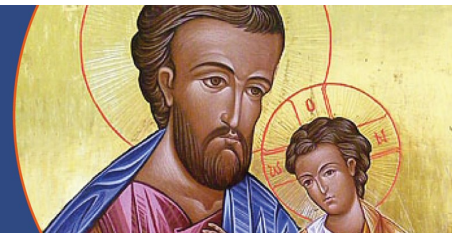




St Joseph's School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

Lent

This week the school moved into the Lenten season. The week was kicked off with singing and lots of energy from a visiting international mission team from Wellington. On Wednesday, Father John lead a staff liturgy where the ashes were distributed. As we do not have a church that can fit the whole school for an Ash Wednesday Mass, the ashes were distributed by the teachers in the classrooms. Ash Wednesday moves the church / school into a time of personal reflection. Father John encouraged us to look within and identify those things we could change to deepen our relationship with God. Lent is not always about giving up things, it can actually be a time when we should do more — more for others, more prayer, attend mass more often.



Rice Day

Please remember it is **Rice Day** tomorrow. All children are required to bring a named bowl and spoon to school. The liturgy for the Middle and Senior Teams will take place at 11am in the hall. The liturgy for the Junior and Junior Middle will take place at 11.40am. Parents and friends of the school are welcome to attend. A big thanks to the parents who are coming along to cook and serve the rice.

Property Development

The new classrooms are underway. This week the foundation for the buildings were dug out. Instead of losing the valuable topsoil we have decided to reuse this to improve landscaping around the school. This includes developing a grassy knoll between Cremin and the junior playground. We will also be relocating the magnolia tree near the cricket nets to this sight. In the years ahead this should provide the children with a lovely shady spot to relax.

The cricket nets will shortly be removed to make way for the new block. The cricket nets will be relocated down the field near the fort.

The willow is the next tree to go. We have consulted an arborist who has advised us that the tree is unsafe. The tree has already lost a number of heavy limbs. To ensure that we retain our park like setting we will also be planting a number of trees around the field to fill in the gaps.

Cyber Safety

St Joseph's School operates a BYOD programme where senior students bring their own devices to school. The school has a number of system safeguards in place that ensure students are safe when accessing the internet. No system can protect students 100% so we emphasise the importance of being a good digital citizen. All students who use digital devices at school and access the school's digital network are required to sign an ICT users agreement. This agreement outlines our expectation on the use of devices at school. The school operates a zero tolerance for behaviour that does not comply with the ICT users agreement. The teachers have advised me that such issues are very rare at St Joseph's School. However I thought it appropriate to inform parents that in the event that digital devices were used inappropriately the school would respond by removing the device from the child until such time a meeting with parents could be organised.

Sexuality Education

Sexuality Education is taught throughout the school. This will take place in week 9 and 10 this term. Although the name of this topic can raise eyebrows, I can assure parents that the content of the programme is moderate at best. Concepts taught during the programme cover basics such as "our origin as a baby pre and postnatally", our body, body change and puberty. These concepts are packed in our Catholic Theology relating to human dignity and sacredness of our body and respect (love).

To ensure that parents are well informed about the programme, a Sexuality Education Consultation meeting will take place at **7pm on Wednesday 15 March** in Cremin. The meeting is open to parents of children of all ages and will start with a brief introduction and overview of the programme. This will be followed by a workshop session where parents can ask team leaders questions about the programme.

Welcome

We welcome **Earl Vijuan** who started as a New Entrant in Timoney 3 this week. We hope he enjoys his time at St Joseph's School.



Term Events

Last week saw the end to daily swimming. The reports back from the teachers confirmed that many children have made significant improvement with their confidence in the water and swimming technique. For our middle and senior students this will be demonstrated next week at the school's **Swimming Competition** at Jellie Park. Information about the event has been sent home and the programme is now listed. This is a public event where parents and friends of the school are encouraged to come along and support the children. I look forward to seeing you there.

