



# St Joseph's School

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## NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 4 - No. 7 - 6 December 2018

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK** - Aaron Richards

**Teacher Changes** - On behalf of the St Joseph's School community I would like to congratulate Mr Scully (Hanrahan 2) who has been appointed as the Principal of St Joseph's School in Fairlie. I would also like to congratulate Ms Smith (Timoney 1) who has been appointed as Team Leader at Cheviot Area School. This is a great opportunity for both teachers and we wish them well.

Over the next few weeks we will be working to fill these positions. In the meantime, Mrs Verweij will step in as the Senior Team Leader.

There are a couple of other staffing changes that will take place in the new year. Mrs Burt has been appointed the new Junior/Middle Team Leader. The school will also welcome back Sally Ward who has been on maternity leave for the last year. Mrs Ward will return to the Junior/Middle Team. Mr McGuire will move into the Year 8 classroom while Mrs Culling will move into the Junior Team.

The teacher placements for the 2019 are as follows:

#### **Senior Team**

Marietjie Verweij (acting Team Leader term 1)  
McAuley 1- **Phil Gray**, McAuley 2 - **Kim Collins**,  
Hanrahan 1-**Alice Johns**, Hanrahan 2- **Matt McGuire**

#### **Middle Team**

Mercy 4—Erin Kreft (Team Leader)  
Mercy 3 - To be confirmed  
Mercy 2 - David Harrison Mercy 1 - Mel Walsh

#### **Junior/Middle Team**

Kealy 1 - Karen Burt (Team Leader),  
Kealy 2 - Sally Ward McAuley 1 - Nina Kickhefer,  
McAuley 2 Philippa Green

#### **Junior Team**

Liz Beattie (Team Leader) Timoney 1 - tbc  
Timoney 3 - Annette Fraser Ashby 1 - Angela Gilligan  
Ashby 2 - Jacque Culling Ashby 3 - Anne Woods

**Class Lists** - Your child's classroom placement will be sent home to you on Monday 10 December. Due to privacy issues the school is unable to publish a class list of students.

Because class composition factors in a balance of students, genders, academic and relationship issues it is difficult at this stage to make changes. If parents have any serious concerns regarding their child's classroom placement then please contact the office and book a time to talk to myself. All feedback provided by parents is given due consideration.

**Transition afternoon** - A transition afternoon will take place from 2.00pm to 3.00pm on Wednesday, 12 December. This is an opportunity to welcome new students transferring to our school from an other school as well as provide current students the chance to meet their new teacher and classmates. It is our hope that this will ease the transition back to school by removing any anxiety and filling minds with positive thoughts about the 2019 school year.

**Getting Reading for School** - The school website holds a huge amount of useful information. If you want to know something, first check the school's website - [www.stjopapa.school.nz](http://www.stjopapa.school.nz). The school's website contains detailed information relating to 2019 stationery and uniform requirements.

- **Uniform** - Uniform items can be purchased from Mainland Uniforms on Wairakei Road.
- **Stationery** - The easiest way to purchase stationery is through OfficeMax. Simply go onto [www.myschool.co.nz/stjopapa](http://www.myschool.co.nz/stjopapa), select the appropriate class then identify the items on the stationery list you want to order. Enter your credit card details and confirm your purchase. Your stationery will be delivered to your home address before the school term begins.

**School Reports** - School reports will be sent home on Friday 14 December for students in Year 3-8. Please check your child's bag for this information. Student reports will be given to Year 1-2 students who are attending a student led conference next week. Please note that if your child attended a student-led conference in Term Three they will have been provided their report then. Their next report is due next year.

**Returning to school in 2019** - The School Office will be closed from Friday 21 December and will reopen on Monday 28 January.

The first day of school for the 2019 school year is **Friday 1 February**. This has been pushed back a day so that staff can attend an important professional development opportunity. I have listed the term dates below. This information is also included on the school website.

