



# St Joseph's School

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



## NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 4 ~ No. 7 ~ 3 December 2020

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

**Community Consultation Evening** - The Board of Trustees community consultation evening will take place tonight at 7pm in the hall. During the evening, parents will be provided information relating to the community survey and how the school will use this feedback to enhance the quality of education at our school.

The Board will also use this as an opportunity to move forward with the redevelopment of the school's vision. This was one of the key themes that came from the community survey. If you would like to know more about the proposed vision statement, virtues and strategic goals, please click on this link. The very short (3 questions) online survey that will provide the board with feedback on the proposed vision - [Vision Survey](#).

**2021 School Organisation** - Listed below are the confirmed teams for the 2021 school year. It is wonderful to have been able to reappoint many of the fixed term teachers for another year. There are a few changes. At the end of the year we will farewell Mr Grey and Ms Kickhefer. Ms Kickhefer will be taking a year's leave. I would like to welcome three new teachers to our team. Jacqui Porter and Gerardine Baxter will be teaching in Timoney 1 next year. Caitlin O'Sullivan will be teaching in Mercy 4.

#### **Year 0-2**

Gerardine Baxter (T1)  
Jacqui Porter (T1)  
Annette Fraser (T3)  
Sarah Philpott (A1)  
Sanne Tait (A2)  
Anne Woods (A3)

#### **Year 3-4**

Isabella Byers (M1)  
Karen Burt (M2)  
Katrina Taylor (M3)  
Caitlin O'Sullivan (M4)

#### **Year 5-6**

Erin Kreft (K1)  
Elizabeth Crampton (K2)  
Mel Walsh (McA1)  
Philippa Green (McA2)

#### **Year 7-8**

Matt McGuire (McA3)  
Melissa Tucker (McA4)  
Alice Johns (H1)  
Emma Vertogen (H2)

Information relating to the placement of learners will be released shortly. This year we are piloting a model where learners move through to the new school year with the cohort of children that they were with this year. A significant number of children will also remain with their current homeroom teacher for a second year. We hope that this model will enhance friendship with their peers and relationship with their teacher.

A transition afternoon will take place on Tuesday 8 December. This event will give learners the chance to meet as a homeroom before the end of the year. It is my hope that this will lead to a positive start for all learners next year.

**School Production** - Next week, the children will go into full production mode. As a result, homework and home reading will stop for the remainder of the year.

All learners in Years 7-8 will rehearse on Monday 14 December at the Aurora Centre where they will need to be dropped off and picked up by parents. The whole school will spend the day at the Aurora Centre on Tuesday 15 December. A dress rehearsal will take place in the morning. This will be followed by a matinee performance at 1.30pm after which they will return home and rest before returning to the Aurora Centre for the evening performance starting at 6.30pm.

Parents are required to drop their children off and pick their children up from the Aurora Centre on Tuesday 15th of December.

A flyer regarding the purchase of production tickets was emailed this week. Tickets are limited, so please ensure that you book tickets early by returning the booking form to the school office by Monday 7 December

**Last Day of School and First Day of School** - A reminder that the school will close at **12.00 noon Wednesday 16 December**. This will follow the Year 8 valedictory parade that will start at about 11.45am. All students must be in the care of an adult by 12.15pm at the latest. The school will reopen on Thursday 4th February. The school office will open on Monday 1st February.

**Congratulations**— to the following learners who received Merit Certificates at last week's Liturgy:

**Julia Dorado, Sienna Vega, Kevin Lee, Isla Malone, Mila Neill-Dorrance, Blake Hale, Nio Desquitado, Moses Dmello, Lei Canete, Amarlie Graham, Zara Riberio, Azhley Bernardino, Madison Fairbrass, Eden Read, Aaliyah Johnston, Keanu Parker, Bella Berry, Kurt Belaong, Angelo Lugtu, Molly Maynard, Samantha Dolera, Janel Niala and William Forrester.**

**Advent** - On Sunday, Catholics around the world celebrated the start of advent by lighting the first candle on the advent wreath. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a smooth run to the end of the year.

### **Faith Fact - Week 8, 30 November – 4 December**

Advent is the period preceding the [Christmas](#) season. It begins on the Sunday nearest November 30, the feast day of St. Andrew the Apostle, and covers four Sundays. Because the day it begins changes from year to year, so does the length of each [Advent](#) season. Advent begins on November 29. The word [advent](#), from Latin, means "the coming." For centuries, Advent has been a time of spiritual reflection as well as cheer and anticipation.



**Learner-Led Conferences** - A huge thanks to the parents and caregivers who celebrated their children's learning at the learner-led conferences. I understand that a few families were unable to attend this event. The physical report for learners who did not attend a learner-led conference will be sent home on Friday.

