

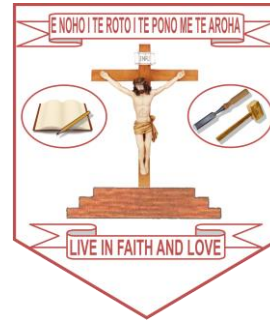
Students of the Week

29 April 2019

Rhia Hustler, Hazel Nelson, George Dawson, Chloe Fisher  
Jewel Teepa, Henare Collier, Ella Castles, Keira Brown

6 May 2019

Leni Sears, Dean Amoamo, Cruise Cameron, Courtney  
Lowe, Mihiata Amoamo, Udi Udiya



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Dear Parents and Whanau

The Education Sector is certainly in the news this week, with the dropping of N.C.E.A. examination fees and more emphasis placed on Literacy and Numeracy at that level.

Also, as you are no doubt aware, it appears that all teachers nationwide (Primary and Secondary) are due to go on a one day Strike on 29 May. **This means that schools will be closed on Wednesday 29.**

A big **Welcome** to Kauri Allison and Harmony and Krysterlina Tariau who began school at St Joseph's during the past two weeks.

There are a number of 'events' coming up over the next month or so. Please find details below.

Sunday 19 May: JUNIOR CLASSES MASS

Monday 20 May: Meeting for parents of any Years 7 & 8 students who wish to take part in this year's Aims Games.

Friday 24 May: Catholic Schools Kapa Haka Festival/Competition to be held at the Ohope Hall. This is a new initiative and involves Catholic Schools from throughout the Bay of Plenty and Waikato regions. Our Novice Team from 2018 is to take part and parents of students involved will receive a separate Newsletter once details have been confirmed.

Friday 24 May: District Ripa Rugby Competition at Memorial Park. This involves selected students from Years 1 – 8. A separate Newsletter will also go home regarding this if your child is involved.

Tuesday 28 May: E.B.O.P. Ripa Tournament at Kawerau. Mr David is organising one team to represent St Joseph's.

WEDNESDAY 29 May: Teacher's Strike.

Thursday 30 May: St Joseph's Cross Country at Memorial Park commencing at 1:30pm. All students involved.

Friday 31 May: School closed for Teacher Only Day. Our school belongs to the Catholic Schools Community of Learning (C.O.L.) and on this day our staff are to travel to Tauranga for Professional Development with teachers from other Catholic Schools throughout the Bay and Waikato.  
*Please note – the date for this day was set long before the date for the Teachers' Strike.*

Monday 3 June: Queen's Birthday Public Holiday.

Thursday 6 June: St Joseph's Speech Competition at 7:00pm.

Friday 7 June: District Cross Country for selected students from 8 years and over.

I think the above is enough to go on with in the meantime!

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Anna Gedson for completing the art work on the poles on the bottom field. They look great. Thanks too to her assistants!

**Board of Trustees Elections:**

Nominations forms for the Board of Trustees were sent out to each family last week. Our Board consists of five elected members (parent representatives) and four Proprietors Reps plus a Staff Rep and Principal (a total of 11 members). Two of our present elected members are standing again and the Proprietors Reps are also willing to continue in their role.

Mr Ian Dodds, Zac Brown and Nursy Pirini have resigned due to the fact that they no longer have children at St Joseph's. Zac and Ian especially have given many, many years to our Board.

Finally, ***Huge Congratulations*** to Luka Connor who has been named in the Black Ferns Squad. Always knew you would make it Luka!!

Have a good week everyone.

Raewyn Clark  
Principal

