

Nau mai, Haere mai Te Kura o Hato Honepa Kī Taītoko



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Whānau Booklet

Kia ora e te Whānau

Thank you for entrusting your precious child/ren to us for the coming school year/s. We will do our very best - every day - to be your child's learning guides.

For your child, we will:

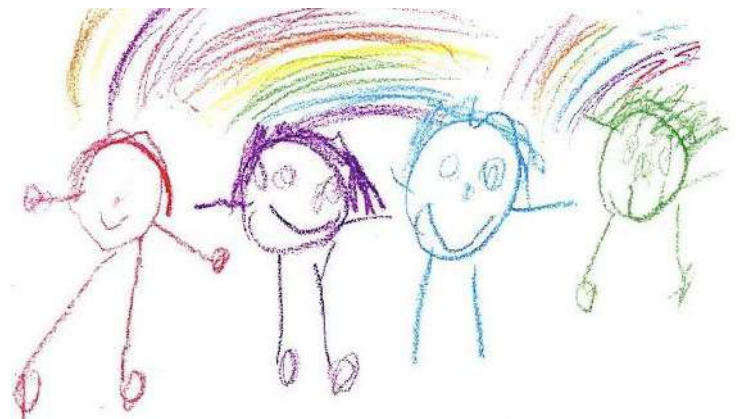
- ♥ nurture a Catholic heart through learning about God and living God's Word
- ♥ inspire them to explore the world and all within it, with enthusiasm and confidence
- ♥ show them how to live, work, learn and play alongside others at school; supporting them when they need support and celebrating their achievements
- ♥ guide them to grow to be ALL that God intends them to be
- ♥ LOVE and CARE for them as if they were our own.

Please know that our classroom doors are always open should you ever need to speak to us. We value our relationship with you and your Whānau and we look forward to working alongside you, in supporting your child/ren to be the best they can be.

And so our exciting adventure begins...

**With God's blessings,
love and thanks,**

**Na, Ngā Kaimahi o
Hato Hohepa
From the St Joseph's
Staff**



A typical School day at Te kura

- Arrive at school **AFTER** 8.30am
- **8.55am** = **School begins**
- 11-11.25am = Break time
- 11.30 -11.45 am = Kai Nui (Lunch)
- 1.15 – 1.45pm = ENERGY BOOST (Kai iti 'Snack'n' Play)
- **2.55pm** = **End of school day;** home time



Staff are not able to supervise children before 8.30am as they are busy getting ready for the teaching day. Children who **NEED** to arrive before 8.30am must have a prior arrangement and will wait quietly in the office with Nicki.

School Attendance

Your child's attendance at school is important. Once enrolled at school they are required to attend everyday unless they are ill or there are extenuating circumstances.

Notify us by 9.15am if your child will be absent from school for the day. Please phone **the school** on **(06)368 8017 (leave a message)** or using the **'Skool Loop' app**. Ms Nicki will start ringing Whanau after 9.15am if your child isn't at school and we haven't been notified.

Attendance records are closely monitored by the school, the Principal and the Ministry of Education.

School Notifications

Keep up to date with what's happening at school, week to week though our school Facebook page and a newsletter will be sent out 3 times a term.

School Uniform

St Joseph's students wear our uniform with pride as an outward symbol that they are a part of the St Joseph's family. Uniform can be purchased at the school office – **See Ms Nicki**

- Polar Fleece Jacket
- Polo shirt
- Plain black socks
- School sun hat
- Plain black, flat-soled school shoes, sneakers or sandals.
- Girls: Black Skorts
- Boys: Black shorts
- Winter option: Plain black track pants
- Plain black thermal top may be worn under uniform
- Girls: plain black stockings, worn under skorts/skirts

Attendance dues

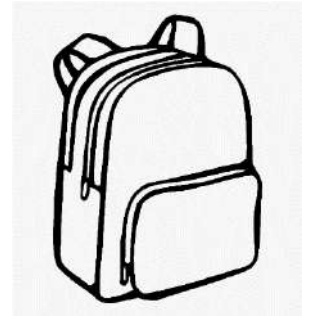
When you enrol your child at a Catholic school you agree to pay **Attendance Dues**. Under New Zealand legislation the Proprietors of Integrated Schools are allowed to charge Attendance Dues, which have to be used for school buildings and facilities or to meet expenses associated with the school land and buildings.

