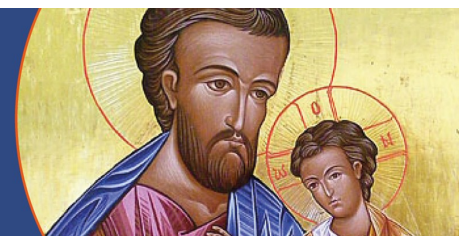




St Joseph's School

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



NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 1 - No. 8 - 18 March 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

St Joseph's Day Changes

After careful consideration of recent advice the school has decided to change our plans for St Joseph's Day. St Joseph's Day will now be celebrated at St Joseph's School. We will not be travelling by bus to St Gregory's Church or Jellie Park. I know that the children will be very disappointed. Unfortunately with the current situation it is important that we are prudent when considering events outside of the school.

We have a plan B. The St Joseph's School Mass will take place at school at 10am. Fr Allan Jones has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass with us. Lunch will take place at 12.30pm as usual but will finish at 1.15pm. Children need to bring morning tea and lunch. In the afternoon the children will participate in fun games run by our school leaders. They will have the opportunity to participate in a fun wheels activity. To participate in this activity they will need to bring their bicycles, scooter, skateboard or roller skates to school.

Year 3-8 children are to come to school in their sports uniform. The year 1-2 students can wear t-shirts and shorts or suitable mufti.

Thanks to the PTA for providing fruit and an ice-block

Covid19

The school is receiving ongoing advice from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health. The situation and advice is evolving as the situation progresses. At all times our focus is on the health and wellbeing of our learners. It is important that we are not reactive and maintain an atmosphere of calmness and control.

Over the last week our focus has been on improving hygiene routines around the school. This has included installing hand sanitisers at the entrance of all buildings. We are also working with our cleaning contractors to ensure that door handles, desks and tables are sanitised every night. The teachers are also teaching students hygiene etiquette.

Please help us keep our school a healthy place to teach and learn. If your child is unwell: is coughing, sneezing, has a runny nose, or is feeling unwell please keep them at home. It is also important that all members of our community who have travelled abroad recently, or who are living with someone who has recently returned from overseas, self isolates. If unsure please contact school. By working together we can minimise the transmission of all the lurgies out there.

Scholastic Book Club

Orders close on Friday 20 March.

Head Lice

Head lice or nits are very common and can easily be transmitted. They can be annoying but are treatable. Your child may have an itchy scalp, especially around the nape of the neck, crown, and ears. You may see live lice on the scalp, or hard, pale grey or yellow-white eggs (nits) like grains of salt attached to the hair, close to the scalp. The key to dealing with lice is to check, treat and inform.

1. Check: Check your child's hair regularly - once a week is a good guide. Friday is the perfect time to check for lice as it gives you the weekend to treat the children's hair before they return to school.
2. Treat: If you find live lice or unhatched eggs, treat your child as soon as you can. Your chemist can advise you on the best way to deal with the problem. You will also need to wash bed linen in hot water. It is also recommended to vacuum and clean bedrooms. It is common for children to be re-infested - it only takes a stray nit or lice to start the cycle again. So please continue to check your child's hair.
3. Inform: Let the school know when your child has lice or nits. We can then tell other parents that there is an outbreak, so everyone can check and treat their own children.

We live in a very communal world. We mix with a variety of social groups through the week such as rugby, dance, scouts, etc. As a result, lice spread easily. But by working together we can minimise the rate of transmission.

Complaints and Concerns

Our school is the heart of our community. Although we all are passionate about wanting the best for our children this passion can lead to a difference of opinion. It is important as a Catholic community that we all strive to manage our differences so that they reflect our gospel values. This is what makes our school great.

If we have a difference of opinion or a concern, the best way to deal with the issue is to talk directly to the person you have the difference of opinion with or concern about. Talking and listening to each other is the best way to solve most issues.

If you have a concern relating to your child's learning or the behaviour of a child at school, please talk to your child's teacher. If the issue is not resolved, please talk to one of the team leaders.

If you have a concern relating to an aspect of school operation, please refer the issue to a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team.

