



St Joseph's School

TE KURA O HATO HOHEPA PAPANUI

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



NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 1 - No. 3 - 15 February 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

PARENT PARTNERSHIP - A huge thanks to the many parents who came along to the Meet the Teacher Evening last week. I hope that you found this a valuable and informative experience.

The success of the New Zealand Education system is built on the premise that the community has ownership of the school. As a result, the school is governed by an elected group of parents and appointed parish members that sit on the board of trustees.

My experience as an educator, who has worked in a number of schools over the last 22 years, confirms that hallmark of successful schools is the active participation of the parent community. There are many ways parents can make a contribution. Please read the flyer that will be sent home this week and consider not what the school can do for you but what you can do to help us provide your child with a quality education.

HELP WANTED - There are a number of issues around the school we require help with. I am hoping that there is a parent or grandparent who may have the time and skills to help out.

Picnic tables - The hexagonal picnic tables need some TLC. We will provide the wood and tools—we just need a grandparent or parent who is good with a hammer or saw to fix the broken tables. If you can help, please call the office.

Mosaic - We would like to beautify our school with student art. We are looking for a parent or grandparent who may have some artistic flare who could assist children in the middle school design and create a large mosaic using glass tiles. If you can help, please call the office.

SWIMMING - A huge thanks to the parents who have volunteered to assist with the school's swimming programme. We could not continue the programme if we did not have your support. We still need more parents to help us supervise children walking to and from the pool. If you can help, please talk to your child's teacher.

LOST PROPERTY - The school has two lost property bins located outside Ashby 1. They contain the lost property for the whole school. One of the bins contains named uniform items. The second bin contains unnamed uniform items. Please note that unclaimed, unnamed lost property items will be disposed of at the end of the term.

COMMUNICATION - This week I have received feedback from parents relating to not being notified of events. After considering the feedback I was able to confirm that the school had provided parents at least two weeks notice of the event either through the Newsletter, Facebook, School Website, or School-Links (group email or txt)

I encourage all parents to read the Newsletter thoroughly every week. If you have a smartphone I would encourage you to turn on the Facebook notifications so you receive school Facebook posts.

Please ensure we have your correct and up to date contact details on file.

MEASLES - We have been informed by the Public Health Nurse that there has been reported cases of measles in Christchurch. They encourage anyone who has not had the MMR vaccine to contact their family doctor immediately.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON - This year Weetbix is holding a morning and afternoon Tryathlon. I am interested to know who has signed up from St Joseph's School Papanui for this event. If you have registered your child, please ask them to place their name on the register in the office.

I would like to provide a St Joseph's homebase for 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, 25 FEBRUARY

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 this date clashes with the Tryathlon. In this case I encourage the Tryathletes to attend Mass with another class later in the year.

ACCOUNTS

The school accounts have been emailed to all primary caregivers this week. If you have not yet received your statement, please check your spam mail, otherwise advise the school office. The bank account details may not be visible on some devices—the number is 03-0855-0335068-00. A full guide to the 2018 school account can be found on the school website under “Parent Info”.

Please note that Water Polo fees are due in **tomorrow**.

ALTAR SERVING

Last chance to get your altar serving forms in to the Parish Office as teams and rosters are being organized.

NETBALL

Year 3 St Joseph's Netball

Any Year 3 students keen to play netball for St Joseph's this year please contact Nicole Vivian at nicolevivian1@gmail.com or 021 134 5741 to register their interest.

Skills training and games will be on **Thursday** afternoons from 3.40 - 5pm at the Hagley Netball Courts beginning Term 2.

Year 5 St Joseph's Netball

Any Year 5 students keen to play netball for St Joseph's this year please contact Nicole Vivian at nicolevivian1@gmail.com or 021 134 5741 to register their interest.

Skills training and games will be on **Friday** afternoons from 3.40 - 5pm at the Hagley Netball Courts beginning Term 2.

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/>

FAITH FACT—Week 3, 12 February to 16 February

“All Christians, their pastors included, are called to show concern for the building of a better world. This is essential, for the Church's social thought is primarily positive: it offers proposals, it works for change and in this sense it constantly points to the hope born of the loving heart of Jesus Christ.” Pope Francis, [Evangelii Gaudium](#). **How might you “show concern for the building of a better world” during this season of Lent?**

PRE-SCHOOL MUSIC

St Joseph's Parish center Magnific Monday Music start date for 2018 is the 12th of Feb. Come for a chat and cuppa at 9. 9.30 - 10 Music for all. \$3 per child \$5 per family. Hope to see lots there to keep this great thing going! Phone Nessa on 0273040392

PTA LUNCHES

Friday lunches will commence tomorrow with **BBQ Sausages—\$1.50**. Thank you to our volunteer helpers, **Jo Bothwell and Suzie Smith**.

PTA AGM

We offer our thanks to the group of parents who have so generously offered themselves to work on the PTA for the benefit of our children.

If you were unable to attend the AGM, you are most welcome to join the PTA by attending the next meeting on **Monday 12 March, 7.00pm** in the staffroom.

The 2018 PTA committee is:

Matt Darnbrough – President

Kim Allen – Vice President

Susan Woodgate – Treasurer

Catherine de Bruin – Secretary,

Aaron Richards (Principal), Erin Kreft (Teachers' Rep) Cindy Chapman, Vicky Daldry, Denise Howse,

Natasha Lutton, Tim Malone, Vicki Meates. Sarah Sidnell and Nicole Vivian.

MEN'S RETREAT DAY

Retreat day for Men, led by Fr. John O'Connor at Community of Beatitudes. Saturday 24 February. For more information

<http://foodforfaith.org.nz/2018/01/mens-retreat-day/>.

