



St Joseph's School

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



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

Online Liturgy

A huge congratulations to Ashby 3 for presenting a first class online liturgy. They should be very proud of their efforts. I look forward to streaming the next liturgy, presented by McAuley 3&4, tomorrow.

Teachers are continuing to present certificates to students for their efforts and achievements. This week I would like to congratulate the following:

Skyla Higgins, George Sutherland, Mikayla Macaspac, Noah Tamagushiku, Caesar Salvan, Jye Pryce, Toby Olsen-Sidey, Evie Flett, Cameron Fullen, Marco Zivkovic, Isabel Rubin, Amelia Kelly, Alaric Thom, Roisin Browne, Bryan Abu, Gabriele Damalan, William Thornley, Ruby Smith, Cruz Terrell, Henry Bone, Charlotte McLaughlin, Ben Franklin, Elsie O'Donnell, Santana John, Angelo Lugtu, Oliver Jones, Janel Niala, Molly Bone and Joshua Roughan.

Covid-19 Update

The ongoing co-operation from Parents and Caregivers during Covid Alert Level 2 is greatly appreciated. By working together we can ensure that our children are staying safe and healthy.

The Ministry of Health has issued the school a Covid -19 QR code. This QR code will be displayed at school entrances. I encourage you to download the NZ Covid Tracer app to your smartphone.

Other Covid updates for the week ahead include:

- The Year 7-8 children will return to technology on Monday 8 June. They will travel to and from school on the bus as normal. All Year 7-8 children must be assembled in the hall ready to leave for technology by 8.30am.
- We will continue to enter the school via the parish car park and leave through the Kealy gates.
- We will continue the staggered pick-up routine while we are operating at Alert Level 2. **Next week all students with a surname starting with I-Z will depart school at 2.50pm and all students with a surname starting with A-H will depart school at 3pm.** Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you have any concerns regarding your child's departure time.

Reviewing how we do things as we move to the new norm

A change in the way we do things can sometimes have surprising results. Over the last few weeks the teachers have been pleasantly surprised at the confidence that many children are demonstrating when they kiss their parents goodbye in the front courtyard and make their own way to class. All children are showing they have the confidence to manage this part of their daily routine. This should be encouraged by parents and perceived as one small step towards a lifetime of stepping up and meeting life's little challenges.

The before school preparation is a very busy time for teachers. Apart from warmly greeting the students as they enter the classroom, they are often putting the finishing touches to the mornings programme. When restrictions are removed, we encourage parents and caregivers to continue to farewell their children in the front courtyard and give students and teachers space to prepare for a busy day ahead.

We understand that it is important that parents and teachers have the ability to regularly make contact. This is best done at the end of the day. If parents or caregivers want to have a more in depth conversation with a teacher, we strongly recommend making an appointment where a suitable amount of time can be dedicated to discussing the issue.

Winter Uniform

It was wonderful watching the children return to school in their uniform. Another step closer to the new normal.

As it is now winter, the days have become very cold. Please help us keep your children healthy by ensuring they come to school with a uniform jersey, polar-fleece or jacket.

Earlier this week I cleaned out the Lost Property bins. I was surprised at the large amount of unnamed items. These unnamed items included merino jerseys and soft shell jackets. Please take the time to name all of your child's clothing. This helps to ensure that items of clothing are returned to their rightful owner.

Preference Certificates

Fr Alister Castelo has confirmed that Preference Certificates will be issued at the St Joseph's Parish Centre office on the 3rd Friday of the month between 3 - 4pm.

It is strongly suggested that parents and caregivers wishing to enrol their children at St Joseph's School, or any of the Catholic High Schools, for 2021 organise a Preference Certificate as soon as possible to meet enrolment deadlines.

2021 Enrolments at St Joseph's School

Like many Catholic schools, St Joseph's School has pressure on its roll. The school roll is limited to a maximum of 440 students. We operate close to this maximum number each year.

Parents and caregivers wishing to enrol their children at St Joseph's School for the 2021 must submit an enrolment application to the school office no later than **Friday 25 September 2020**. This can be completed online via the following link.

<https://enrolments.linc-ed.com/apply/NZ/3531>

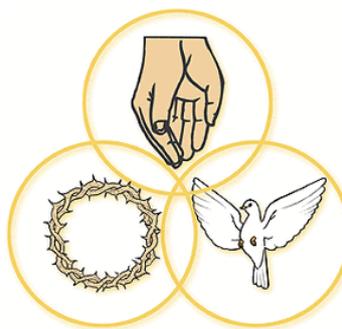
Please note that siblings do not have automatic enrolment at the school. Parents can increase the likelihood that their child's enrolment will be confirmed by enrolling early, as preference enrolments are approved in accordance to the date the application is received.

Catholic Secondary School Closing Dates for Enrolment for 2021

- Catholic Cathedral College - go to www.cathcollege.school.nz
- St Bedes College - Friday 31 July 2020
- St Thomas of Canterbury - Friday 31 July 2020
- Marian College - 31 July 2020
- Villa Maria College - Friday 26 June 2020

Philippines Independence Day

Philippines Independence Day is on **Friday 12 June**, and we will once again join with our Filipino community to celebrate this special day. We will have a liturgy that will be recorded and shared online with classes and families. Our Filipino children are helping to create the liturgy, using songs, prayers and dances. Filipino children will be able to wear their Filipino clothes to school on this day and we will draw a Philippines flag on the playground before school. Unfortunately, we will be unable to have a shared lunch this year.



Trinity Sunday celebrates the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Every time we make the Sign of the Cross or say the Glory Be we are affirming our belief in the Trinity.



CHCH NORTH PARISH YOUTH GROUP (previously St Joes' Youth Group)

The youth group for Year 8 students is resuming this Sunday, 7 June from 6pm to 8pm with a Movie Night.

Then every Sunday from 6pm—7:30pm up to and including 28 June (4 left for the term).

All youth groups will be held at St Joseph's Parish Centre Papanui, right next door to school!

Elizabeth and Jerome O'Sullivan
Parish Youth Leaders

Marist Albion Netball Club – Junior Trials Sunday 7 June 2020

U13 – 9:00 – 10:30am,

U12 – 11:30am – 1:00pm

Indoor Venue: Villa Maria College Gym (access off Brodie Street) If you haven't already done so, please register before the trial on the Marist Albion Netball Club website (www.sporty.co.nz/maristnc). Please arrive no earlier than 15min before your trial time. We will be following Covid-19 safety procedures including collecting contact tracing information. Spectators/parents/caregivers will not be permitted in the gymnasium. Additional information can be found on our website.

Merivale Papanui Rugby

Play Rugby for a family friendly Club in 2020 Player subs starting at \$30 for the season We cater for all school age children and welcome new and returning players for the 2020 season. Online registrations still open at: www.merivalepap.co.nz