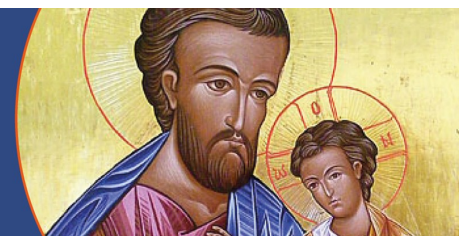




St Joseph's School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS—TONIGHT

Reminder that the Meet the Teacher Evening will take place tonight at school. A chance to meet your child's teacher and hear about the learning year ahead. Each class will run two sessions to allow for parents with more than one child at this school. The first session will begin at 7pm. The second session (a repeat of the first) will begin at 7.30pm.

SWIMMING

Our annual swimming lessons will commence on Monday,



12 February and our last day is Friday, 23 February. The swimming timetable is on display on school notice boards. A copy of the timetable will also be posted on 'Parent Information' page of the school Website.

The students will walk down to the Graham Condon pool. As the weather is unpredictable it is imperative that all students bring a jacket to wear as they walk down to the pool. Please help us keep your children safe by ensuring that they come to school prepared for the day.

Closing the pool because of a code-brown is embarrassing for the student, frustrating for the pool and costly for the school. If your child has had diarrhea or has vomited in the last two weeks, please advise the classroom teacher so we keep the child out of the pool. It is also important that children with open sores do not enter the pool as they can become infected.

Following the City Council Policies and Guidelines, we are responsible for providing sufficient male and female supervision while students are changing. We also want to increase the adult to student ratio when walking to the pool. Parents can volunteer to assist teachers in providing safety for our children. One or two parents per session will be great. We appeal to our dads to volunteer in helping the groups with no male teachers with supervision.

Please contact Mrs Verweij if you can help - marietjie.verweij@stjopapa.school.nz

WASTE MANAGEMENT

The school spends thousands of dollars every year managing its solid waste. The majority of this waste comes from unwanted lunch and lunch wrappers. If we work together we can decrease the litter in our playground and we can decrease the money that we spend on waste.

- Parents are encouraged to use lunch containers that minimise the use of wrappers.
- Students are required to keep uneaten food and wrappers in their lunch box and take them home.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION

The Episcopal Ordination for bishop-elect Paul Martin will take place on Saturday 3rd of March at 11am at the Christchurch Boys High School Auditorium. All members of our Catholic community are welcome to attend this auspicious event in the history of our diocese.

The school will be well represented at the event with board and staff representatives in attendance. The school will also have students singing in the combined schools choir. We encourage all students who will be attending this event with their families to show pride in their school and wear their school uniform.

ASH WEDNESDAY - Wednesday 14 February

Father John will lead this celebration by distribution of the ashes in the classrooms.



Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important Holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the forehead. The ashes symbolise the dust from which God made us. Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the ex-communicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's palm Sunday Mass.

COMMUNICATION - Communication between home and school is essential for a quality education. If you have a question or concern regarding your child's education or progress, please do not wait until formal meetings with the teacher later in the year to discuss this. Talk to the teacher straight away so the issue is sorted while it is small rather than worry about it, and let it grow.

The school uses a range of strategies to communicate with parents. The school newsletter is a good source of information. Please ensure that you take the time each week to read the newsletter and make note of the events that are coming up.

The school's website is also an excellent source of information. The website should be your first stop when looking for information. If you can't find something, look on the website where you can access the newsletters, notices and facebook feeds.

Other sources of information include:

- Notices sent home
- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/SJSPapanui/>
- School-links - text notifications and email

Please ensure that the school office always has your up to date contact details.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

A reminder that there is Altar Server training this Sunday for those students who have registered to be altar servers this year. The training will take place from 2-3pm at St Gregory's Church on Cotswold Ave.

LITTLE JOES

The pre-school programme, "Little Joes" will start on Thursday 15 February, 1.30—3.00pm in Timoney 2.

