



St Joseph's School

TE KURA O HATO HOHEPA PAPANUI

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



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

Learner-Led Conferences - A huge thanks to all the parents who turned out to celebrate their children's learning at the Learner-Led Conferences. It was wonderful entering the learning spaces that were humming with the learning conversations between parents and children. It was great to see parents participating in the activities, reading through their reports and discussing learning goals. Taking responsibility for reporting to their parents about their focuses in their learning. Knowing that they have their parents supporting them on their learning journey gives learners self-belief.

It is important that we all continue to work together, teachers providing the learning and parents as cheerleaders. The discussion does not stop here. If you have a question about your child's learning, do not leave it until the conference in Term 4. Instead, if you have questions about your child's learning, contact your child's homeroom teacher so that the learning conversations can continue. We have a very dedicated team of teachers who are committed to ensuring all children are achieving to the best of their ability.

Inter-School Competition - Yesterday the school hosted teams from St Francis of Assisi School for a winter Sport Tournament. The tournament involved all Year 8 learners in four winter sports: Rugby, Soccer, Hockey and Netball. This event reciprocated a basketball tournament that was hosted by St Francis of Assisi last term. It was wonderful seeing learners from both Catholic schools enjoying healthy competition. We hope to be able to plan many more experiences like this with our sister Catholic schools.

Canterbury Cross Country - We wish our Cross Country team well at the Canterbury Cross Country next week. I know that they will do us proud.

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

Samuel Thornley, Isaac Coxon, Lilly Hill, Emma Hubble, Moses Dmello, Jye Pryce, Leila Lynch, Blake Hale, Layla Chappell, Ciaran Phillips, Brooke Docherty, Liam Edmonds-Howse, Isla Bendall, Finn Dolan, David Lane, Eden Perry, Eden Read, Ruby Claessens, Jacob Taylor, Jacob Golding, Janina Melana, Cassin Day, Oliver Stewart, Georgia Crowther, Laylah Reid, Chase Davison, Molly Bone, and Marley Celedonio.

School Improvement - We are always looking at ways we can enhance what we do and how we do it so that it improves learning. All staff participate in ongoing professional development and system review to ensure that children feel safe and engaged in their learning.

An effective school develops a curriculum that delivers consistent, high quality learning across the school. It should not matter what homeroom teacher the learner has in any given year, the learning opportunities should be the same. What will differ, is the way that these opportunities are delivered. At St Joseph's School, teachers work together to analyse the needs of children and use their collective experience and knowledge to develop learning opportunities that accelerate learning.

Last term, I sent out guidelines relating to "Road Safety". Last week I sent out guidelines relating to "Assessment and Reporting Student Achievement". On Monday I sent out guidelines on "Reading the Mid-Year School Report". Every couple of weeks I will continue to send out further guidelines that detail how St Joseph's School plans to provide quality learning in a quality learning environment. So please keep an eye out for these guidelines in upcoming newsletters.

- Homework
- Behaviour Management
- Attendance and Supervision
- Learning Support
- School Uniform
- Special Character
- Home and School Communication
- Your School Account
- Knowing Your School Community
- Complaints and concerns

Excellence in Online Learning - On Tuesday the school hosted representatives from the International Antarctic Centre. The school is the proud host of a giant resin penguin statue that is now located in the reception area. Over the next few weeks, our year 7-8 learners will decorate the penguin ready for public display.

Enrolment 2021 - St Joseph's School Papanui is now calling for applications for enrolment for the 2021 year. If you have a child or know of someone who wants to enrol their child at St Joseph's School in 2021, then you need to submit your application for enrolment soon. Applications for enrolment for the 2021 school year close on 25 September 2020. Applications for enrolment after this date will only be accepted if there is space.

Please note that if your children are already enrolled at the school you do not need to re-enrol them.

News from the Board of Trustees

A big thank you from the Board of Trustees to parents that continue to volunteer their time to support the school community. From keeping our children safe on Road Patrol and keeping them fed with yummy Friday lunches, to the work the Family Care group does in supporting families in our community, play a valuable part in upholding our school's special character. There are so many more special people in our school community, the list is very long, who without their tireless work, none of this could be possible. God Bless them!

Unfortunately however, over the past few weeks, we have observed behaviour from a small group of our parent community which are not in keeping with the St Joseph's School Special Character. Our vision statement is: *"Empowering students to become confident, motivated learners, living Gospel Values."* Please keep our Vision in mind and use the processes in place to appropriately communicate any questions or concerns.

We teach and encourage children to live the Gospel Values of Love, Respect, Honesty, Integrity, Trust, Forgiveness, Service, Compassion, Faith and Social Justice and it is important that our parent community also exhibits these same values in their interactions with people that make up our School Community. As a Board of Trustees, we are committed to the wellbeing of our wonderful teachers. By caring for them, we are enabling them to care for our children.

It has been an extremely challenging year for everyone, so please remember to be kind, be patient and not lose sight of what is important.

Cedreece Tamagushiku
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

School Dance - Two school dances will be held **next Friday 14 August**. Tickets \$5.

Yr 4-6 dance from 5.30pm—7.00pm

Yr 7-8 dance from 7.30pm—9.00pm.

Food and drink will be on sale, thanks to our PTA.

PMP - We appreciate the help from the following families at PMP next week:

Monday 10 August **Ollattapuram Albert**
Vega Reynoso

Tuesday 11 August **Kamo-Vertogen**
Blackburn

PTA LUNCHES TOMORROW—BBQ Sausages—\$1.50

Thank you to our volunteer helpers -
Suzy Smith and Cindy Chapman

MERCY 1 LITURGY POSTPONED

The Mercy 1 Liturgy that was timetabled to be on tomorrow has been postponed. The new date for their Liturgy is in Week 7, Friday 4 September.

ASSUMPTION OF MARY LITURGY FRIDAY 14 AUGUST



Kealy 1 will lead us in a special Liturgy next week about the Assumption of Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. This special Liturgy will take a little longer than usual and will be held at **11am and again at 2pm**. Families are welcome to attend. Thank you Mrs Kreft and Kealy 1 for the hard work that is going into preparing for this occasion.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children who celebrated their first Holy Communion on Sunday.

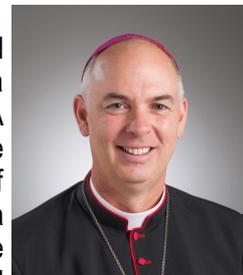
It was a joy to see so many families and whanau celebrating this special occasion with their children.



Faith Fact - Week 3 ~ 3-7 August

based on "Our Faith, Our Future" (a pastoral letter from Bishop Paul Martin SM) outlining his vision for the future of the diocese.

'Healthy families and organisations need good leadership, not simply a coordination of views and opinions. A diocesan bishop is appointed to be much more than the facilitator of ministries. A bishop is called to be a leader, knowing and understanding the treasure that is Catholic Faith, and ensuring that this faith is communicated as the person of Jesus Christ who is the answer to every human need and the purpose of every diocesan and parish project. I am committed to doing my best to serve you in this way.'



WHAT NOW

'What Now' has been a favourite children's TV show in Aotearoa for nearly 40 years! On **Sunday 23rd August** they are broadcasting live from the grounds of **Bishopdale Primary** and **families are invited to be part of the live audience!** This is a fantastic opportunity for a free, fun community morning while experiencing live TV! Plus, the What Now Presenters would love to meet families for photos and autographs after the show. All family & friends are welcome to this community event. As space is limited, it will be on a first in basis. To register online go to -

<https://houseoffunge.tv/audience-signup>