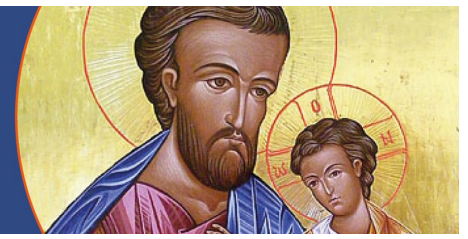




# St Joseph's School

TE KURA O HATO HOHEPA PAPANUI

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



## NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 3 ~ No. 9 ~ 17 September 2020

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

#### Year 7-8 Open Day

A big thanks to the parents who came along to the Year 7-8 Open Day. This event provided us with the chance to share all the exciting learning opportunities that our Senior learners have during their intermediate years at St Joseph's School.

Term 3 has definitely been jam packed with a range of awesome opportunities for these learners to get involved in, such as: EPRO8, Science and Technology Fair, Cantamaths, Friday Sport and the Antarctic Online Research Programme. If you would like to know more about Year 7-8 learning programme, please click on this link to a short video created by our year 8 learners - <https://youtu.be/a1fXvBdE16g>

#### Muftiday

A reminder that the Young Vinnies are running a Mufti Day tomorrow, Friday 18 September. We ask that each child brings to school a non perishable food item that we can donate to the St Vincent de Paul food bank.

#### Enrolment

It is our last call for enrolments. If you, or someone you know, is thinking about enrolling their child at St Joseph's School next year, then please ensure that an enrolment application is submitted to the school office by the 25 September.

The Parish Priests will be available to sign any preference certificates at the Parish Centre from 3-4pm this Friday 18 September.

#### Teacher Only Days

The school has four teacher only days that it can use this year. We have already used two of these days at the start of the year. During term four, a teacher only day is planned for the afternoon of **Friday 16 October**. The school will close at 12.30pm. During the afternoon the staff will come together to look at the community survey feedback and collaboratively develop an action plan to move forward with a number of key issues.

The school will also close for the whole day on **Thursday 12 November**. The majority of the day will be used to start planning for the 2021 school year. This pre planning is essential to ensure that when we draw closer to the start of the new school year, teachers have the information and resources required to develop detailed learning plans.

### Milk In Schools Programme

Fonterra has advised that it will not be continuing with the Milk in Schools programme in 2021. Fonterra will instead support the KickStart Breakfast programme. KickStart is a community run organisation that supports schools to run Breakfast Clubs in schools that have children who might not start the day with a nutritious breakfast. I understand that many parents and students will be disappointed that this is an end of an era for Milk in Schools.

As a Catholic School, we have a number of ways we assist families who need support. The school's Family Care Group provides meals to families who need a little more help during times of stress. St Vincent de Paul also does an amazing job at supporting families in an ongoing way. St Vincent de Paul not only runs a food bank, but also provides budgeting advice service. St Joseph's School also administers funds provided by the Hoatu Trust to support families in urgent need. In the past, these funds have been used to support families who lost their income during COVID as well as purchase shoes and uniforms for families in hardship.

If your family or a family you know is in need and requires support please contact St Vincent de Paul 03389 7484 ext 1 or contact the school office.

### COVID Update

Fingers crossed, we might move down to Alert Level one on Tuesday 22 September. This decision is contingent on cases tracking as they are and maintaining the containment we have seen. The move to Alert Level 1 will be confirmed when Cabinet meets on Monday 21 September.

From today physical distancing requirements on planes and public transport will now be eased. Public transport operators do not need to maintain any seating restrictions or passenger capacity limits. Face coverings continue to be compulsory on public transport (with existing exemptions continuing, including anyone under 12). Face coverings continue to not be required on school transport.

Unfortunately a move down to Alert Level one has not come early enough for some events that were planned to take place this week. **These events included the Tuhono Kapa Haka Competition. This will now take place on Sunday 1st of November.**

**COMMUNION OF SAINTS  
TE KOTAHITANGA O TE HUNGA TAPU**

Part of our current Religious Education learning is the *Communion of Saints strand - The living and the dead*. In the junior school we start by learning about Mary, the greatest Saint and mother of Jesus. As we move up the levels we learn more about other Saints and inspiring people. This strand of learning also covers life, death and Christian hope.



Today, 17 September, we celebrate: **Saint Robert Bellarmine's** Feast day. Saint Robert was born in Italy in 1542 and was one of 10 children. His uncle was Pope Marcellus II, and Robert decided to become a priest at a very young age.

Saint Robert led a humble and caring life. He once gave the curtains in his room to a poor man to use as blankets. He showed his sense of humour when he explained this act of kindness by saying, "The walls won't get cold".

***Saint Robert Bellarmine Pray for Us***

**CONGRATULATIONS**

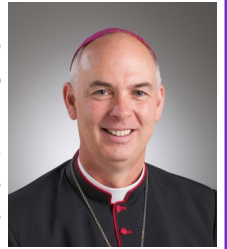
Congratulations to the following learners who received Merit Certificates last week:

**Akihiro Idanan, Angus Spragg, John Kim, Georgia McLaughlin, Peter deBruin, Megan Batilong, Bryle Sayson, Zach Bradley, Kyle Lugtu, Cruz Austin, Abby Baliguat, Brody Leadly, Jonathan de Roo, Joshua Dagting, Ella Brennan, Madelyn Robertson, Ruby Allnutt, William Thornley, Alex Fyall, Sophie Austin, George Townshend, Mia Desquitado, Ben Fraser, Greer Cathro, Isis Silmaro, Daniel Fick, Annabel Skinner, Samuel Thornley, Oliver Jones, Adam Robertson, Zali Rusbatch, Isaiah Dilip and Marley Celedonio.**

***Faith Fact - Week 8, 7 to 11 September***

on "Our Faith, Our Future"

(a pastoral letter from Bishop Paul Martin SM) outlining his vision for the future of the diocese.



**'We are blessed in our diocese with faith-filled people: parishioners, pastoral leaders, school teachers, Religious sisters and brothers and priests. It is your faith that gives me the desire to listen anew to the Holy Spirit speaking among us, and the courage to follow together without fear.'**

**PTA**

**Raffles!** Even though the Quiz Night was cancelled, we still have 12 prizes to raffle off, 10 hampers and 2 norwex bundles. We are selling these every afternoon in front of the office. Tickets—\$2 each, or 3 for \$5.

**Second Hand Uniforms** The PTA is keen to receive any St Joseph's school uniforms which families no longer require. If you are happy to donate any uniforms these can be left with the school office. Thank you.

**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL PTA UNIFORM SALE**

On **Thursday 24 and Friday 25 September 2020** at 2.30pm, the PTA will be holding a second-hand uniform sale. If you would like the PTA to sell a uniform or part of a uniform on your behalf, please fill in the form below and leave the items in a plastic bag in the school office no later than end of day **Monday 21 September 2020**. The PTA will take 50% commission on all items sold and gratefully accept donated items. We are happy to price up items – equally you can nominate the sale price below. You will be notified by phone shortly after the sale to collect the payment and/or the unsold items.

	Item (one per line)	Size	Price	This side PTA use only	
				Sold	Not sold
A			\$	\$	
B			\$	\$	
C			\$	\$	
D			\$	\$	
E			\$	\$	
F			\$	\$	
			Total		
By allowing the PTA to sell uniform items on my behalf, I understand that the PTA will take 50% commission on all items sold.			Less 50%		
The PTA will take care of your property but cannot be held responsible for any unforeseen circumstances such as fire or theft.			To Pay		

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_