This week the **Cycle Safe** Instructors from the Christchurch City Council visited St Joseph School to work with students in Years 4-6. This was a busy week that saw the children practicing their cycle skills on the streets around the school. The children have enjoyed this programme. Many of the children have taken the opportunity to practice cycling at home while others have started cycling to school.

It has also been a busy time for the year 7-8 students who have been preparing for **Market Day**. I have been told that this is an eagerly anticipated St Joseph's School event where students in the Senior school plan and organise market stalls. The purpose of the Market Day is to raise money for the missions. Market Day will take place on Friday the 10th of March.

19 March is the annual Feast Day of **St Joseph**. As this falls on a Sunday this year, we will celebrate the day on **Friday 17 March**. We will travel to St Gregory's for Mass at 10.00am. Then return to school for fun activities. Children will wear PE gear as they will rotate between activities in their houses Juniors can wear suitable mufti.

The PTA will kindly provide a sausage sizzle lunch and an ice block treat.

Ash Wednesday week—Pray During Lent

What do we do when we're facing an upcoming big event, celebration, or special occasion in our lives? We prepare for it. Holy Week and Easter are "big events" in the liturgical year of the Church and in the spiritual life of a Christian. So, as Christians, we prepare spiritually for these through the forty days of Lent. This means that, during Lent, we rededicate ourselves to prayer. There are as many ways to pray as there are prayers in this world, but a few prayer methods can help us in particular to spiritually prepare ourselves during Lent. Here are a couple of ideas:

Make your abstinence a prayer-in-action.

As Catholics we are called to give up something for Lent. Chocolate, coffee, that extra helping of dinner, one less hour of video games or watching DVDs—whatever it is, you can make what you're giving up for Lent a prayer as well: a prayer-in-action. Whenever you encounter the thing you are abstaining from or the time of day that you would normally enjoy it, take a moment to say a prayer in recognition of your wholeness in God even without the thing you have given up. Thank God for the freedom to be wholly yourself without this and, at the same time, acknowledge the gift of its existence in the world.

Pray the Stations of the Cross.

One of the most common traditions of Lent is to pray the **Stations of the Cross**. This prayer helps us reflect on the passion and death of Christ in preparation for Good Friday observance and the Easter celebration. Check your local parish Web site or bulletin for listings of when a Stations of the Cross prayer service is being offered, or try one of the many online resources available.



SJS SWIMMING SPORT PROGRAMME **Wednesday 8th March 2016, 11.30am-3pm** **JELLIE PARK**

WIDTHS

FREESTYLE GIRLS	(3 heats)
FREESTYLE BOYS	(2 heats)
BACKSTROKE GIRL	(1 heat)
BACKSTROKE BOYS	(1 heat)

25m FREESTYLE

GIRLS	(9 yrs 2 heats)	(10 yrs 2 heats)
	(11 yrs 2 heats)	(12 yrs 2 heats)
BOYS	(9 yrs 3 heats)	(10 yrs 2 heats)
	(11 yrs 3 heats)	(12 yrs 2 heats)

50m FREESTYLE

GIRLS	(Each age group will be timed)
BOYS	(Each age group will be timed)

25m BACKSTROKE

GIRLS	(9 yrs 2 heats)	(10 yrs 2 heats)
	(11 yrs 2 heats)	(12 yrs 1 heat)
BOYS	(9 yrs 3 heats)	(10 yrs 2 heats)
	(11 yrs 3 heats)	(12 yrs 1 heat)

50m BACKSTROKE

GIRLS	(Each age group will be timed)
BOYS	(Each age group will be timed)

25m BREASTSTROKE

GIRLS	(9 yrs)	(10 yrs 1 heat)
	(11 yrs 1 heat)	(12 yrs 1 heat)
BOYS	(9 yrs 2 heats)	(10 yrs 1 heat)
	(11 yrs 1 heat)	(12 yrs 1 heat)

50m BREASTSTROKE

GIRLS	(Each age group will be timed)
BOYS	(Each age group will be timed)

25m BUTTERFLY

GIRLS	(Open 1 heat)
BOYS	(Open 1 heat)

4 X 25m FREESTYLE RELAY (Time permitting)

Year 8 HOUSE RELAY Mixed (boys and girls)

Age on 1 January 2017 If your child is 8 years of age and in Yr 5 they will be racing with the 9 year olds. There will be **no finals for the 25m races**, due to the inclusion of the 50m events this year.

