



# St Joseph's School

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## NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 1 - No. 7 - 16 March 2017

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

**MARKET DAY** - All I can say is Wow! Market Day is certainly a highlight of the term. It was awesome to see how the senior children's innovation and creative skills were put to good use to raise over \$3000 for Caritas. Well done St Joseph's School.

**SEXUALITY EDUCATION** - The school held a Sexuality Education consultation for parents on Wednesday night in preparation for the lessons that will be taught towards the end of the term. The turnout of parents was small. However the Team Leaders have confirmed that this was usual for this event.

As a new member of the community such a low attendance at a school event would indicate that the strategy that we are using to engage parents with this information would be reviewed. This review will take place over the next few months so that systems are in place for the 2018 year. In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries regarding how Sexuality Education is taught, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS** - If you have not yet booked your interview time for the upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews please do so now as the booking website will close on Monday, 20 March at midday.

1. Go to [parentinterviews.co.nz](http://parentinterviews.co.nz), enter the event code **GURLL** and click Go.
2. Enter your name, email address and the names of the students you wish to make bookings for.
3. Select the teachers you'd like to book by ticking the checkbox beside their name, and then click the Book Interviews button at the bottom of the page.
4. Using the timetable, click the Book button beside the time slot you'd like to book for the teacher. You'll be asked to confirm your booking.
5. Continue until you've booked all teachers.

**POLICY REVIEW** - We ask parents to follow the instructions below to take part in the review process:

- Visit <http://stjopapa.schooldocs.co.nz>
- Enter the user name (stjopapa), password (sjspapanui).
- Click Policy Reviews under 'In This Section'
- Click on the policy for review (Recognition of Cultural Diversity)
- Read the policy
- Then click the red button Under Review.
- Submit your ratings and comments.

**COMMUNICATION** - Effective communication is the key in a community or relationship. Systems for communication are especially important during times of stress. One of the reasons I try to be at the gate, at the start and end of the day, is to make myself accessible to parents on an informal basis. So if you have any questions or would like to provide feedback, please do not hesitate to approach me.

If you have a complaint, concern or even a grumble, the school encourages open communication for individuals to talk through the issues one to one. Such communication would reflect our values: respect, love and human dignity.

The school also has a formal complaints and concerns procedure for all members of the community to follow. This procedure is described below:

### What do I do if I have a concern?

1. If the matter involves the classroom programme or a teacher, write a note, email or telephone the teacher concerned with a view to making a time to discuss the concern. The staff member may not be able to talk to you when you approach them, so it is best to make a time when you are both free. If the matter involves a school-wide or management issue, you should make an appointment to see the principal.
2. If possible, indicate before the discussion what the concern is about.
3. Talk with the staff member about the issue and be prepared to listen to their point of view.
4. Provide feedback to the teacher as to whether you were satisfied or not, to ensure the problem is settled.

### What do I do if the problem is not solved?

1. Approach the Team Leader responsible for that area of the school.
2. You may wish to make an appointment with the principal. Write down the details and the steps you have taken to remedy the situation.
3. The concern will usually be dealt with by the principal, but in some instances may be referred back to teachers, senior staff or the Board of Trustees.
4. If your complaint relates to the principal, you should follow the same processes as for teacher concerns.
5. If you still have a concern, put it in writing to the Chairperson of the Board.

### **REMINDER**

17 March St Joseph's Day Celebration  
20-22 March Parent Teacher Meetings

## NORTH ZONE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well done to the SJS Zones Swimming team on Tuesday. You represented the school with pride and swam exceptionally well. The new swimming caps looked fantastic (thank you to the PTA who funded these). A huge thanks also to **Paula Quayle** and **Susan DeVira** for time keeping for us. *Rachel Cook*

## ST JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION

We are all looking forward to celebrating our special day tomorrow. The weather is going to be superb and children will have a lot of fun at school!

Thank you to the PTA for providing lunch. Parents might consider packing a substantial morning tea just in case a sausage is not enough.

We will attend Mass at 10.00am, travelling to and from St Gregory's by bus. Lunch will be at 12.00 noon and the rotations (wheels, games, inflatables and obstacle course) will start at 12.30pm. Children are to wear their school uniform to Mass, then change into sports gear when they return to school.

