and achievement. Jeanne will be relieving in schools next year and we wish her well.

Bon Voyage Father Trevor and Tiva as you journey to new, and not so new, places. Be happy ☺

Thanks to our wonderful staff - look after your new principal and work hard to take St Joseph's into the future as an inspirational school 'Learning with Faith for Tomorrow'. To our dedicated BoT – St Joseph's School is in excellent hands as I know the hours of work you all put in and the passion and aroha you have for this wee school. Kia kaha, Kia toa!

Lastly to our wonderful students – Make the most of your time at St Joseph's, strive for excellence in your way, be kind to one another and be proud of who you are as we are all unique. It has been a pleasure to have had the opportunity to share in your learning.

Merry Christmas and I wish you all a safe and fun filled holiday.

Ka kite ano Lorraine





Blessing



Kia hora te marino,
Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana,
Kia tere te karohirohi.

May the seas be calm,
May the shimmer of summer
Glisten like the greenstone,
Dance across thy pathway.

Ma Io koutou e manaaki, e tiaki, i nga wa katoa.
May your God bless you and protect you for all time.

December

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
6	McDonalds 7 Hawkes Bay Primary Sch Triathlon	8	Gala 9 Review Meeting 5 pm	Health 10 Nurse 9.30 – 11am Helpers Morning Tea	St Joseph's 11 Thanksgiving Mass 8.40am Whanau welcome	St Peter's 12 Parish and School Mass 5.30pm <i>Celebrating our children & grandparents</i>
13	Graduation 14 Dinner Yr8 (Mrs Nairn to advise)	Prize 15 Giving <u>Rehearsal</u> Prizegiving & End of Year Celebration	Picnic & 16 BBQ at <u>Morere</u> Springs 9 am # Last day for school buses	Last day of 17 Term 4 School closes at 12.15 pm	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	Merry 25 Christmas Everyone!	Happy 26 Holidays ☺ Be Safe

February 2016

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	WELCOME 1 BACK! School starts for Term 1 at 8.40am ☺	2	3	4	5	Waitangi 6 Day
7	Waitangi 8 Day - Public Holiday	9	10	11		13
14	Volvo 15 Sailing Yr7/8	Gisborne 16 Weetbix Tryathlon	Volvo 17 Sailing Yr 7/8 Interschool Swimming Sports	Hastings 18 Weetbix Tryathlon	Life Ed 19 (Harold)	20
21	Life Ed 22 (Harold)	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

'Wet and Wild Afternoon' – Monday 14th December 1.30 – 2.30pm

Bring Your: Togs or shorts and T shirt to get wet in and a towel. You may also bring a water gun if you like but **NO WATER BALLOONS**. We will have a slip n slide and sprinklers and lots of fun!

CHURCH PRAYERS Next Week – Year 8

Altar Servers: St Peters Parish

Saturday 5.30 pm Monique, Kefir and Ishmael Kirwan

Sunday 9.00 am Michael Unwin, James Simpson and Emani Amato

~ Christmas Timetable ~

Christmas Evening 8pm Carols followed by Mass in St Peter's

Christmas Day 9am St Peter's, 9am Mokotahi Hall - Mahia

New Year's Day 9am St Peter's, 9am Mokotahi Hall - Mahia



Road Wardens: (Please make sure you are on time each morning).

This Week – Charnce Clair and Barnaby Couper-Harker

Next Week – Oliver Cole and Kopu Smith

Quote

'Be easy of access; receive other amiably, and have your heart ready to devote itself'

"Let us have nothing so much at heart as to work for the good of all"

Mother Suzanne Aubert-Founder of Home of Compassion

REMINDER

GO Bus and Wairoa College Bus Service

Go Bus and Wairoa College have confirmed that their bus service will run for the **last day on the 16 December**. We will not be able transport your tamariki home after this date, please arrange alternative transport arrangements.

Office Hours:

The office opening hours have changed. New office hours will be from 8.00am to 3 pm Monday to Friday. The office will be open for any queries **until the 18 December 2015 (closed after that date)**.

The office will reopen in 2016 for all enrolments and enquires 28th of January 2016 from 1 pm onwards. Please check the new website for term dates in the New Year.

2015 Student Requirements

These have been sent out to those students who have accounts that are still outstanding.

All accounts will need to be **paid in full** by the **11 December 2015**.

St Joseph's School 2015 Book Amnesty

All books belonging to St Joseph's School are to be returned to the school office by the 18 December 2015.

Wairoa Public Library Reading Programme

Please pop down to register your name if you would like to take part in this year's Wairoa Public **Library Summer Reading Programme**.

Dates are from the 14 December 2015 to the 22 January 2016. Heaps of prizes and give away's and a graduation party at the completion of the programme. Please register on line at www.wairoalibrary.co.nz or contact Kylie or Sandra 06 838 8450 for registrations. Enjoy reading over the holidays!!

School and Parish Gala

To all Parishioners, School Staff, School Parents and our Whanau community:

Thankyou everyone for your donations, contributions, time, help and effort you put in to make our gala successful again this year. You are Fantastic! Wishing you all a Merry Xmas, Happy New Year, and safe holidays.

Susan Hopley

Gala Coordinator 2015

Children's School/ Parish Mass

12 December – 5.30pm – St Peters Church

We will be celebrating our children and their grandparents.

Please bring a plate of food and a wrapped up gift to the value of \$5.00 with your child's name written clearly on it.



All Welcome

Computers Free to All

Our desktop computers in our computer suite are working well but are getting tired and we would like to eventually replace them with new digital equipment. We have decided to offer them to our students free of charge. If you are interested in having one please give your name to Whaea Channelle and they will be available for collection on **Wednesday morning**. Also available are spare monitors and keyboards.

NZ Sign Language



Happy
Hari



Christmas
Kirihimete



**ST JOSEPH'S SCH & ST PETER'S PARISH
2015 GALA SURVEY PLEASE COMPLETE AND
RETURN TO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK -
THANKYOU IN ADVANCE**

- ✓ **WHAT WENT WELL AT GALA**
- ✓ **IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS**

Whole School Morere Trip

This takes place next Wednesday **16 December**. An admission fee of **\$4.00 per student is required**. Please fill in the form below and return it to school with payment to the **school office** if your child will be attending the whole school Morere Picnic.

Return Slip – to be returned to school with money as soon as possible.

Family/Child's Name: _____

No. of children going on the bus: ____ No. of adults going on the bus: ____

Enclosed \$ _____

Signed _____