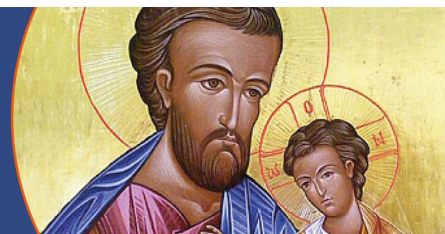




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NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 1 - No. 6 - 9 March 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

Swimming Sports - The school Swimming Sports was a wonderful event. I felt really proud watching the children who did not take the easy win, instead opting to challenge themselves to swim to their true potential. For the first time in the history of the competition, children had the option of swimming in 50m races. These 50m races had large numbers of children entered, ready to demonstrate their swimming skills.

A huge thanks to Miss Cook and Mr McGuire for organising a very smooth running sports event. Also thanks to the parents who stepped forward and helped out. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Miss Cook and Mr McGuire have already selected the swimming team for the North Zone Competition that will take place next Tuesday 14 March. Best wishes to the following swimmers who finished 1st or 2nd in their events:

Alex Cowan, Tyler Mawhinney, Matthew Glen, Ethan Dawson, Ollie Lutton, Angus Nevin, Angus McEwan, Kalani Griffiths, Finlay Neale, Hamish Meates, Jonty Blacklow, Cameron Rawlings, Sam Woodgate, Lochie McLean, Matthew Kofoed, Molly Maynard, Ava Boock-Luhetoa, Ruby Moore, Lucy Eccleton-Allen, Caitlin Quayle, Fran Cody, Gemma Lysaght, Chloe Brady, Laura Townshend, Zoe Blacklow, Catie McEwan, Neve Meates, Cerys Jones, Kate Young, Maya Kumagai and Cassidy Brunel. These students will be receive a separate letter detailing the coming event.

Website Upgrade - Some of you many have noticed that the school website has been upgraded. The older website was not compatible for mobile devices and was overdue for an upgrade. The upgrade makes the website more accessible and usable on a range of digital devices. Although some of the graphics may look different the content on the website is largely unchanged. I envisage the website as the initial source of information for all community members. Over time we will extend the information on links on the site to ensure that it has everything parents may want to know about the school.

Parent Teacher Interviews - From the 20th to the 22nd of March the school will be hosting the Parents Teacher Interviews. This is an opportunity for parents of students in Junior Middle, Middle and Senior classes to discuss student achievement and goals with the teachers. Interviews will take place between 3pm and 8pm on the Monday as well as 3pm to 5pm on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The booking website will open Monday, 13 March at 12:00 PM, and will close Monday, 20 March at 12:00 PM.

1. Go to parentinterviews.co.nz, enter the event code **GURLL** and click Go.
2. Enter your name, email address and the names of the students you wish to make bookings for.
3. Select the teachers you'd like to book by ticking the checkbox beside their name, and then click the Book Interviews button at the bottom of the page.
4. Using the timetable, click the Book button beside the time slot you'd like to book for the teacher. You'll be asked to confirm your booking.
5. Continue until you've booked all teachers.

Once you're finished, you can view your timetable by clicking My Interviews at the top of the page. You can also print a PDF timetable to take to your interviews.

Before your interviews, you'll receive an email reminder containing your timetable. If you need to cancel any interviews, you can do so by following the link in the email you received when you first signed up.

As the National Standards reporting cycle operates differently in the Junior School, the Parent Teacher Interviews will take place during the last week of each term. A letter has already been sent home detailing how the Junior School reporting cycle works. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher.

Congratulations - A big shout out to **Charlotte Scott** who is travelling to Dublin, Ireland at the end of this month to represent New Zealand at the World Irish Dance Champs. She is also competing in the teams event. It is truly an amazing experience for her.



Parking and Traffic Issues

Traffic congestion around the school peaks at 3pm each day. I appreciate the current situation requires some parents to park some distance from the school. However I have contacted the Christchurch City Council to develop a School Travel Plan. Although this is no easy fix, it is great to see the Council is open to working with the school to investigate how we can improve the situation.

One of the risk points exiting the school is at the parish car park. This area is particularly congested with parishioners cars and students crossing the carpark to exit onto the Main North Road. Please help us keep children safe by refraining from using the parish car park between 2.30pm and 3.30pm. Your assistance and support with this issue is greatly appreciated.

Reminder

10 March - Market Day
 13 March - PTA meeting at 7pm in the staffroom
 15 March - Sexuality Education at 7pm in Cremin
 17 March - St Joseph's Day Celebration
 20-22 March - Parent Teacher Meetings

Week 6— Pray During Lent Renew yourself through personal reflective prayer.

Lent is a time of spiritual renewal. One easy step you can take is to use the many free online resources to jump-start or reinvigorate your prayer life. A few such resources are Loyola Press's popular 3-Minute Retreats and Seven Last Words of Christ guided meditation, or try the prayer reflections offered by the Irish Jesuit site Sacred Space. If you're seeking more traditional support for your personal reflective prayer, consider a book specially designed to nourish you during Lent, such as Praying Lent.

Reflect deeper on your liturgical prayer.

When you attend Mass during Lent, be conscious of and meditate on the words you pray in the liturgy. For example, the Eucharistic Prayer, the highlight of each Mass, has special significance during Lent. After receiving communion, you may want to sit and reflect more deeply on this great prayer of the Church.



PTA LUNCHES TOMORROW—BBQ SAUSAGES, \$1.50
 Thank you to our volunteers—**Gretchen Brosnahan and Suzie Smith.**

MARKET DAY

Our Senior School will be holding their annual Market Day **tomorrow** to showcase their skills in working as a group towards a successful enterprise. They have been busy organising and marketing their ideas over the last two weeks.

Markets will open at 12:00 for the Junior School and the rest of the school will join at 12:30 pm.

We ask parents to provide children with coins if they want to participate, however the seniors do have a small float if children bring notes. Money raised will go to Caritas. Best wishes to the Seniors for a fun and successful Market Day!

ST JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION

As mentioned in last week's Newsletter, we will celebrate St Joseph's Day next Friday, 17 March and not 19 March (Sunday).

The first part of the day we will attend Mass at St Gregory's. Children will wear their full school uniform to Mass.

The middle part of the day is a lunch (sausage sizzle) prepared by the PTA.

The last part of the day is the fun part (children will wear their PE gear and Juniors will wear suitable mufti). We will have four rotations of 30 minutes each: wheels, organised games, inflatables and a slot where children can decide on their own games.

The activities will finish at 2:30pm with an ice-block and time in class.

MARIAN COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Marian College is holding an open evening for prospective students and parents from 4.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 6 April at 122 Barbadoes Street. Please note there is no parking on site, however there is a Wilsons Park on the corner of Barbadoes Street and Ferry Road.

MARIST ALBION NETBALL CLUB

Junior netball team trials will be held on Saturday 11th March (with Sunday 12th March as a back-up in case of rain). U13 and up 9am - 11ish; U11 and U12 1pm - 3:30ish. Future Ferns (years 3, 4 and 5) are not required to trial. Please register via the website: www.sporty.co.nz/maristnc

FUN STICKS (Year 1-2)—Open Evening— Friday 7 April, 4.00 to 5.30pm

We have spaces available in Fun sticks grade for new players to join Marist Hockey Club for the 2017 season. School teams of 8 can be set up for this programme so bring along your friends and play hockey this season.

Registration/Open Day—Sunday 12 March, 3pm @ Marist Park. Sausage Sizzle

For pre-season skills and trial information please go to Marist Hockey Club www.maristhockey.co.nz and like us on Facebook

- Returning Players – Log In then Registration Renewal
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