



St Joseph's School

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



NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 3 – Week 7 – 9 September 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

It was wonderful welcoming back all the children to school. It was great to see the happy smiles and enthusiasm. It was obvious that the children were eager to catch up with their friends and teachers.

A huge thanks to all the families who kept themselves informed by reading the HERO updates and who worked through the Delta Safety Plan. Parent co-operation during Delta Level 2 is greatly appreciated as it will ensure that our community is safe.

Just a quick reminder of some of the Delta Level 2 protocols.

- Do not send your child to school if they are sick. We need to avoid all coughs and running noses so to stop the spread of germs.
- Children should not enter the school site before 8.30am. It is important that we avoid groups of people congregating in the front courtyard.
- Parents must not move past the Library or Ashby area. This enables us to maintain a school bubble that includes only staff and students.
- Please enter the front courtyard through the main gates and leave through the parish car park sliding gates.
- If you have any enquiries, please contact the school office by phone 033528779 or email office@stjopapa.school.nz. Only enter the school office if it is essential.

I would also like to thank parents for the sacrifices they made yesterday to keep your children home. This provided the school staff time to prepare for returning to the school site. At the start of our meeting yesterday, I thanked the staff for all the hard work they put into ensuring our virtual learning was maintained at a high standard. It took a team effort to manage online learning with administration staff, teacher aides, teachers, specialist staff and leaders all doing their bit.

School Events - The current and ongoing Delta situation requires the school and education organisations to review the viability of events. Please keep yourself informed by reading the newsletter and checking HERO for notifications. The Team Leaders and Event leaders will keep you informed of the event cancellations or postponements. At this point, the following events have been affected:

- Year 5-6 camp this year is cancelled
- The Year 6 & 8 ski trips have been postponed.
- The Year 7 ski day has been cancelled
- Canta Maths has been postponed
- Science Fair has been postponed
- The school speech evening is cancelled.
- Rotary Speech Competition has been postponed.

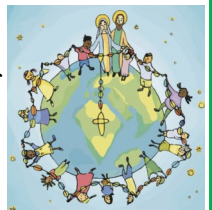
Staff Changes

I would like to welcome two new staff members to the school. Michelle Smith will be working in the Kanuka team for the rest of the year. Mrs Smith will be providing Mrs Alfano with leadership release. New entrant numbers are growing so Robyn Williams has been employed to join the Timoney teachers towards the end of term. This will ensure that we are maintaining effective teacher/student ratios at this year level.

Last week the Board of Trustees reluctantly accepted the resignations of Mrs Verweij and Mrs Knaggs. Mrs Verweij and Mrs Knaggs are long standing staff members who have served generations of children. They will be leaving a big gap to fill as their dedication and commitment is a testament to the success of the school. Mrs Verweij has been Deputy Principal at St Joseph's school for 20 years and Mrs Knaggs has run the school office for 29 years. Mrs Knaggs will retire in November. Mrs Verweij will retire at the end of the year.

FROM THE DRS - Caitlin O'Sullivan

Next week is Social Justice week, the theme for this year is 'A Culture of Encounter: Be the Church' with the focus on the Beatitudes. It is a good time to reflect on what the Beatitudes are and how they impact us in today's world.



Almighty God, E te Atua Kaha Rawa,
We thank you for your love. We thank you for the gift we share, being part of your Church. Help us to be love and light. Help us to bring joy and peace. Help us to give time and hope. Shine through us so that we will be your church in your world. Amen

The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ "blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Matthew 5: 1-12

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - cont.

Enrolments for 2022 - Enrolments for the 2022 close on the 1st of October 2021. Anyone who wishes to enrol their child at St Joseph's School for next year can pre-enrol your child or children online using this link - <https://enrolments.linc-ed.com/apply/NZ/3531>.

If you know someone who is thinking about enrolling their child at St Joseph's School, please let them know about this information so that they can get their enrolment in on time.

If for any reason your child is leaving St Joseph's School, it would be greatly appreciated if you could let us know. This provides us the ability to offer spaces to children on the waiting list.

Cyber Safety - The school has comprehensive systems in place to keep children safe when online at school, using school devices and when accessing school recommended learning platforms.

The school does not have control of students' online behaviour at home. We can not restrict their access to social media or gaming. We are unable to monitor the behaviour of others connecting with your children online at home. These are issues that need to be managed by parents.

The school has tips for parents available on the school's website. We also organised a community meeting with Netsafe last year. We try to support parents as best we can and recommend the following rules at home:

- Parents install a monitoring app on your children's device so that you can maintain an awareness of what they are doing online and the time they are spending online.
- Access to the internet is restricted to approximately 1 hour after school and children are encouraged to explore other activities.
- If your child becomes upset while using social media or online games, then don't let your children upload or use the app.

Access to the internet is not a right, it is a privilege. Parents have the right to monitor their children online, decide what apps children download and how much time children spend online. If all else fails, turn off the modem!

BYOD - The school promotes "Bring Your Own Devices" (BYOD) in Years 5-8. A huge thanks to the families who provide their children with their own device for use at school. This enables them to have access to their own devices throughout the day. The school provides a limited stock of devices in all groups for children to share.

PMP HELPERS NOT REQUIRED

Thanks you to all our parent helpers, however we will **NOT REQUIRE** your assistance for the next few weeks.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

School Speech Night - Liz Beattie

Unfortunately we have to cancel this year's St Joseph's School Speech night for the Matai and Totara teams due to Delta Level 2 restrictions. At this stage the top 3 speeches from each year level will be chosen by the Team leaders and teachers from each team to go through to the Rotary competition. The Rotary Speech competition is at this stage booked for early in Term 4 but is subject to change depending on Delta Level restrictions that may still be in place.

Mana Ake- - Liz Beattie

Mana Ake is a very successful programme supporting our students with their mental health & wellbeing.

Jan Nicholson (our liaison kamahi) from Mana Ake, is available either at our drop-in session on a Thursday morning from 8.30am or by email jann@mmsi.org.nz. If you need support for your own, or your child's mental wellbeing, we encourage you to access this service. It is completely free and confidential. You are also welcome to speak to Liz Beattie (DP/SENCO) if you need more information.

→ [Mana Ake, Supporting Kids](#)

ICAS - New dates for Term 4 - Marietjie Verweij

Please note the change of dates for ICAS

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| ICAS Spelling | Week 1 Tuesday, 19 October |
| ICAS Writing | Week 1 Wednesday, 20 October |
| ICAS English | Week 2 Tuesday, 26 October |
| ICAS Science | Week 3 Wednesday, 3 November |
| ICAS Mathematics | Week 3, Thursday, 4 November |

At the beginning of Term 4, I will send out information to remind everybody about the requirements for these examinations.

In Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to **Mauluulu-John** (Hanrahan 1) and **Oleiga** (Merey 2) **Lemalu-McDowell** on the death of their grandfather, and also to **Roisin Browne** (Merey 3) on the death of her grandfather in Ireland. Also to Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families at this sad time.



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The Secondhand Uniform Shop is CLOSED while in Level 2

NO FRIDAY PTA LUNCHES at this stage either