



St Joseph's School

TE KURA O HATO HOHEPA PAPANUI

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



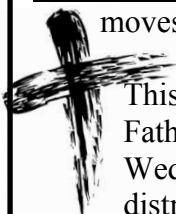
NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 1 - No. 3 - 23 February 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

Earthquake Commemoration—Yesterday the City commemorated the 6th anniversary of the February earthquake that shattered our city. The anniversary is an appropriate time to remember the lives of these who were tragically lost during this natural disaster. As a community it is important that we open our hearts to these families and provide them with comfort and prayers at this time.

We also need to recognise that there are many members of our community who are struggling to recover from the earthquakes. The effect of the earthquake is varied with emotional scars still healing, income from other families impaired and a few still struggling with insurance companies for repairs on their homes. We pray that God continue to give us strength to overcome this trial.

Lenten Season—Next week the Catholic Church moves into the most dynamic season of the church year - Lent.



This will kick off with Ash Wednesday. Father John will visit the staff on Wednesday morning. The ashes will be distributed in class.

The school will also host a youth mission team from Wellington next week. The mission team will visit all four syndicate teams throughout the day.

The Diocesan Administrator, Father Rick Loughan has written to all Catholic groups and agencies. He has requested that as a school we use the Lenten season as a time for reflection. As a worship the community we will use prayer to initiate the reflection process.

Welcome—We welcome **Madison Fairbrass** who started as a New Entrant in Timoney 3 this week. We hope she enjoys her time at St Joseph's School.



Internet Safety - Last year the school organised a parent workshop that focused on cybersafety. For many of us, cybersafety is something that we are aware of but have not experienced as children growing up in the 1980 and 1990 when the internet was in its infancy. So it is important that as a community we work together to keep our children safe.

As a parent it is imperative that we are aware of what our children are doing online. Sometimes games and apps that appear innocent can have dangerous hooks. This can be avoided if parents take a little time out of their day and walk in the footsteps of their children and play some of the games that children are using. This will ensure that there are no surprises.

Education Outside the Classroom—A Parent Consent form has been sent home today with every family. Please sign and return this from to the school office as soon as possible.

Community Celebrations—As a community it is also important that we celebrate the wonderful achievements of our children. We will endeavour to do this by acknowledging school success in the school newsletter and Facebook page. We would also like to hear about student achievement outside of school, so if your child, or if you know of a past pupil who has had success, please let us know so that we can celebrate their accomplishment.

Congratulations to Caitlin Quayle who attended the New Zealand Junior Swimming Champs for the South Island in Timaru last week.



Weetbix Tryathlon—This event takes place on Sunday. I understand that there are a number of children from St Joseph's participating. I would be interested to hear from any parents who would like to take responsibility to erect the school gazebo. Good luck to all the tryathletes.

STANDARDISE TESTING

We will administer standardise assessments in the first week of March. A range of assessments will provide teachers with information of every child's learning needs. This information will supplement what teachers already know about their children and will be used for goal setting. Year 3 children will sit a Mathematics and Reading assessment while Year 4 to 8 will sit Mathematics, Listening and additional assessments in Reading.

If a child is absent during this period, teachers will organise a 'catch up'. *Marietjie Verweij*

SOLIDARITY DAY (RICE AND WATER DAY)

Kia ora koutou,

Next Friday the **3rd of March** is Solidarity Day. We have a group of volunteers who will cook and serve rice for the whole school, for lunch. They would like to borrow a few extra rice-cookers. If you have a rice-cooker you could lend us for the day please bring it to the hall or office before school on the Friday morning.

Please make sure it is named. You can pick it up after lunch or school in the office foyer.

The children need to bring a few crackers or plain bread for morning tea and a bowl with a spoon, fork or chopsticks for lunch. Please do not send any additional food.

They are also asked to bring a gold coin donation. This will go to Caritas who will use it to help those in need in the Pacific Region. Thank you and God Bless, *Jacque Culling*

SWIMMING SPORTS

A notice has gone home to all Middle and Senior students re the swimming sports on Wednesday 8 March. It does mention that the programme was on the reverse of the notice, but the programme is still being finalized and will be attached to next week's Newsletter.

SCOOTER MISSING since Friday 10 February

Purple scooter with distinctive wheels one bright pink and one wheel purple. Please call 0210311557 if it has mistakenly taken home. Thank you

LUNCHES TOMORROW—HOT DOGS—\$2.50

Thank you to our helpers, **Phil Brown & Tarsh Edlin.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Enrolments for this year's programmes close on Friday 3rd March. Enrolment evening for parents is Wed 8th March

Forms are available from the school office or from the Parish Website

<http://stjosephspapanui.weebly.com/sacramental-programmes.html>

Week 4

A Prayer of Thanks for all God's Children

Lord our God We thank you that you made each one of us in your image and likeness, and that we are all your beloved children.

We pray for the children we teach. We pray for children who

... make us smile;	... challenge our way of thinking;
... test our patience;	... we find easy to like;
... we find difficult to like;	... are bright;
... are hardworking;	... find learning tough;
... get on our nerves;	... are a delight;
... like to laugh;	... always look sad;
... always look lost;	... talk all the time;
... never say a word;	... are easily overlooked;
... are impossible to ignore;	
... remind us of ourselves when we were younger!	

We thank you for all the children/students who have an impact on our lives and for the privilege of having an impact on their lives.

Lord, help us not to label those we teach or to fall into the trap of thinking we have got them sussed. Help us to be open to new revelations and the work of your Holy Spirit in each of their lives.

Lord, use those we teach to teach us. Help us to be Christ-like at all times; seeing each one with your eyes and valuing them with your heart of love.

We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus the teacher. Amen

ECUMENICAL ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

7.30 pm Wednesday 1st March St Gregory's Church
Join us for a beautiful liturgy with the combined Churches in our community.

During the service the Ashes will be distributed. The ICPE Mission Team will also be part of this liturgy.

Tea and coffee to follow the service.

Ash Wednesday Masses - Wednesday 1st March

We have two morning Masses available this year.

7.00 am and 9.15 am at St Joseph's Parish Centre.

Ashes will be distributed at both of these Masses.

MARIST ALBION NETBALL CLUB

Junior netball team trials will be held on Saturday 11th March (with Sunday 12th March as a back-up in case of rain). U13 and up 9 - 11am; U11 and U12 1 - 3:30pm. Please register via the website: www.sporty.co.nz/maristnc

MARIST HOCKEY—Open Evenings

Girls (Year 3-4) —Friday 24 March, 4-6pm.

Boys (Year 1-6) Friday 3 March 4-6pm.

Bring along sports shoes, mouth guard, shin pads—the rest is provided. Registration and player information is available at www.maristhockey.co.nz

WHAT NOW

Do you love sports? Are you fit and Active?

Are you between the ages of 8-11? What now would love you and two friends to compete in Tamariki Titans Challenges! You'll be racing against another team of speedsters live on TV, taking on anything from sit ups, to star jumps and to burpees and more ultimate glory! Send you team name, members and contact details to katemorgan@whitebaitmedia.com and you could be on live TV.