2022 Attendance Dues - \$545.00/per child per year

Your **Attendance Dues for St Joseph's School are paid to the Archdiocese of Wellington**. They have many payment options available to assist you. We do recommend setting up an Automatic Payment for approximately \$11 per child per week.

School essentials

Your child needs to have a **SCHOOL BAG**, big enough to carry everything your child needs for the day



- Lunch box
- Drink bottle (water only)
- Book bag
- School issued jacket
- Spare change of clothes and a plastic bag in case of accidents. (Junior students)

Please make sure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled. Part of learning to be a big school kid, means your child understands that they need to take responsibility for their own belongings.

ALL Stationery – PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL IN 2022.

PLEASE PROVIDE HEADPHONES FOR YOUR CHILD/REN to allow them to optimise the use of learning apps at school.

**Science, Technology & Art
Horowhenua College for Y 7 & 8 only**

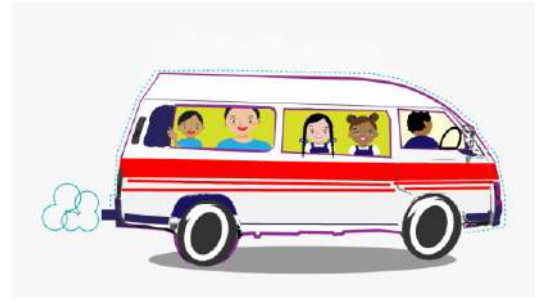
**\$65 per year paid in Term 1 by week 4,
OR \$20 a term for Terms 1-4;** this covers the 'take home items' from the programme.

Drop offs and Pick ups

Please arrive at/after 8.30am.

In the mornings, Whanau (of juniors) are welcome to enter the classroom to settle their child into the school day. For new students, please

farewell them before leaving so they are aware of the process every step of the way.



At the end of the day please wait outside the Office until the teacher has dismissed the students from class. Please respectfully allow the teacher to finish up for the day and wait patiently for your child to exit through the Office.

Entering/leaving school

All tamariki are to enter and exit the school grounds via the walk-in path at the front of the Admin' building so that they are

- a) safe
- b) seen by the staff

Walking through the church or staff car park or up the drive way is **not safe** practice.

Always park on the street or across the road and use the pedestrian crossing when needed.

**OUR SCHOOL DRIVEWAY IS FOR STAFF
AND DISABILITY TAG HOLDERS ONLY**

PLEASE AVOID THE DRIVEWAY - EMERGENCY ACCESS ONLY



Healthy Eating & Drinking = Switched on Learners

In 2022, we will remain part of the Ministry of Education's, **Ka Ora, Ka Ako - Free and Healthy School Lunches programme**. This is a nutritionally balanced lunch (Kai nui) provided for each student for every school day of the year.

Each day, YOU need to supply:

- ♥ a healthy snack for Kai iti (afternoon snack)
- ♥ large, reusable water bottle (filled with water)

The food your child eats has a huge effect on their learning and overall wellbeing. Thank you for your support in helping ALL children to access healthy foods, snacks and water.

Breakfast

Missed breakfast – NO problem!

We can provide breakfast at school for your child, so encourage them to tell the teacher (on arrival) who will provide them with weetbix and milk.

Fruit-In-School

5+ a day provide Fruit in Schools, which means 1-2 pieces of fruit for every child, every day...**HOORAY!**

School Events

School events such as Assemblies, Church Masses, Sports days/events are open for Whānau to attend. Please keep an eye out for a notice, email or check Facebook page for when these are happening. 😊



Mission: 'S.E.R.V.E.'



At St Joseph's, we believe that home-time is for families to spend quality time together. Therefore, we don't bombard our students with homework. There is **NO** researched evidence which supports formal homework at primary school level.

However, we strongly encourage reading every day and to grow competencies and attitudes through activities aligned to our S.E.R.V.E. Values!

Focus: Years 1-4 (and beyond)

Each day your child will bring home in their book bag, a book from their book box to read and some word work in their home school challenge.

We ask that you support your child to do their home reading and home-school challenge every night.

Reading with your child is vital to their success as a reader and literacy learner. They need as much reading 'to – with – by' as possible.