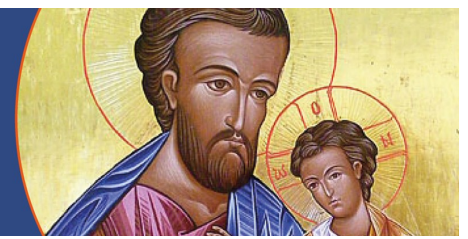




St Joseph's School

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



NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 2 - No. 3 - 16 May 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

Stage Challenge - Over the last month Mrs Walsh has been working with an eager band of 64 children to create and rehearse a performance for the Stage Quest competition. The performance will take place on Monday night at the Christchurch Town Hall. I am looking forward to watching the performance next week.

Cross Country - A huge congratulations to all the St Joseph's School learners who took part in the North Zone Cross Country yesterday. St Joseph's School assembled a team of 46 highly competitive runners who dominated a number of races.

Mr McGuire will now start preparing a representative team to participate in the Canterbury Cross Country Championships that will take place in a couple of weeks.

Weekly Winter Sport - Weekly Winter Sport starts this week for all Year 7 and 8 students. Every Friday for the next few months the learners in the Senior Team will travel to Hagley Park to play Football, Rugby and Netball against other Christchurch schools. A number of children will also travel to Nunweek Park to participate in the inter school hockey competition.

The Middle Team is also starting an indoor sports programme with all Year 5-6 learners. A huge thanks to the Redwood Indoor Sports Centre which is hosting the Team over the next month. During this time the learners will have an opportunity to try a number of indoor sports including: volleyball, netball and basketball.

Bishopdale Sports in Bishopdale Mall advise that they have stock of our winter sports socks.

Mercy 3 and 4 Mass - Mercy 3 and Mercy 4 are scheduled to attend the Parish Mass at 8.30am on Sunday 26 May. Attending Mass as a class happens only once a year and is an integral part of attending a Catholic school. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Liturgy - Mercy 2 will lead the Liturgy tomorrow at 11am and 11.45am in the school hall. Parents of Mercy 2 are welcome to attend.

PTA LUNCHES

Tomorrow—Hot Dogs, \$2.50. Thank you to our volunteers—**Kim Ric-Hansen and Brenda Vivian.** WE NEED YOU! Our Friday lunches are in danger! We currently don't have enough parents to staff Friday lunches each week, so urgently need volunteers to give us a couple of hours on a Friday to help prepare and serve lunch to our children. If you are able to help out, please contact Tash at natasha_edlin@hotmail.com

BOT ELECTIONS

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

Key dates:

- Nominations close Friday 24th May
- Voting closes Friday 7th June
- Board takes office from Friday 14th June

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact our school principal Aaron Richards or board chairperson Wendy Skinner, sjspapanuiboard@gmail.com

Pink Shirt Day

The St Joseph's School Student Council has been hard at work organising Pink Shirt Day for **tomorrow, Friday 17th May.** Pink Shirt Day is an initiative created by the Mental Health Foundation and is celebrated all over New Zealand.

The idea is to **wear pink in solidarity to celebrate diversity and put an end to bullying.** By wearing pink, students are saying they want to see love and kindness in New Zealand schools.

This **is not a mufti day.** If your child does not own anything pink, and you are unable to borrow something, we will have stickers and ribbons available to help them participate. Pink socks or a hat would suffice as well.

If you are able to participate, we ask you to please bring a gold coin to be donated to the Catholic Social Services. They provide counselling services to children, a vital service for victims of bullying.

We appreciate your support and look forward to the 'sea of pink' our school will become! If **you have questions, please direct them to alice.johns@stjopapa.school.nz** or have a look at the official Pink Shirt Day website <https://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz/>.

Alice Johns, Student Council Teacher in Charge

First Holy Communion - Presentation of 'The Creed'

Saturday 18th Sunday 19th May

This weekend at the 6.00 pm and 10.00 am Masses, we welcome the children and their families of this year's First Holy Communion group to join us at St Gregory's Church. Just before the final blessing, the children will be presented with another Prayer Card and small holy gift for their prayer mats.