YEAR 8 NETBALL TEAM

The St Joes Year 8 netball team is looking for an experienced coach for the up and coming season. Great bunch of girls and well established team (played in highest grade for age for the past 2 years). Have a really supportive bunch of parents behind them who are more than happy to help out.

Contact: Paula Quayle on 027 809 8553

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

A reminder to parents/caregivers of Yr 4 students that enrolments for this year's First Holy Communion programme are due this **Friday 3rd** and the parent information evening is next Wednesday 8th March.

LENT 2017

There is a weekly early morning Mass offered for Lent each Wednesday 7.00 - 7.30 am at St Gregory's Chapel starting Wed 8th March

Stations for the Cross at St Gregory's Church will begin on Friday 10th March at 7.00 pm



“PTA - St Joseph's School, Papanui”

PTA NEWS

• **2017 Committee**

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. This year's committee is: Matt Darnbrough **President**, Kim Ric-Hansen **Vice-President**, Katrina Knill **Treasurer**, Catherine de Bruin **Secretary**, Aaron Richards **Principal**, Erin Krefit **Teachers' Rep.** Kate Clarkson, Belinda Rawlings, Cindy Chapman, Natasha Lutton, Nicole Vivian, Vicki Meates, Vicky Daldry, Denise Howse, Sarah Sidnell and Susan Woodgate.

• **Friday Lunches**

“The PTA is desperate for some more volunteers to help out with Friday Lunches. This simple fundraiser made nearly \$10,000 for the school last year and the kids would be lost without it. It's really easy - you simply take orders for 30 minutes before school starts, then come back about 11.30am for 90 minutes to cook the sausages & hand them out. You only get rostered 3-4 times a year too, so it's not too much of a burden. If you, or anyone you know, would like to get involved, get in touch with Vicky on 027 442 2063 or vicky@protranz.com”

• **Wednesday lunches sorted with luncheonline**

It's simple; all you need to do is register at www.luncheonline.co.nz and follow 4 easy steps to get started

- 1 Register an account
- 2 Add member/s including your child's name, school and classroom
- 3 Make a payment so you have funds in your account before you order
- 4 Select your lunch and place an order



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FREE DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN—INCLUDING SPECIAL INFORMATION REGARDING YR 8 STUDENTS

The Community Dental Service preventive mobiles will be visiting our school soon.

They will be aiming to see that all school age children enrolled with the Community Dental Service have their dental check-up in the dental mobile while it is here.

Year 8 students: all year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from year 9 until their 18th birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable them to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their year 8 check-up.

To do this they will be asking the school to provide your child's name, address and your contact information.

The dental therapist will not only be checking the children's teeth but will also Xray, clean, and apply protective treatments fluoride and or Fissure sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required

If your child requires further dental care such as fillings they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required

When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our **Call Centre as soon as possible** as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care

Please let them know ASAP if you do not wish your child to have any of this care, you can talk to the staff in the mobile or phone/email our Call Centre

If you wish to be present at your child's check up this will need to take place at our community clinic so please phone/email our **Call Centre** to make an appointment

Please contact the Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)

To contact the Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

GUITAR AND UKULELE LESSONS

Pat Kearns takes lessons at St Joseph's school and anyone interested in learning the guitar or ukulele can contact him on 349 2689 or 027 277 4023.
Email pat.kearns001@clear.net.nz

PAPANUI REDWOOD FOOTBALL Open Day
Sunday 5 March—10am to 12pm at Owen Mitchell Park.
Register now via www.papanuirewoodafc.co.nz or email president@papanuirewoodafc.co.nz