

# St. Joseph's School

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## School Vision

*"May our waka always point to God as we enhance the wairua of our taonga (students)."*

**Each day we will love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind and soul by:**

**Taking Responsibility - Achieving Excellence - Having Respect - In it Together**

Kia ora e te whānau,

Thank you to everyone who attended our whānau hui this week. There is a pānui attached recapping the hui and outlining the next steps and as requested, the slide presentation is included with this newsletter - information booklets for neighbouring schools are available from the school office.

A couple of families asked about the possibility of visiting St Joseph's in Hāwera, so I have arranged to take any interested whānau next week, Wednesday at 9.30am. If you are keen to join us, please let us know by Monday so we can arrange transport.

Finally, yesterday afternoon your child brought home their end of year report. Each and every child has worked hard this term and I am very proud of their progress. If you did not receive it, please contact the school office and we can print you another copy.

Ngā mihi nui

Karee

## ✚ Catholic Special Character Corner

*"Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow."*

*Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life." – Saint Mary MacKillop*

*Encourages courage, love, and kindness in our daily lives, following the example of Christ in all we do.*



## Advent at Our Kura – Preparing Our Hearts for Jesus

As we prepare for the season of Advent, our kura enters a special time of hope, waiting, and preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Advent invites us to slow down, reflect, and notice the light of Christ growing in our world—just like the candles on the Advent wreath.

Our tamariki will explore the meaning of each Advent candle: **Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love**. Through Scripture stories, prayer, music, and creative activities, they'll learn how these Gospel

values can guide their choices every day. Tamariki may reflect on what it means to bring *rangimārie* (peace) into their friendships, to show *aroha* (love) in their whānau, and to be people of hope in their communities.

We will also look at the journey to Bethlehem, the significance of the Nativity, and how Advent connects to our call to serve others—especially those in need. In keeping with our Catholic character, students will be encouraged to notice God's presence in the ordinary moments of life and to prepare their hearts for the joy of Christmas.

May this Advent season be a time of light, wonder, and blessing for all our whānau.

## ✦ Advent Mass

Our tamariki will be attending Mass on Thursday, 4 December at 9.30 am. Whānau and caregivers are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate together in faith and hope.

May this Advent season be a time of blessing and joyful preparation for all our whānau.

# SPLASH AND DASH 2025



## Splash n Dash

On Friday my class; Rameka, Fenton, Amirah, Taniora, Kahleesi, Aaria-Rose and I went to a park.

First I pushed my friend on the swing. Then Whaea Karee went to the fish n chip shop and then we ate fish and chips for lunch.

Next we went to St Joseph's Hāwera and changed into our white clothes and did the colour run.

After that we got changed into our school clothes and had an ice block and a play on the playground.

Lucias Powell - Year 5



### Save the date

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December @9.30am - Visit to St Joseph's Hāwera

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December @1.30pm - Visit to the St George's Community Garde

Thursday 4th December @9.30am - Mass at St Patrick's

Wednesday 10th December @11am - End of Year Prizegiving

Thursday 11th December @1.30pm - School finishes



### St Joseph's Hawera visit

**Please fill in the below information so we can arrange transport**

I/we \_\_\_\_\_ (name) would like to attend the visit to St Joseph's School,  
Hawera, on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**.

We will/will not be bringing our tamariki with us: YES / NO

We do/do not require transport to Hāwera for \_\_\_\_\_ people

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_