Register before Monday evening 19 February at john@fff.org.nz or 021 444 179

ST JOSEPH'S YOUTH GROUP

The St Josephs Youth Group is up and running again for 2018! Starting on Sunday 25th February Years 8s 6pm-7.30pm and Yr9s-13s 7pm-8.30pm St Gregory's Parish Centre. Feel free to ask any questions! Look forward to seeing you all then. Nicole, Adam and Nathan

stjoespapyg@gmail.com

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

We warmly invite children from Year 4 and older to join this year's First Holy Communion Sacramental Programme.

Enrolment Forms are now available from St Joseph's School office, St Joseph's Parish office, or the St Joseph's Parish website.

Introduction Evening: Wednesday 7 March 7.00 pm

First Reconciliation: Wednesday 30 May 7.00 pm

First Holy Communion Days: Saturday 9 June 6.00 pm Mass or Sunday 10 June 10.00 am Mass.

For further information please contact Irene Maguire on 027 6229415 or irenemaguire100@live.com



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

February 2018

“Cry out with joy to the Lord; Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before him singing for Joy!”



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the new school year. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term. We began our year with an outdoor liturgy and asked for God’s blessings on each class and all our teachers. We welcomed the new teachers and pupils to our St Joseph’s Parish family. At this liturgy we also celebrated Waitangi day. Throughout the liturgy the children showed great reverence. It was a lovely start to the year.

The following is a brief summary of the Religious Education Programme for Term 1.

- Week 1 Prayer/ Charism
- Week 2 Prayer/Charism
- Week 3 Church Strand- Ash Wednesday and Lent lessons
- Week 3-7 Church Strand/ Lent
- Week 8 Palm Sunday/ Lent
- Week 9 Holy Week lessons
- Week 10-11 Easter/ Jesus



Sometimes your child may bring home their R.E. book for you to look at or to complete some work.

The Faith Alive website www.faithalive.org.nz/ has a parent area with the Family-Whanau Religious Education book on it. Go to the site and click on the families button. This book can help you if you are having trouble helping your child with their R.E. homework or if you want to refresh your memory on some of the ideas in the R.E. Curriculum. It also has prayers you can use as a family and an explanation of the Te reo Maori used throughout the RE Curriculum.

This year we have started a new Parish School initiative. Every class will attend a School Mass on a Sunday. This Mass is the last Sunday of each month, at 8.30am during term time, except for the Mass in March which is a week earlier due to Palm Sunday.

The children will be responsible for greetings, readings, prayers of the faithful, offertory, music and powerpoint with the help of myself and their teachers.

We will attend the Mass two classes at a time. Please diarise the dates as all children are expected to attend the appropriate Mass

Sunday Mass Dates for this year are as follows:

25 th February		Mercy 3 -Kealy 2
18 th March		Hanrahan 2 - Timoney 3
27 th May	Trinity Sunday	McAuley 3 – Kealy 1
24 th June	Birth of John the Baptist	Mercy 4 – Ashby 1
29 th July		Hanrahan 1 – McAuley 2
26 th August		Mercy 2 – Ashby 2
23 rd September		McAuley 1 – Timoney 1
28 th October		Mercy 1 – Ashby 3
25 th November	Feast of Christ the King	McAuley 4



Values

This term as a school we are focussing on 'Relationships' through the value of Honesty.

This values will be discussed and practised in the classroom.

"You can not be of service to others when you only have good intentions; action is what is needed." Byron Pulsifer

Young Vinnies

I will meet with the Young Vinnies of 2018 and we will start planning programmes for the year. I am looking forward to a successful year with some exciting projects in mind.

Lenten Programme

During Lent the Catholic community in New Zealand is called to reflect on 'love in action' as an outward sign of our faith.

In each classroom there is a Caritas donation box. Over the forty days of Lent the children are asked to make regular, small donations as part of their Lenten Giving Programme. This is in no way compulsory but it would be great if the children could either give up a treat once a week and put the money instead in the box or have an extra job and earn the money.

Solidarity Day

Our annual Rice Day will be held on Wednesday the 28th of March. This national occasion is formally called Solidarity Day. The dictionary definition of solidarity is 'harmony of interests and responsibilities among individuals in a group, especially as manifested in unanimous support and collective action for something.' Our pupils are asked to forego morning tea and their normal lunch, which will be replaced with a bowl of rice served at school. They are asked to bring a gold coin donation, which will be sent to Caritas, a bowl and a spoon. If your child is unable to eat rice they may bring some plain bread.

Catholic Social Services are available to assist us in the areas of counselling, social work, group work/ education, budget advice, food bank assistance. There is a support group that will assist families in need of food. If you know of someone who is in need of assistance, please encourage them to phone '0800 hungry'. Our Special Character at St Joseph's Parish School is what makes our school so wonderful. We must be constantly aware that our actions need to reflect Jesus so that others we meet are able to see what makes us special. This is easy to do when things are going well. However, when issues arise it can become more difficult. During this Lent, my prayer is that we will allow our Special Character to shine through in each and every contact that occurs in all areas of our community.

Forming Faith Evening

We are having a Forming Faith evening on Wednesday 11th April. This evening is for all new families to the school and is also open to anyone else who would like to come along and find out a bit more about how we can help to foster a closer relationship with God and each other in our children.

Details for this evening will follow at a later date.

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion masses are on the 9th and 10th of June. We wish the children and their families many blessings as they make this faith journey together.

May our Lord bless you and your family with His peace and harmony.

God Bless,
Jacque Culling

"How far you go in life depends on you being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these." George Washington Carver