



# St Joseph's School

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## NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 1 - No. 9 - 30 March 2017

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

#### Pick Ups and Drop Offs

A huge thanks to those wonderful parents who volunteer at the school road crossing each morning. I would also like to acknowledge the teachers who supervise the road crossing each afternoon. Their commitment and hard work goes a long way to sort out the traffic issues we have outside the gate in the morning and afternoon.

We need to keep things in perspective and remember that the traffic congestion outside the school is of our own making as the congestion is directly related to school drop offs and pickups. The congestion issues at St Joseph's are no greater than other schools of similar size in the area.

To manage this issue for the benefit and safety of all our children we need to work together. Please consider the following when either dropping children off or picking them up.

- Yellow lines are there for a purpose. Even if it is just for a moment, parking on the yellow lines obscures the view of children crossing the road.
- U Turns are a risky manoeuvre. Please refrain from UTurns in front the crossing as this confuses other drivers and the road patrol.
- If we use the drop off and pick up zone effectively in front of the McAuley block then we should be able to manage the safe arrival and departure of hundreds of children. I request that parents limit their parking time in this space to 2-3 minutes.
- There is a sign at the parish entrance advising parents not to use the car park. Please adhere to this sign. Many children cross the carpark after school to access the Main North Road. Cars using this space pose a real hazard for our children leaving school.

#### Principal's absence

Last year my wife was offered training in Dublin. As a family we made the decision to use this opportunity to travel with her. On my appointment to St Joseph's School the Board of Trustees kindly agreed to honor the leave that had been previously approved. As a consequence, I will be away during the last four days of term 1 and the first 5 days of term 2. Mrs Verweij will take up the acting principal role during my 9 days absence.

#### Welcome

We welcome **Xander Milne** who started in the Timoney 3 this week. We hope he enjoys his time at St Joseph's School.



#### School Photos

The annual class photos were taken yesterday. This was a surprise to us because we were not expecting Heritage Photos to arrive. Unfortunately the mistake was made last year when the booking was not transferred to the school calendar. We apologise for this oversight.

We are aware that a number of families maybe concerned that they have missed out on family photos this year. Please do not worry as there are two opportunities later this year for parents who would like a family photo. Firstly, the PTA is planning a Family Photo session in August (tbc). Secondly, the company taking our school photos will return in Term 4. Our sport and cultural photos are booked for Tuesday 14 November and parents will have the opportunity to request sibling photos then.

#### Reminder

Ashby 2 will lead the school's liturgy tomorrow. Parents and friends are welcome to attend either liturgies at 11am and 11.45am.

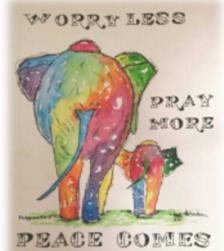
School Term Finishing - The school term will finish at 3pm on Thursday 13 April. The school will not reopen until 8am on Monday 1st of May.

#### HEALING: Philippians 4. 8-9

Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Dear Lord,

We pray that our children will have opportunities to meet with you during their school day through their teachers and staff. We thank you for being able to learn about you through lessons and assemblies and we pray for more opportunities for them to hear about you so that they can understand you better and love you more and reflect you in their lives. Amen



## Sport Achievements

A huge congratulations to the duathletes who competed at the 2017 Canterbury Primary Schools Duathlon on Monday. The school was represented by a team of 12 students. The children performed admirably during a miserable day on a slippery track. Each race consisted of up to 130 competitors. We had a number of children who finished in the top 20. The names of these students are listed below. Thanks to Mr McGuire and Mrs Verweij who supervised the event. Also thanks to the parents who came along to provide support.

- **Matthew Glen** - 5th (TBC)
- **Cameron Rawlings** - 11th
- **Zoe Blacklow** - 14th
- **Noah Newsome** - 18th
- **Isla Martin-McKenzie** 19th

Congratulations also goes out to the School PCT Challenge team that travel over to Cowles Stadium to compete against another 50 schools from around Canterbury. This is the first time St Joseph's School has entered the competition. They were competing against a number of schools who have been building their team capability over a number of years. The St Joseph's Team were not only wonderful representatives for the school but they had an awesome time participating with the Blue Light and Youth Town organisers.