- Term 1 Friday 1 February to Friday 12 April
- Term 2 Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July
- Term 3 Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September
- Term 4 Monday 14 October to Thursday 19 Dec

## YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS -

We have been advised by the CDHB that they are finalising the schedule for the vaccination programme. This is scheduled to take place at our school on Monday 4th March 2019. The Public Health Nurse will be dropping the consent forms for families to complete before the vaccinations take place next year

## SCHOOL PRODUCTION

For all children going to the Aurora Centre on Monday the 17th of December (All Year 7 and 8 students and any child from year 3 - 8 doing an extra dance), we will now all travel by bus from the school at 9.00 am and return to school by 2.30pm. **No student is to meet us at the Aurora Centre on the Monday.** For the full school rehearsals on the Tuesday and Wednesday parents are asked to still drop their child/ren off at the Aurora Centre in the morning. If this is not possible, please fill out the bus forms for Tuesday and Wednesday.

### COMING EVENTS

7 Dec	Year 7 Leadership Day Year 8 Retreat.—Yr 8 parents are welcome to attend Mass at 9.15am in the Parish Centre.
10 Dec	Road Patrol training PTA mtg, 7pm in the staffroom
11 Dec	BOT mtg, 5.30pm in the Conference room.
13 Dec	End of Year Leavers Mass, 1.15pm, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. <i>All students will travel by bus.. Due to limited space in the Pro Cathedral we can only invite parents of Yr 8 students to attend.</i>
14 Dec	Farewell Liturgy for leaving staff, 9.30am outside McAuley1(if fine) <i>All welcome.</i> Year 8 Leavers' Lunch
17 Dec	Production rehearsal for some performers (Refer to separate letter)
18 Dec	Production rehearsal and Performance, 7pm
19 Dec	School Production Matinee, 1pm School Production Performance, 7pm
20 Dec	Y8 Valedictory Parade, 11.30am School finishes, 12.00 noon.
1 Feb 2019	First day of 2019 school year for all students

### FAITH FACT 3—7 December

On Saturday 8th December the Church celebrates the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Who does the Immaculate Conception refer to?** There's a popular idea that it refers to Jesus' conception by the Virgin Mary. **It doesn't!** Instead, it refers to the special way in which the Virgin Mary herself was conceived. People often get the Immaculate Conception, the Annunciation and The Assumption all mixed up. Not any more! This simple video clip explains some things you need to know [about Mary](#)



## PTA - ARTWORKS FUNDRAISER

All artwork has arrived and hopefully has made its way home safely! Thank you to all the parents who supported this fundraiser.

One parent ordered 5 calendars but left no details on the form. We have tried to track down the family but have had no luck. If you are expecting 5 calendars and none have arrived please come and see me in Mercy 4 and we will get it sorted. Thanks Erin Kreft.

## LUNCHES TOMORROW—BBQ SAUSAGES, \$1.50

Thank you to our volunteer helpers—**Tash Edlin** and **Jessica Garlick**

## MISSIONS

Mission money collected each week has been distributed as follows:

Caritas	\$ 1,500
St Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 1,000
Catholic Social Services	\$ 500
City Mission	\$ 500
Marralomedea	\$ 300
Family Life	\$ 200
Faith and Light	\$ 200

As well as the above we also donated:

- \$2,000 to Caritas from our Lenten Appeal
- \$1,000 to Mufti Mania in July

## DIOCESAN FEES FOR OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Diocesan fees (Attendance Dues & Catholic Special Character Contributions) for 2019 is set at \$320.00 per child, annually. Parents are reminded of their obligation to pay these fees, as agreed to, at the time your child started at St Josephs' School.

If you have difficulty paying these diocesan fees please contact Fr John.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

The Christmas Mass times for parishes in the Christchurch Diocese are available online at [www.chchcatholic.nz](http://www.chchcatholic.nz)

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to sanctify - to teach - to care for

For *God* so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten *Son*

For a complete list of

**CHRISTMAS** Masses & Sacrament of Reconciliation  
times in all parishes throughout the Christchurch Diocese visit:  
[www.chchcatholic.nz](http://www.chchcatholic.nz)