**Preparing for 2021 School Year** - Stationery lists for 2021 have been confirmed. Stationery brands are chosen that are available at any good stationery retailer. Parents also have the option of ordering stationery online through OFFICE MAX. Ordering online through OFFICE MAX takes the hassle out of organising your child's stationery. Simply go to: [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. You can access the stationery list by clicking this link - [Stationery](#)

St Joseph's School operates a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme for Year 5-6. Although BYOD is not compulsory, we strongly urge parents of Year 5-8 learners to consider purchasing a digital device for their children. This will provide them with unrestricted access to technology. We understand that this is not possible for all families so a limited number of devices will be available in all learning space for learners. To find out more about BYOD at St Joseph's School, please click this link - [BYOD](#)

Our learners show pride in their school by wearing the school uniform. The uniform can be purchased from Mainland Uniforms on Wairakei Road. It is important that all learners wear the correct foot wear to school. Sport shoes with white or colour soles are not part of the uniform and should not be worn to school. To find out more about the school uniform, please click on this link - [Uniform](#).

#### **Coming Events**

Thu 3 Dec	Board Consultation Evening
Fri 4 Dec	Year 8 Retreat
Mon 7 Dec	Last Day for Yr 7-8 at Technology PTA meeting Yr 3-4 trip to the Imagination Station
Tues 8 Dec	Transition Day
Wed 9 Dec	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thu 10 Dec	End of Year Mass
Fri 11 Dec	Yr 5-6 Touch Tournament Yr 7 Leadership Day Yr 8 Leavers Lunch
Mon 14 Dec	Production practice at the Aurora Centre
Tue 15 Dec	Production practice at the Aurora Centre School Matinee and Evening Performance
Wed 16 Dec	11.45am—Year 8 Valedictory Parade 12 noon—School finishes for 2020.

#### **What's happening in the Whare Pukapuka / Library?**

##### **Return your pukapuka / books!**

Please return all books to the whare pukapuka **by Tuesday 8 December**.

Check thoroughly for library books from our library. These will have barcodes on the back that say: St Joseph's OR National Library. These are all due back so I can do the compulsory annual, stocktake. The class that has all their books returned first will receive a **prize**. Thank you! The Library will be closed from **Wednesday 9 December** for the stocktake.

##### **Lit Quiz**

A couple of weeks ago, our two teams of year 6-8 students had the opportunity to attend the annual Catholic Schools Lit Quiz competition at St Francis of Assisi School.

In Jayde Liang's words:

*Before the Lit Quiz we were given books to read-Chapter books and Picture books. You could read as many as you wanted and whatever books you wanted(from the choices). I enjoyed reading the books because there was an array of choices-mystery, non-fiction, fiction etc. So basically there was a book for everyone.*

*When the Lit Quiz started I didn't know what would happen exactly cause it was my first time doing it but it turned out to be educational and fun. We were all put into 2 groups of 4 and we competed against Catholic schools in Canterbury, there were around 7-10 schools competing, composing of years 5-8. There were good break times for lunch and morning tea and we got a good run around, the best part for most kids is that we were provided with an ice-block. I had a good experience and I'll definitely do it again next year.*

Thank you to our wonderful teams and Mrs Segar for helping to transport our tamariki and staying with them during the event.

Next year, we will start a **Book Club** to practice our skills and have fun competing and reading all year round! Look out for more info in the newsletter in 2021.

##### **Thank you for your support!**

Firstly, we wish to express our gratefulness to wonderful whānau who have donated books to the library during the year, and those who have purchased books from the Scholastic Book club. We run this at the end of each term and the school gains points to use toward buying more books for the school.

This culminates in the annual Scholastic Book Fair after Show Weekend. This year, we focused on books and sustainability in what we offered for sale. We were thrilled to receive donations via books purchased for us, including our ever-popular mystery book donation (\$1 which runs all year), and points. Due to the number of sales, we were able to receive 35% in commission from the fair, so we chose 190 books as prizes and for shelves of our whare pukapuka, all on our student wishlist. Thank you so much!

Thank you also to those who helped set up and run the fair: **Mrs Marshall, Mrs Ford, Mrs De Silva, Mrs Knill, Mrs Fraser, Ben and Caitlyn Fraser, Leo Porter, Emma de Leijer and Blair**. We couldn't do it without you!

##### **Competitions**

We run competitions with book prizes every term in the whare pukapuka. An on-going competition with great prizes for **you and the school**, is run by the CCC Libraries called **The Summertime Reading Challenge**. See their website for more info: <https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/summertime-reading-club/>

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#### **PTA lunches tomorrow—BBQ Sausages—\$1.50**

Thank you to our helpers, Tash Edlin & Jessie Fyall