



St Joseph's School

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NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 2 - No. 6 ~ 8 JUNE 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK—Aaron Richards

Community Consultation

On behalf of the board of Trustees I would like to invite all members of the school community to a Community Consultation Workshop. The consultation workshop is designed to gather parents' ideas relating to their aspirations for their child's education, what the school should focus on, learning opportunities they would like children provided with at school, and much, much more.

The information parents provide will form the basis for ongoing consultation and will provide the board with criteria to refine the school's future direction. So please come and join in this important event which will have a direct impact on your children's future education.

The consultation workshop will take place in the school hall at 7pm on Monday 19th of June. The workshop should be finished by 8.15pm. To assist parents attend this workshop child care will be provided by a staff member in a classroom.

So please mark this event in your calendar. It would be great to see you there.

Road Safety St Joseph's School Papanui has teamed up with the Christchurch City council to develop a School Travel Plan. A school travel plan is a practical approach to improving road safety and encouraging the whole school community to use active modes of transport to get to and from school. It is my hope that by working with the council to improve travel to and from school we maybe able to alleviate some of the congestion we currently have at the school gate.

Part of the programme involves surveying the school community about how they travel to school. Understanding the community's perspective on this issue will enable the Travel Plan Team to make informed decisions. Please help us get this process underway completing the survey. It is easy, just click on the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/stjosephscatholicsschool>

Fun French Beginners' Classes Years 2-8: A 6 session taster French course is being offered at St Joseph's this term, and beyond. The major emphasis is on communicating orally through the interactive use of fun games, song, role play and 'real life' activities. For more information, please email admin@Lpa.co.nz or contact us on 022 358 2211.

Liturgy Times: Cremin 2's Liturgy is tomorrow and will start early. The first Liturgy will be at 10:50am. and the second will be at 11:20am. This is to allow for the Seniors to go to Friday Sports.

School Sores: A big thanks to the parents who have informed us that their child has a School Sore. Your help will enable us to better manage this issue at our school.

School sores (impetigo) is a common contagious virus that can be passed around at school. It starts with blisters on exposed parts of the body, such as hands, legs and face. The blisters burst and turn into a sore with a yellow crust that gets bigger each day. The sores are itchy and can spread easily to other parts of the skin or to other children and adults if they touch the sores.

If you believe that your child may have a School Sore you will need to keep your child away from school and see your doctor. Your doctor will give you a cream to treat the virus. Check and clean every day. Cover sores with a cloth or plaster to help stop the infection from spreading. Wash your hands with soap and dry thoroughly before and after touching the skin or sores. Make sure your child washes their hands with soap often, and dries them thoroughly, especially if they touch the sores. If the sores do not disappear after a week of start to spread, the child will need to have a follow up visit with the doctor.

Children should not return to school until 24 hours after medication is applied. Please cover the sores with a bandage. Do not send your child to school with an exposed or weeping school sores.

The school has stepped up our hygiene procedures this month to counteract the flu season. Hand sanitiser units are available in all classrooms. Children are encouraged to wash and sanitise their hands 2-3 times a day. All door handles are sanitised nightly and teachers have disinfected in their classrooms to disinfect other areas as required.

2017 Canterbury Spelling Quiz: Last night 65 Yr 7&8 teams participated in the Spelling Quiz at Clearview Primary in Rolleston.

Teachers identified Cassidy Brunel, Lily-Mae Baird and Charlise Phillips as very accurate spellers with outstanding vocabulary, proofreading skills and general word knowledge. Thank you to Nicola Baird for providing transport for the team. First and second places were announced last night, but we will have to wait to see how we ranked against the other schools. Well done Year 8 girls for representing our school at this competition.

FAITH FACT ~ 6 June—9 June Trinity Sunday –

Trinity Sunday will be celebrated this coming Sunday. On his Food for Faith site Father John O'Connor has this to say. "The Trinity is known to be a mystery, but a mystery is often thought to be something that cannot be understood. This is not true. A mystery is something that can only be understood through the eyes of faith. On the site he has posted a great clip that helps us appreciate our relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit; the Trinity. Take a look... it's less than 4 minute long <https://goo.gl/3JRQKw> and will help your understanding.

ST JOSEPH'S TABLE TENNIS

St Joseph's Parish is happy to announce that Table Tennis is now available to play. Four tables will be set up in St Joseph's School Hall every Sunday from 2pm-5pm. Bats & balls will be provided, and coaching will be offered to those willing to learn the sport. We ask for a gold coin donation to help cover the costs. All members of the Parish and the School Community are welcome to come along and have fun playing this very enjoyable sport. For more details, contact John Ralston on 0212288326.

ICT Co-ordinator - Mark Scully

Digital Citizenship Tip for Parents/Caregivers - Passwords

Students are never too young to learn how to protect their information and personal details online. Digital technology often requires a username and password, and the sooner students develop sound habits in managing identity, the better.

We all know how passwords can be difficult to remember, difficult to change, and difficult to keep private from would-be 'hackers' and identity thieves. Young people are more susceptible than others as often passwords are created and forgotten, or even worse, shared with others.

Learning how to manage and secure passwords at a young age is key to establishing sound privacy habits later in life. This may mean a few frustrating episodes at school and at home (ie password resetting), but with perseverance, students will be able to manage their data and information without fear of theft or abuse.

Tips on how to create and remember strong and memorable passwords can be found by following this link. Please take the time to discuss this with your child.

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/7-ways-to-make-up-passwords-that-are-both-secure-memorable>

ICAS next week

Please note the change of times and days. ICAS Spelling will be at 11:00am next Wednesday due to a choir practice at 9:30am. The ICAS writing is on Thursday next week at 9:05am.



Canterbury Spelling Quiz Team

LUNCHES TOMORROW ~ Hot Dogs \$2.50

Thank you to our helpers, **Jill Parkyn and Julianne Blacklow**

PMP PROGRAMME

Thank you to our helpers on next week's roster:
Monday 12 June— **Bendall** **Sutherland**
Tuesday 13 June— **Fairbrass** **Leadley**