



St Joseph's School

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



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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR - Wendy Skinner

Are you interested in becoming a Board of Trustees member in 2019? We have an exciting opportunity for parents passionate about helping shape the education of their children at St Joseph's School Papanui.

Elections for parent representatives looking to join a dynamic Board are being held in May 2019. Trustees need a balance of skills and experiences. This could include but is not limited to; being able to work well in a team, being able to share and listen to other ideas, having a passion for faith based education, willingness to learn about new education in the 21st century and have good communication skills. An ability to offer specific skills in finance, property, personnel, policy or strategic planning would be of great benefit to the school.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact our school principal Aaron Richards or Wendy Skinner (Board chair) sispapanuiboard@gmail.com. You are welcome to come along to the next Board meeting on Tuesday 2nd April at 5.30pm in the Conference Room.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards **Solidarity/Rice Day—Tomorrow**

Every year we hold a day during Lent in which the whole school is called to stand in solidarity with people around the world and in our community. Often the focus is on those who do not have the advantages we have. This year the emphasis is on showing solidarity and acceptance with all peoples of the world and in our own communities who may have a different place of origin, a different culture, or a different religion than us but recognising that we are all made in God's image and all deserving of love, friendship and respect. At the liturgy we will present flags that represent the many cultures of our school.



At lunchtime the PTA **will NOT be selling sausages** but the children will be given a bowl of rice to eat in recognition that for many people around the world this is part of their staple diet. A huge thanks to Maribel Young and her eager band of volunteers who have kindly agreed help to cook and serve the rice.

Children will need to bring a plastic bowl and a spoon. They are still to bring their morning tea and something else for lunch if they want to.

Assistant Caretaker - St Joseph's School is looking for an assistant caretaker. One hour each weeknight during term time only. Work must be completed between 4.30pm and 6.30pm. Generally light duties—closing up the school for the night, gardening and sanitation. If you or anyone you know is interested in the position please email applications@stjopapa.school.nz.

BYOD - St Joseph's School has operated a limited "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD) policy. This year we will be formalising this policy for all students in Year 5-8. The school has consulted a number of experts relating to the implementation of the policy to ensure that the use of BYOD enhances learning, is safe and is cost effective.

Choice of device - after much consideration it has been decided to limit the BYOD programme to Apple iPads only. This decision has been made for a number of reasons. These reasons include:

- Selecting a device that is cost effective for parents. Purchasing an iPad in Year 5 should sustain students during the remaining four years at Primary school. This is a very reasonable lifetime for any device.
- Selecting a device that is safe for students. Research suggests that sustained use of a small screen can strain students eyes. So the use of a smart phone is not appropriate.
- Selecting a device that enables the school to keep children safe. Using an Apple device that can be synchronized with the school's Apple Classroom management system means that teachers will be able to easily monitor students use of the school network and internet.
- Selecting a device that enhances learning. To effectively organize digital learning opportunities, students need to use common learning apps. Apps are a very effective way to engage students and extending the use of the device beyond simple word processing or web searching functions.

BYOD is NOT compulsory. The policy is made available for families who want their child to have ready access to a digital device throughout the day. The school will continue to provide a class set of iPads for students to share. We currently have one iPad for every 5-6 students available in each classroom. With parent support, the BYOD programme will improve the device to student ratio.



The Middle and Senior classrooms will also have access to a number of Macbook laptops which students will be able to access for more technical activities.

Over the last two terms the school has made a number of exciting hardware purchases. Last year a set of Spheros was purchased to help children with their coding skills. Mrs Gilligan is collaborating with the Code Club leaders to maximise the potential of these fun devices.

This year Toshiba BDL kindly donated the school a 3D printer. Mr McGuire has been working with our IT provider to get this device up and running. Over the next few months students will be able to use CAD software to design and make their own creations using the 3D printer.

CANTERBURY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Good luck to the following swimmers who are competing in the Championships next Thursday at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre: Claudia Vivian, Bridie Quayle, Niamph Quayle, Cerys Jones, Quinn Baker, Alex Cowan, Jorja Rennell, Holly Plowman, Eddie Price, Ruby Moore, Hannah Johanson, Hamish Meates, Harry Gorman, Isla Martin-McKenzie, Kate Young, Lucas Romero and Angus Patrick,

In Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Catherine Grant (Hanrahan 1) on the death of her grandfather, in the UK recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family at this sad time.



YOUNG VINNIES 40 BAGS IN 40 DAYS



Next week is our final week for bringing clothes, cans and non-perishable items to go to St Vincent de Paul for distribution to those in need in our community. You can bring your goods to Timoney 2 between 8.30 am and 8.55am. Remember for every 5 items of clothing or 2 cans or non-perishable items you get a ticket in the prize draw on Friday. This week we have twice as many draws to make up for missing out on St Joseph's Day. Thank you for the generosity you have already shown.



Young Vinnies Group

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

From this weekend on, your child's completed and named worksheets are to be presented to Father at one of the four Parish Masses, either 6.00pm Saturday or 8.30am, 10.00am or 5.00pm Sunday.

A basket will be on the steps in front of the Altar, and your child is to take their worksheet and place it in the basket as the offertory collection is happening.

Irene Maguire, Pastoral Associate

NETBALL

Marist Albion Netball Club is looking for Y4&5 players to help make up a team. Contact Jo Gorman 021 1510036 .

MARIST JUNIOR HOCKEY CLUB

If you know any Year 7/8 (Kwiksticks) boys who are interested in playing for Marist Hockey Club this year, please get them to email the club: maristhockeyjunior@gmail.com We need about 2 or 3 boys to round out a team.

St Joseph's School PTA Uniform Sale

- ⇒ **Thursday 4 and Friday 5 April 2019** at 2.30pm, the PTA will be holding a second-hand uniform sale.
- ⇒ If you would like the PTA to sell a uniform or part of a uniform on your behalf, please fill in the form below and leave the items in a plastic bag in the school office no later than end of day **Wednesday 3 April 2019**.
- ⇒ The PTA will take 50% commission on all items sold and also gratefully accepts donated items.
- ⇒ We are happy to price up items or equally you can nominate the sale price below.
- ⇒ You will be notified by phone to either pick up a cheque for sold items or to collect unsold ones shortly after the sale.

	Item (one per line)	Size	Price	This side PTA use only	
				Sold	Not sold
A			\$	\$	
B			\$	\$	
C			\$	\$	
D			\$	\$	
E			\$	\$	
F					
		Total			
By allowing the PTA to sell uniform items on my behalf, I understand that the PTA will take 50% commission on all items sold. The PTA will take care of your property but cannot be held responsible for any unforeseen circumstances such as fire or theft.		Less 50%			
		To Pay			

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signed: _____