## Congratulations

to the following students who received Merit Certificates last week:

**Amarlie Graham, Riley Garlick, Mackenzie Samson, Maeve Malone, Finn Dolan, Lachlan Dolan, Cassin Day, Zea Octaviano, Heidi Kearns, Jai Anderson, Zoe Silmaro, Angus Patrick, Hanz Lopez, Bridie Quayle, Emma de Leijer, Ben Fraser, Annabel Skinner, Angelo Lugtu, William Forrester, Harrison Short, Nikolas Weir, Justin Niala, Thomas Woodgate, Brianna High, Campbell Behrnes, Brenna Kavanagh, Liam Smith, Tess Cooke, Cameron Howison, Emma Lamb, Tyler Kim, Jonty Blacklow, Geonseung Kwak, Siyun Lee, Jiyun Han and Carter Connolly.**

**Primary School Swimming Championship** - Next Thursday 17 children from our school will compete in the Swimming Championship at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre. Best wishes from all of us!

## Holy Week Liturgy

Thursday, 14 April is Holy Thursday and Mrs Kreft and McAuley 1 will lead us in the Stations of the Cross. We will have two liturgies on the day; the first one is at 11:45am and the second at 2:15pm. Parents are most welcome.

**PMP**—Thank you to the families on next week's PMP roster:  
Monday 3 April **Ng Samson**  
Tuesday 4 April **Myers Armstrong**



*In Sympathy We offer our deepest sympathy to Luca (K2) and Amelia (T1) Kelly and to Jarrah Prentice (M1) whose grandfathers passed away this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families at this sad time.*

## Sponsorship

**We are seeking a local business to sponsor the VisTab system for our school.**

VisTab is an automated health and safety sign in and out system for our pupils, staff, relieving teachers, volunteers, contractors and casual visitors to the school. VisTab will replace the paper visitor books and health and safety paperwork (at reception) with a touch screen procedure that's easy to use.

In the event of an emergency or an evacuation, VisTab can report from the evacuation assembly point who has come and gone from the school since the roll call.

**Could this be you?...**

- Your business and branding will be displayed on the front screen of the tablet for all to see.
- We will recognise the support of your business on our website, in our newsletter and on social media once finalised.
- We have thousands of visitors per year that will see your business details and the support you have given to our school.

To find out more, please contact the school office.

## Transition to High School

This week the principals of Marian College and Villa Maria College visited the school to talk to girls intending to enrol in Year 9 next year. We have not yet been approached by the other three Catholic High Schools. We will endeavour to place information about enrolment dates in the school's calendar to remind parents about the deadlines. It is important that parents double check that all enrolment information is submitted to the colleges on time. If you pre-enrolled your son or daughter 5 years ago you are still required to formally enrol them this year. All school enrolment schemes are governed by government legislation. Schools do not have flexibility to accept late enrolments unless there is space.

## Leadership Day

The Catholic Youth Team has organised a Leadership Day for year 8 students. This takes place tomorrow at the Catholic Cathedral College. The students will travel by bus to attend this event. The Youth Team has organised a programme with a focus on leadership - Inspire to Shine - and will end the day with Mass. Mr Scully and Miss Payne will travel with the group.

## Year 7 & 8 Outdoor Education Experience

Teachers and senior students are now in the final stage of preparing for their camp in the last week of term at Forest Park, Hanmer Springs. Children are excited and they are looking forward to all the activities planned for them. Thank you to all the parents who are helping to make this a success. Our best wishes go with the Seniors.

## PTA NEWS

**Lunches tomorrow—BBQ Sausages—\$1.50** Thank you to our volunteers, **Jo Bothwell** and **Ann-Marie Cathro**.  
**Food Wrap**—Order forms for this fundraiser have been sent home. Please return orders to the school office asap.  
**Uniform Sale—Next Thursday 6 April, 2.30pm**