JUNIOR BOOKROOM

The Junior school is looking for some volunteers to help in the bookroom. This involves putting reading books away in the correct boxes. If you are able to help please see Sharyn in Timoney 1. Thank you.

PTA LUNCHES

Friday lunches will commence tomorrow with **Hot Dogs—2.50**. Thank you to our volunteer helpers, **Jeanette and Phil Brown**.

If you are available to help with the Friday lunches, please email, barbnzt@gmail.com Thank you.

PTA AGM

MONDAY 12 February—7.00pm in the staffroom

A huge vote of thanks to our PTA for the work achieved during 2017. The support of the PTA is crucial to our school to enhance its facilities and resources.

Your help would be immensely appreciated. We need interested parents to continue the successes of the PTA and we look forward to seeing many new faces at the upcoming AGM.

YR 8 2018 SCHOOL BASED VACCINATION PROGRAMME

We are pleased to inform you the Canterbury DHB will continue to offer a School Based Vaccination Programme to Year 8 boys and girls, who have not completed their eleven year old vaccinations in General Practice.

The School Based Vaccination programme will offer the two dose HPV vaccinations to protect against genital warts, cervical cancer, throat and mouth cancers, and other types of cancers later in life. In 2018 the programme has been extended to include a one dose Boostrix vaccination to provide protection against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough.

To enable students to receive the vaccinations at school, a vaccination pack will be sent home in Term 1. Parent/Caregiver will need to complete and return the consent form to school.

PRE-SCHOOL MUSIC

St Joseph's Parish center Magnific Monday Music start date for 2018 is the 12th of Feb. Come for a chat and cuppa at 9. 9.30 - 10 Music for all. \$3 per child \$5 per family. Hope to see lots there to keep this great thing going! Phone Nessa on 0273040392

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018



We warmly invite children from Year 4 and older to join this year's First Holy Communion Sacramental Programme.

Enrolment Forms are now available from St Joseph's School office, St Joseph's Parish office, or the St Joseph's Parish website.

Introduction Evening: Wednesday 7 March 7.00 pm

First Reconciliation: Wednesday 30 May 7.00 pm

First Holy Communion Days: Saturday 9 June 6.00 pm Mass or Sunday 10 June 10.00 am Mass.

For further information please contact Irene Maguire on 027 6229415 or irenemaguire100@live.com

FAITH FACT—Week 1, 29 January to 2 February

Next Wednesday 14th February we will begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday celebrations. You will notice that the *Alleluia* and the *Gloria* are always omitted during the Mass in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance and conversion. The season lasts for 40 days and the liturgical colour used in predominantly violet, reminding us of the blood shed by Jesus during His Passion and Death.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUTH GROUP

The St Josephs Youth Group is up and running again for 2018! Starting on Sunday 25th February Years 8s 6pm-7.30pm and Yr9s-13s 7pm-8.30pm St Gregory's Parish Centre. Feel free to ask any questions! Look forward to seeing you all then. Nicole, Adam and Nathan

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BELFAST NETBALL CLUB

Registrations for the 2018 season are now open. Please register online at www.belfastnetball.co.nz

Trials and practices are held at our courts in Sheldon Park, Belfast. Games are played on Saturdays at Hagley Park (unless otherwise stated). For any further inquiries please contact our club secretary Gayleen Lidgett 021 142 3906 or email us at belfastnetballchch@gmail.com

MARIST HOCKEY

Join us at Marist Park Turf @ St Bedes (Entrance off Momorangi Crescent) where our Marist coaches will take you for a fun hockey session. We have spaces available in all grades for new players to join Marist Hockey Club for the 2018 season. All registration and player information will be available at this session or visit our Marist Hockey Junior Club facebook for trial dates and updated information on when registration will be open. Just bring along your sports shoes, mouth guard, shin pads and we will provide everything else.

For further information please contact Marist Hockey Junior Club - maristhockeyjunior@gmail.com