The school has a Concerns and Complaints Policy. All school policies can be found on the Schooldocs website - <http://stjopapa.schooldocs.co.nz/> (note there's no "www").
Username: stjopapa Password: sjspapanui

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at last week's liturgy:

Julia Dorado, Ben Fenemor, Porsha Graham, Lilly Hill, Harrison Secker, Emily King, Aston Geare, Eden Frickleton, Sophie Dolera, Lexie Podmore, Nathan Lerum, Ruby Smith, Zara Ribeiro, Cruz Terrell-Proctor, Lei Canete, William Thornley, Jin Jin Lai, Isaak Parisi, Ella Hosken, Rory Webster, Emma Corry, Blake Leadley, Evanne Balon, Daniel Fick, Greer Cathro, Liam De Vos, Joe Norton, Bella Howes, Ryan Cooke, Edward Price and Molly Bone.

PMP ROSTER

Thank you to the following families on next week's PMP Roster:

Monday 23 March Hill Mendoza
Tuesday 24 March Higgins Dorado

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

DIOCESAN FEES ARE NOW DUE

Term 1 and any arrears for diocesan fees are due by 20th March. Thank you to those on automatic payments. Please ensure these are set up for at least \$7.35 per week / \$31.70 per month PER CHILD.

Payments can also be made into bank account 03 0802 0949277 22 using your surname as a reference.

You are encouraged to contact the parish priest or parish office if you have difficulty with these accounts.

Any large overdue accounts will be handed on to our diocesan debt collector.

Please contact Wilma in the parish office if you have any queries.

OBTAINING A PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE

To obtain a Preference Certificate for enrolment at a catholic primary or secondary school please visit Wilma in the St Joseph's Parish Office (in the parish centre, cnr Main North & Vagues Roads) with your child's baptism certificate. If your child is not baptised, a copy of the parent's certificate needs to be sighted. This information is transferred onto the preference certificate.

As the parish priest would like to meet you and your child, if possible, the signed preference cards can be picked up from him, on the third Friday of each month, at 3.00pm from the St Joseph's Parish Office. A priest is also available at Christ the King Parish Office, 90 Greers Road, on the first Friday of the month at 3.00pm and at St Albans School Office, 17 Sheppard Place, on the second Friday of the month, also at 3.00pm. Parents need to make sure they also complete and sign the preference card before returning it to the school/college concerned.

Please be aware that when your child starts at St Joseph's School there are diocesan fees (Attendance Dues and Catholic Special Character Contributions) which are charged to each family.

SCHOOL PHOTOS—Thursday 26 March

Please advise the school office if you would like a photo taken of your siblings, who currently attend our school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

19 March	St Joseph's Day (Mass and celebrations at school)
20 March	Ashby 2 Liturgy, 11am and 11.45am
26 March	School Photos
27 March	Hanrahan 2 Liturgy—11am, 11.45am
29 March	Mercy 2 and McAuley 1 at 8.30am Mass
2 April	Canty Primary School Swimming Champs
3 April	Solidarity Day
6 April	PTA Meeting
8 April	Board of Trustees Meeting
9 April	Stations of the Cross Liturgy, End of Term 1
10 April	Good Friday / Public Holiday

LUNCHES FRIDAY, 20 March—BBQ Sausages, \$1.50

Thank you to our helpers, **Denise Howse** and **Catherine de Bruin**.

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. You protected and cherished the Virgin; loving the child Jesus as your son, you rescued him from the danger of death. Defend the Church, the household of God, purchased by the blood of Christ.

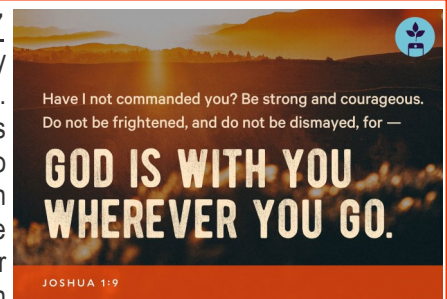
Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of victory. Amen



FAITH FACT - WEEK 7

The Pope is protected by the Swiss Papal Guard. Wearing uniforms designed by Michelangelo and commonly armed with halberds, they are capable of using heavier weapons if needed. Each

member is Catholic, male, and Swiss, and must complete military training in Switzerland. Those who are chosen are granted a private audience with the pope along with their families. In extreme circumstances, they are expected to guard the Holy Father with their lives. The Swiss Papal Guard is the oldest active military unit in continual existence since 1506.



In line with the announcement from Netball New Zealand and the Christchurch Netball Centre, the Marist Albion Netball Club committee has made the decision to postpone the under 13 and under 12 junior trials that were due to be held on Sunday 22 March. It is an ever-changing and evolving situation and we hope to be able to proceed in April. Notifications will be regularly posted on our Facebook page.