



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

Collaboration - "Collaboration" is a developmental theme for the school this year. As a school we are looking at how we can enhance the way teachers work together to improve student learning. As they say "two heads are better than one". This is no more so than in teaching. We are very lucky to have a faculty that consists of teachers with a range of experience and skills. Sharing this strength and talent will ensure that we can provide children with a quality education.

Already you may have noticed subtle changes in the way we do things. For example, most of the teams ran team "Meet the Teacher" meetings at the start of the year. Another example is the way that some children work with different teachers in the team for different subjects. Yet another example is two classes working together on an activity such as prayer time in the morning.

It is my belief that fostering a collaborative environment will best utilize the talents and experience of our teachers and will ensure that students are provided learning opportunities that are engaging and meet their individual needs.

Teacher News - A huge congratulations to Mrs Ward who is pregnant with her second child. Mrs Ward is due midway through Term 2.

Tomorrow we will farewell Mrs Fletcher who has been teaching in Mercy 3 this term. Mrs Fletcher is relocating to Timaru with her husband. I would like to thank Mrs Fletcher for all her hard work this term and wish her well for the future. Mrs Kearns will teach in Mercy 3 for the rest of the term.

Life Education - Harold the Giraffe and the Life Education van will visit our school next week. Life Education is a charity that educates and empowers children to make healthy choices so they can live full and healthy lives. Every year they teach over 250,000 children about their body, friendships, their identity, food and nutrition and helpful and harmful substances. The cost of the Life Education visit is covered by the Activity Fee. The focus with the Life Education visit this year is:

Feelings, Problem Solving,
Empathy, Teamwork.

LIFE EDUCATION
Learning with Harold



St Joseph's Day Celebration—Friday 22 March

This will be celebrated with a Mass at St Gregory's followed by lunch and activities back at school. More details in next week's newsletter.

School Swimming Sports - The School Swimming Sports took place yesterday. The event ran very smoothly thanks to the organisation of Mrs Verweij. It was wonderful watching all the children competing. St Joseph's School has a number of very talented swimmers. I am looking forward to hearing about their success at the upcoming Zone Swimming Competition.

Over the next week Mrs Verweij will work her way through the swimming results. The top placegetters will be identified and parents will be informed of their entry into the zone competition.

Thanks to the many parent volunteers who assisted at the swimming competition. The large number of helpers made running the event very easy. So thank you all for your support.

Duathlon - The school Duathlon will take place on Tuesday 12 March. This event is open to all learners in Years 5-8. At the event, children will Run-Bike-Run. For some of our learners this is the second multisport event in the four event season that also includes the Weetbix Tryathlon, McDonalds Duathlon and the Canterbury Schools' Duathlon. Year 5 & 6 children are to come to school in their sports uniform on Tuesday.

Chinese Homestay - St Joseph's School, Villa Maria College and St Bede's College will be hosting a group of over thirty students from China from the 3-6 July. Twelve students will be located at St Joseph's School. We would like to hear from families who would be interested in providing homestay accommodation for these children for three nights. If you are interested please call the school office.

If you have a Year 6-7 child at school who may be interested in being part of the Global Youth Ambassador Programme (GYAP) in 2020, then please think about hosting a student. The GYAP selection process gives priority to students who have hosted other international students.

In Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Edmund Sullivan (Hanrahan 2) and Wilbur Sullivan (Hanrahan 1) on the death of their grandfather, and also great grandfather to Nikita Chapman (Kealy 1) and Jayden Chapman (Ashby 1). Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families at this sad time.



NETBALL

Year 4—St Joseph's School

Any Year 4 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 6—St Joseph's School

Any Year 6 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.

Practices will be on a Wednesday after school and games will be on **Friday** afternoons from 3.40 - 5pm at the Hagley Netball Courts beginning Term 2.

Marist Albion Netball Club

U13, U12 trials will be held on Sunday 10th March in the Villa Maria College Gymnasium, 21 Peer St, Upper Riccarton (carparking is available on Brodie Street).

U13 9-11:30am, U12 11:30am – 1pm

Please arrive 30min prior to the start of the trial to receive your trial number and to warm-up.

Please register using the appropriate form on the Marist Albion Netball website

www.sporty.co.nz/maristnc

LUNCHES TOMORROW—HOT DOGS \$2.50

(Gluten Free options available)

Thank you to our volunteer helpers -

Kim Ric-Hansen and Tash Edlin



2019 SCHOOL FUNDRAISER TICKET **ST JOSEPH'S**



CRUSADERS

v BRUMBIES

5.15pm, Saturday 6 April
Christchurch Stadium

TICKETROCKET.CO.NZ
PROMO: ST JOSEPHS

Our school has been selected to participate in this new fundraiser where the school earns \$4 per adult ticket and \$3 per child ticket sold. To take part in this fundraiser, you must purchase your tickets via the following link:

<https://www.ticketrocket.co.nz/event/details/187375/crusaders-v-brumbies>

- * Scroll to where you see "promo code" and enter st josephs. Click on Go
- * Scroll down and click on Buy Now
- * Choose the quantity of "School Fundraiser" seats you require (SchoolAD and/or SchoolCH)
- * Scroll and click to Sign In/Register
- * Proceed to payment.

Getting to the Game

The following can be purchased after school for \$5 each on a first in first served basis:

- 100 carpark passes
- 45 seats on a Red Bus going to and from the game (leaving from school)

On the Night

Every child who comes as part of the fundraiser will receive a free Hellers Take A Kid To Footy Goodie Bag. This is a collectable boot bag which has a 400ml Pump bottle, a bag of Heartland Chips and a sweet treat, plus a giveaway from Hellers inside.

They will also get access to the Mobil Smiles Fun Zone - a new inflatable area behind the West Stand.

This promotion is open to EVERYONE so please share with your friends and family!