



St Joseph's School

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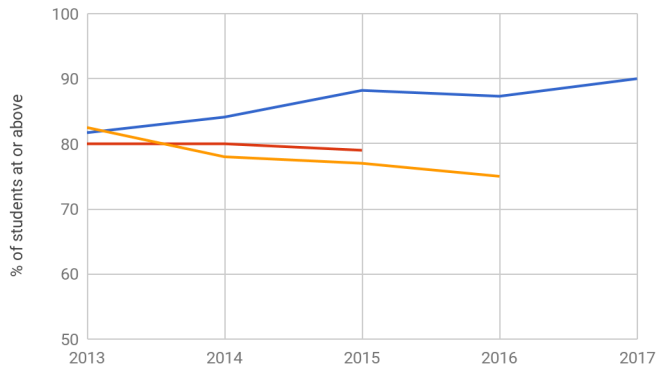
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

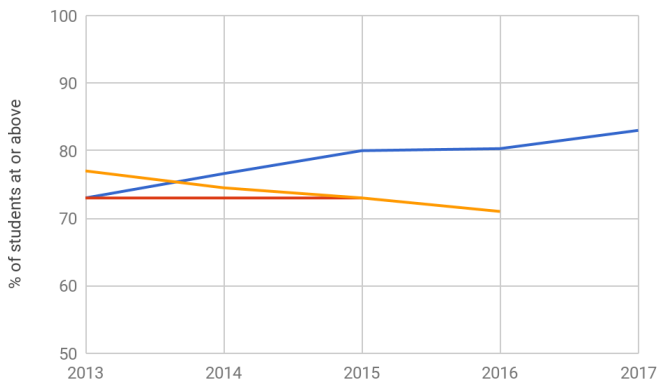
Student Achievement at St Joseph's School –It was a strong year of achievement in 2017. This success continued a positive trend in student performance over the last four years. Below are three graphs illustrating this.

— *St Josephs* — *Region* — *Like Schools*

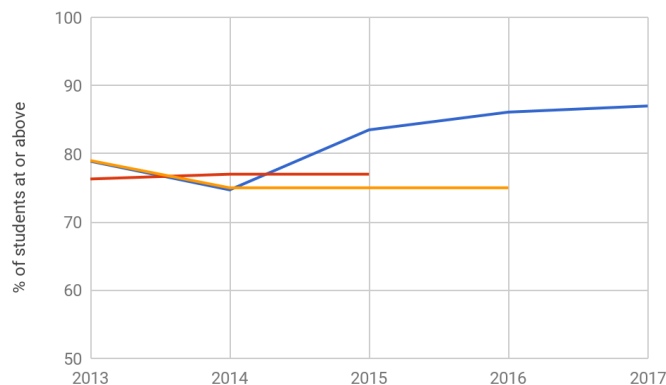
National Standards - Reading



National Standards - Writing



National Standards - Mathematics



Year 7- 8 Camp - We wish all the Year 7-8 children well for camp next week. I know they will have a wonderful time with their classmates and teachers.

Earthquake Commemoration—Seven years since the devastating 2011 earthquake. As time moves on, so does our city. As we commemorate this life changing event, I would like to extend thoughts and prayers to those who lost loved ones and to those still working through the effects of the earthquake. May God give them strength and peace.



School Swimming Sports - The Christchurch City Council has recently advised the school that due to construction taking place at Jellie Park we will need to limit the number of people at the pool during the swimming sports which will take place on **6 March** from 12 noon to 3pm.

Mr McGuire has done a great job working out how we can not only provide children with the opportunity to participate to their fullest but also provide parents the opportunity to cheer on the children.

The children swimming width races will leave school at 11.40am along with the 9-10 year old children who are in the length races. Their competition will start at 12pm. They will then bus back to school just after 1pm. The 11-12 year old students competing in length races will depart school at 12.40pm. Their competition will start at 1pm. They will bus back to school at 3pm. Please note that this will mean that the 11-12 year old children will not return to school until approximately 3.20pm.

Swimming - The weather was a little unfavourable but we made the most of the time we had. The teachers and I appreciated parents sending children to school with rain jackets. A huge thanks to the parents who volunteered to assist with the school's swimming programme. We could not continue the programme if we did not have your support.

PLEASE NOTE - tomorrow, Friday, the swimming sessions will focus on survival skills. All children have been asked to bring their Pyjamas to swim in.

Walk and Wheels to School Day - A flyer was sent home this week explaining the Walk and Wheels to School Day. As the weather was not on our side yesterday, the event will now take place **tomorrow, Friday**.

Cycle Safety - A reminder that it is Cycle Safety next week for Year 6 students. Information regarding this event has been sent home.

