



**21 June 2021**

**Dear Parents,**

As we near the middle of the school year, it is time for the mid year reporting by students and teachers to parents. As a school we are continually developing the way in which we report.

This year, we are moving to a new report format and adding Spotlight as a tool to give you up to date information throughout the year. Teachers have been working at gaining experience with this digital tool and some learning will be shared on this at mid year. Going forward, expect ongoing information around what your child is working on and what they have achieved. The mid year reporting is as follows:

Year		Student Led Conference	Mid Year Digital Report	Spotlight
Year 0 - 1	Format	Ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 Week School Entry Assessment Report</li> <li>6 Year Net Report</li> </ul>		1 x writing sample
Year 2	Format	Student led conference using student books	Mid Year Digital Report accessed on @School Parent App	1 x writing sample
Year 3 - 4	Format	Student led conference using student books	Mid Year Digital Report accessed on @School Parent App	1 x reading sample 1 x writing sample 1 x maths sample
Year 5 - 6	Format	Student led conference using Spotlight	Mid Year Digital Report accessed on @School Parent App	A variety of samples uploaded by the students

In addition we have provided information as to what to expect at the Student Led Conference, how you access Spotlight and what you will find on it, as well as information on the mid year report. If you require an further information please contact your child's teacher.

**Ka manaakitia e te Atua**

**Alister Bridgman  
Tumuaki**

# What to Expect?

## Student Led Conferences (Year 2 - 6)

We believe that student involvement in the conferences makes learning more active, provides better opportunities for students to evaluate their performance, and encourages students to accept greater responsibility for their learning. Having students take charge of the conference makes them more accountable for what they are learning.

- Students will introduce their parents and teacher to each other
- Students will talk about their learning achievements and next steps, referencing activities they have done in class
- Teachers will share their observations and talk about the child's learning in relation to their Expected Curriculum Level
- Parents can ask any questions

## Spotlight (Year 1 - 6)

- This will be opened up on the @School Parent App in Week 9 on Friday, 2nd July
- You will see a summary of some of the WALTs (We are learning to.....) that your child has achieved
- There will be some WALTs that your child is still working on also
- Some WALTs will have samples of student work attached to them, uploaded by the teacher or the students
- You have the ability to comment on these samples, remember to keep it positive
- Going forward, you will receive a notification on the @School Parent App when new WALTs or samples of work have been published for you to see

## Mid Year Reports (Year 2 - 6)

- These will be opened up for viewing on the @School Parent App in Week 9 on Friday, 2nd July
- The reports will be in a printable booklet form - PDF
- You can view the report online or download it and print at home
- We have introduced new tables to try and make your child's progress in relation to the **NZ Curriculum Levels** more clear (a description of these is seen below)
- There is a section with the students' '**Latest Learning Achieved**' and '**Next Learning Steps**' for Reading, Writing and Maths. These will link to the learning you will see on Spotlight
- Statements of aspects of the **Key Competencies** that your child is exhibiting at school (The key competencies are designed to foster in children the kind of capabilities they will need as they become adults and as they go through life).
- A **General comment** written by the **student** as a reflection of their learning
- A **General comment** written by the **teacher** about the other Curriculum areas, RE learning and Special Character

## How to interpret the tables for Reading, Writing and Maths


Students are assessed based on the NZ Curriculum Levels.

Students have approximately 2 years to work through a Curriculum level.

Information is based on your child's **current learning**.

Each Curriculum Level is broken into 3 sections:

- Beginning
- Within
- End

 The Expected New Zealand Curriculum Level for each Year group at Mid Year and End of Year

✓ Indicates your child's attainment at this level

Reading													
NZ Curriculum Levels	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6		
	Beg	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	
Beyond Level 4													
End NZC Level 4													
Within NZC Level 4													
Beginning NZC Level 4													
End NZC Level 3													
Within NZC Level 3													
Beginning NZC Level 3													
End NZC Level 2													
Within NZC Level 2													
Beginning NZC Level 2													
End NZC Level 1													
Within NZC Level 1													
Beginning NZC Level 1													

Writing													
NZ Curriculum Levels	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6		
	Beg	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	
Beyond Level 4													
End NZC Level 4													
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Beginning NZC Level 4													
End NZC Level 3													
Within NZC Level 3													
Beginning NZC Level 3													
End NZC Level 2													
Within NZC Level 2													
Beginning NZC Level 2													
End NZC Level 1													
Within NZC Level 1													
Beginning NZC Level 1													



Mathematics													
NZ Curriculum Levels	Numeracy Strategy Stage	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
		Beg	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End	Mid	End
Beyond Level 4	Stage 8												
End NZC Level 4	Stage 7												
Within NZC Level 4	Stage E7/7												
Beginning NZC Level 4	Stage E7												
End NZC Level 3	Stage 6												
Within NZC Level 3	Stage E6/6												
Beginning NZC Level 3	Stage E6												
End NZC Level 2	Stage 5												
Within NZC Level 2	Stage E5/5												
Beginning NZC Level 2	Stage E5												
End NZC Level 1	Stage 4												
Within NZC Level 1	Stage 2-3												
Beginning NZC Level 1	Stage 1												

 Expected New Zealand Curriculum Level      ✓ Indicates your child's attainment at this level

## What you will find on the @School Parent App:

 Newsletter	Will link you to the page where our Principal Messages can be accessed.	 Absence	Report a student absence. Both the office and classroom teacher will be notified.
 Reports	Here you will access the mid year and end of year reports for your child/children.	 My Child	Information about your child, contact details, medical information etc.
 Messages	Instant messages that are sent from your classroom teacher or the school will come through here.	 School Website	A link to the St Joseph's School website.
 Calendar	Our School calendar with school wide events and dates.	 Sports Registrations	A link to Enrolmy - our Sports Registration site.
 Kindo	Make payments through Kindo for Ezi lunches.	 Accounts	Your latest account information.
 Permission Slips	St Joseph's is moving to digital permission slips. Class/team/sports trips will be using this function from Term 2.	 School Contact	A shortcut to the school phone number and office email.
 Settings	Turn your notifications on or off here.	 Spotlight	You will be able to see snapshots of your child's learning throughout the year. This will begin at the end of Term 2.

### Relevant for Mid Year Reporting:

 Reports	This is the place to find your child's Mid Year Report. Accessible from Week 9 on Friday, 2nd July.	 Spotlight	Here you will see a summary of the latest learning that your child has been working on also available from Week 9 on Friday, 2nd July.
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For more information on how to login to the @School Parent App for the first time please see [the instructions](#) or email sarahn@sj.school.nz