



St Joseph's School

TE KURA O HATO HOHEPA PAPANUI

EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO BECOME CONFIDENT, MOTIVATED LEARNERS, LIVING GOSPEL VALUES.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

CHINA TRIP

For the past ten days I have been in China along with a delegation from ten other Christchurch Schools. This delegation not only included most of the intermediate schools but also included St Bede's College and Villa Maria College.

The purpose of the trip was to develop closer links with schools and education boards in the Chinese cities of Wuhan, Zhengzhou, Changsha and the Pudong district of Shanghai. The vision of both countries is to provide opportunities for students and educators to learn from each other.

During the time in China I visited 12 schools and met with two education boards. I was very impressed how all the schools that I have visited demonstrated an openness to western education philosophies. They were well equipped with the latest technology including 3d printers, digital display units and digital devices in the classrooms. Children also had a variety of learning experiences in the Chinese traditional arts, the contemporary arts, technology and innovation and sport.

As a result of the trip to China St Joseph's School is in the process of developing a sister school relationship with some of these Chinese schools. It is my hope that in the future this relationship will have many positive outcomes.

- An opportunity for teachers from St Joseph's School to visit China and learn of the many technical opportunities China provides its students. In return we hope to host a number of Chinese teachers who are interested in learning the teaching methods used in New Zealand.
- An opportunity for students in New Zealand to visit China as student ambassadors. In return we hope to host a number of student groups at our school and provide them with a positive Kiwi experience.
- Visiting groups from China generate income for our school. This additional income allows the Board of Trustees to provide more experiences for our New Zealand students without having a financial impact on families.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend, a large number of our children will receive their First Holy Communion at the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday, and the 10.00am Mass on Sunday.

Please include these children in your prayers:

Saxon Allen, Joseph Baird, William Baxter, Henry Bone, Zach Broomhall, Freya Burgess, Sophia Cathro, Allen Celedonio, Marley Celedonio, Freya Christie, Liam Christie, David Claveria, Carter Connolly, Emma Corry, Emma de Leijer, Angus Dolan, William Forrester, Benjamin Fraser, Caitlin Hefford, Ella Hosken, Ryker Hope, Heidi Kearns, Isaac Kearns, Thomas Kreft, Scarlett Latimer, Julius Magallanes, Benjamin Morrison, Isaac Morrison, Leo Morrison, Harrison Phillips, Louis Prendergast, Bailey Rennell, Giancarlo Ribeiro, Brody Roberts, Kaden Roberts, Lila Rusbatch, Isabel Staiger, Oliver Stewart, Taylor Vaile, Rory Webster and Eva Wylaars.



NORTH WEST MUSIC FESTIVAL

Our school choir will be performing in the North West Music Festival at the Aurora Centre on **Tuesday 26 June commencing 7.00pm.**

Tickets, \$10, are available from our school office. Eft pos available.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at last week's school Liturgies.

Ruby Allnutt, Tim Li, Sophia Sugrue, Finn Claessens, Nike Bermejo, Benji Kearns, Arabella Anderson, Macy Medel, Riley Garlick, Nathan D'Cruz, Amelia Kelly, Olly Staiger, Hayne Parker, Auron Tecson, Jacob Taylor, Bella Sugrue, Isis Silmaro, Zea Octaviano, Tamsyn Frickleton, Jacob Robertson, Maan Lugtu, Campbell Behrnes, Luke Gallagher, Ruby Moore, M J Lemalu-McDowell, Freya Christie, Tara Bishop, Alex Cowan, Isabella Donaldson, James Fowley, Mina Habachi, Sophia Daldry, Jett Anglem, Ciara Lemalu-McDowell, Tyler Kim and Chelsea O'Connor.

LITURGY TOMORROW

Mercy 2 will lead the school liturgies in the hall tomorrow at 11am and 11.30am (approx).

LUNCHES TOMORROW—BBQ SAUSAGES \$1.50

Thank you to our volunteers, **Jo Bothwell and Sara Matthews**

REMINDERS

Friday 8 June	Mercy 2 Liturgy
Sat/Sun 9/10 June	First Holy Communion
Monday 11 June	PTA mtg, 7pm in the Staffroom
Wed 13 June	ICAS Spelling
Thurs 14 June	ICAS Writing
Wed 20 June	Canterbury Schools Cross Country
Thurs 21 June	Otago Problem Solving
Friday 22 June	McAuley 3 Liturgy Villa Maria Enrolments close
Sunday 24 June	Mercy 4 & Ashby 1 Mass (8.30am at St Gregory's Church)
Tuesday 26 June	North West Music Festival NZEI Union Meeting (school closes at 12.30pm)
Friday 29 June	Ashby 3 Liturgy
Monday 2 July	PTA mtg, 7pm in the Staffroom
Tuesday 3 July	North Zone Winter Tournament BOT mtg, 5.30pm-Conference Room
Friday 6 July	Principal's Liturgy Mufti Mania Term 2 Ends

In Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Carter Pearson (McAuley 4) on the recent death of his great grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family at this sad time.



Thank you for the donations of sweets received from last week's Mufti Day

SAVE THE DATE

IT'S A CARNIVAL

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

4 Vagues Road, Papanui

SUNDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2018

11 AM TILL 2PM

**BOOKS, SECOND HAND CLOTHES, CAKES, FOOD, GAMES,
CHOCOLATE WHEEL, RAFFLES, PONY RIDES AND MUCH
MORE.....**



ADMISSION

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