Help Wanted - A huge thanks to the two dads who have put up their hands to help fix the picnic tables. With a bit of TLC we maybe able to get a few more years out of these resources.

We are still looking for any parents or grandparents who can help students make a mosaic. If you have some artistic talent, please give the office a call.

Bishop's Ordination -The local Catholic community will be celebrating the ordination of our new Bishop, Fr Paul Martin, next Saturday 3 March at 11am at Christchurch Boys High School. All welcome. I encourage any St Joseph's School students who attend this event to represent the school in their school uniform.

The school has 9 student representatives participating in the youth choir. I am sure that they will perform admirably for the new bishop.

Building Opening -The school will officially open the new classroom blocks in conjunction with the school's St Joseph's Day celebration. This will take place on Friday 16 March. Fingers crossed that the weather plays ball.

The celebrations will start at 9.30am with an outdoor Mass. This will be followed by the building opening ceremony at 10.30am. After a quick morning tea the children will board the bus and travel to Spencer Park for a fun afternoon and BBQ. If the weather does not play ball the days events will be postponed to another day.

Weetbix Tryathlon - Thanks to all the students who registered at the office for the Weetbix Tryathlon. If you have not already registered at the office, please do so by Friday.

I would like to provide a homebase for St Joseph's school competitors. I am looking for a couple of parents who would be happy to help me put up the gazebo in the morning and dismantle the gazebo in the afternoon. If you can help, please let the office know.

Mercy 3 and Kealy 2 Sunday Mass - As a Catholic School we have scheduled each class to attend one Sunday Mass this year. This is an excellent opportunity for the school and parish to celebrate together as a Catholic community. It is expected that children attend this scheduled Mass however I also appreciate that the date clashes with the Tryathlon. In this case I encourage the Tryathletes to attend Mass with another class later in the year.

PTA LUNCHES tomorrow—Hot Dogs—\$2.50. Thank you to our volunteer helpers, **Tash Edlin and Sara Golding.**

NETBALL—Yr 3 and Yr 5 St Joseph's Netball

Any Year 3 or Year 5 students keen to play netball for St Joseph's please contact Nicole Vivian at nicolevivian1@gmail.com or 021 134 5741. The Yr 3's practice, skills training and games will be on **Thursday** afternoons from 3.40 - 5pm at the Hagley Netball Courts beginning Term 2. It is lots of fun and a great way to learn the game. Skills training and games for Yr5 will be on **Friday** afternoons from 3.40 - 5pm at the Hagley Netball Courts beginning Term 2.

FAITH FACT—Week 4, 19 February to 23 February



More about Lent - The ashes received last week are a symbol of our will to be converted and to do penance when faced with the forgiveness offered by Jesus. Did you know that Catholics in New Zealand are required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

FHC enrolments are due now and the close off date is 2nd March. Remember to include your child's Baptism Certificate and payment along with the Enrolment Form. *Irene Maguire, Pastoral Associate, Papanui Parish 0276229415*

MARIST ALBION NETBALL CLUB

Junior netball trials will be on Sunday 11th March. U13 trials are from 9am to 11:30am and Year 6 and U12 trials are from 1pm to 3:30pm at the Hagley netball courts.

Please ensure you register through the Marist Albion Netball Club website <http://www.sporty.co.nz/maristnc/Home> before the trials.

MARIST ALBION RFC JUNIOR RUGBY

2018 PLAYER REGISTRATION -Online registrations are now open for ALL new and returning junior players for the 2018 season. The registration form is available on our website www.maristalbion.co.nz under Junior rugby.

All new players MUST attend one of our registration nights (see dates below) and provide us with proof of identity, copies of passports or birth certificates for verification and get weighed in. This is also a good opportunity to meet the committee and ask them any questions you may have about the upcoming season.

MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY 5-7 pm at Bowls Papanui, 181 Condell Avenue, Papanui

Fees: (includes a team photo for each registered player) \$80 one player OR \$130 for 2 or more children in the same family. *Further membership enquiries can be directed to: Brendon Feary 021 226 4003, Greg Ford 027 589 9771 or Steve Kinder 027 271 6671*

www.maristalbion.co.nz

PLAY FOOTBALL WITH PAPANUI REDWOOD AFC IN 2018

Check our website / facebook page for registration and pre-season details www.papanuiredwoodafc.co.nz, [Facebook.com/PapanuiRedwoodAFC](https://www.facebook.com/PapanuiRedwoodAFC).

We offer mixed teams with grades based on the age the player turns in 2018.

Football Level Ages/Grade

First Kicks 0-6, Fun Football 7-8. Junior 9-10, Intermediate 11-12, Youth 13,14,15,17,19

Teams—as Req'd 5-a-side 7-a-side 9-a-side 11-a-side