For safety children will store their bikes in the hall while we are at Mass.



*Dear Joseph, there are so many reasons why I can talk to you with love and confidence. You loved and cared for both Jesus and Mary. Look on me and care for me with the same tenderness you had for them. Help me to develop your qualities so that I may be a true disciple of your Son, Jesus.*

*You worked hard and were faithful in all things. Help me to live each day fully and to do my best. Bless my family and my friends. Make our homes happy and faith filled. Amen*

### **Week 7—Pray During Lent**

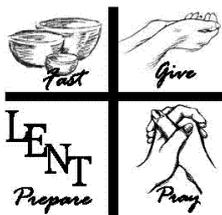
#### **Pray with children or as a family.**

Being a parent, guardian, or teacher is a holy ministry and a sacred promise. Share your faith with children by letting them see and hear you pray, and by praying together. Guided Reflections for Children: Praying My Faith, Praying with Scriptures, and 52 Simple Ways to Talk with Your Kids about Faith are all practical, realistic resources to help you make the most of your prayertime with children. And don't forget about family dinners. Dinnertime is a great opportunity to start or enliven a tradition of family prayer during Lent. For more children's prayer resources, click here.

#### **Start a practice of daily prayer that will last after Lent.**

Perhaps the best prayer advice is to use Lent as a time to instill prayer habits that will last long after Lent has concluded. Resources such as yearly prayer guides—for example, A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions can get you started and help you stay consistent.

So enjoy your Lenten prayer. And don't think you have to do all the above. Perhaps choose one or two of these prayer methods to concentrate on—and then you can more fully experience the pilgrim journey toward Easter that is Lent.



## PMP

The Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP) for the junior students will start on Monday 20 March. The roster for this term is:

Mon 20 March	<b>Hanley</b>	<b>Malone</b>
Tues 21 March	<b>Roughan</b>	<b>Sugrue</b>
Mon 27 March	<b>Vivian</b>	<b>Ribeiro</b>
Tues 28 March	<b>Fyall</b>	<b>Woodnutt</b>
Mon 3 April	<b>Ng</b>	<b>Samson</b>
Tues 4 April	<b>Myers</b>	<b>Armstrong</b>

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

If you wish to purchase from the book club, order forms were sent home this week. Please have your order and payment in to the school office by **Friday 24 March**.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next Meeting for First Holy Communion Wednesday 22nd March - 7.00 - 8.00 pm: Homework Club. A guide on how to complete the worksheets for both parent and Communicants in St Josephs' School Hall. Bring a cushion to sit on, the Big Word Bible and pencils and pens.

## PTA NEWS

How would you like to be a Super Sub? Following a suggestion from one of our school parents, we are setting up a "Friends of the PTA" list and it could be just what you have been looking for...

Level 1 is for parents who aren't able to be a full member of the PTA, but who want to help out now & again. Basically, we'll put you on a list of people who we will contact occasionally, when we need more helpers for something we're doing. You won't get called up very often, but you will be doing us a big favour.

Level 2 is for parents that have a useful trade or skill that the school can use from time to time, when we need something done. Some of this work will be paid, some will be voluntary; all of it will be for the benefit of your children.

So if you think you have got what it takes to be a "Friend of the PTA", get in touch today. We would love to hear from you! Thank you.

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## MARIST ALBION NETBALL CLUB

Junior netball team trials will be held on Saturday 18th March. U13 and up 9am - 11ish; Year 6 (U11) and U12 1pm - 3:30ish. Future Ferns (years 3, 4 and 5) are not required to trial. Please register via the website: [www.sporty.co.nz/maristnc](http://www.sporty.co.nz/maristnc)

## MARIST ALBION JUNIOR RUGBY

Marist Albion Junior Rugby Club is seeking new members for it Under 6 Ripa rugby teams. This is a winter sport suitable for girls and boys born in 2011 (or earlier). Contact [admin@maristalbion.co.nz](mailto:admin@maristalbion.co.nz) or Stephen Kinder 027 271 6671