



St Joseph's School

TE KURA O HATO HOHEPA PAPANUI

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



NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 3 - No. 7 - 6 September 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

Future Building Plans - At Sunday Mass, Father John updated the parish on future building plans for the wider diocese. He shared comments made by the Bishop in a letter to the Parish in Mairahau. In this letter Bishop Paul states that he has made the decision to "halt all church projects that have not begun construction". He also states that he "wants to take advice on the best placement of churches and facilities across Christchurch. This demands a cessation of building project activity until we are ready to move forward."

Father John confirmed with me yesterday that this cessation of building projects does include projects scheduled for our parish and that a decision is unlikely to be made before Christmas. So at this point in time, the status quo is maintained. As a school we sit in a good place with access to a hall, classrooms and a Parish Centre.

As a principal I understand the huge responsibility on Bishop Paul's shoulders with making difficult decisions like this as the church recovers from the earthquake. As a parishioner, I commend our new Bishop for taking the time to make considered decisions for the future of our diocese.

Communication - The school uses School-links to send out group messages by email and text. There is an issue with the system whereby some characters are showing incorrectly. This is a technical glitch which School-links is trying to fix. Feedback from parents confirms that although some of the words are a little unusual the message can still be understood.

Athletics Day

Our School Athletics day will now be held on **Tuesday 30 October**. This has been changed from 19 October.

Liturgy

Ashby 3 will lead the school Liturgies tomorrow in the school hall at 11am and 11.45am.

Road Safety - The bad weather on Monday resulted in a large number of unsafe driving practices. Parents were advised in the last Newsletter that the number plates of hazardous drivers would be recorded and passed on to the Police. This week the school informed the Police of a number of incidents that involved double parking, parking on yellow lines, parking over driveways and U-turning in front of the road crossing.

Only by working together and by putting our personal inconvenience aside for the good of our children, will we have a safe place for our children.

Social Justice Week

On Friday 14th of September our Liturgy focusses on Social Justice. We recognise Social Justice Week every year as part of our Catholic character.

The theme this year is on inclusiveness and everyone in our community has a part to play.

Part of Social Justice Week is recognising that as a community working together we are strong. To promote this sense of inclusiveness we would like each child to come to school in an outfit that shows their culture or family heritage/ancestry. We are also asking for a gold coin donation for Caritas from all the children. If a child wears a delicate or cultural dress or suit, they should change into their school uniform before playing at lunchtime.

Māori Language Week

Next week is National Māori Language Week. Over the week there will be an extra emphasis on using Te Reo Māori in the classroom.

This ties in beautifully with our social justice theme. 'Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini' A Māori proverb which means

'My strength is not mine alone, it is the strength of many', or, 'I didn't get here by myself, I got here with the help of others.'



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at last week's Liturgies.

Maddy Porter, Tim Li, Lydia Armstrong, Ryan Conyers, Zaydee Arthur, Roisin Browne, Nathan D'Cruz, Jordis Krammer, Harry Forrester, Rosa Baxter, John Sayson, Allen Celedonio, Fritz Cantos, Byron Taylor, Carter Connolly, Benjamin Fraser, Liam de Vos, Henry Bone, Emma John, Kate Young, Brittany Batilong, Amber Oosthuizen, Holly Plowman, Maululu-John (MJ) Lemalu-McDowell, Jessica Williams, Kaden Roberts, Carter Deviln, Jorja Rennell, Lizel Bautista, Aodhan Berry, Samuel Woodgate, Darryl Harris and Maya Kumagai.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Jorja McCaughan** who competed in the NZCAF National School Aerobics & Hip Hop Championships yesterday. Jorja was representing St Joseph's School in the Year 7 grade and came first. This is an amazing accomplishment.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Lucas TeRangi, Jett Anglem** and **Cameron Howison** who were selected in the Canterbury U13 Metropolitan Rugby teams and to **Catherine Grant** and **Agar Torres** who have been invited to take part in an Under 13 NZ Basketball skills day.

YMCA Basketball Competition

Well done to our successful basketball teams in this year's YMCA Bishopdale competition.

The Year 8 team finished in 2nd place in Division 1 of the Yr 8 competition. The Year 6 team (All Stars) won Division 2 and the Year 5/6 team (Golden State) won Division 3 of the Y5/6 competition.

A huge thank you to the coaches of these teams and for all the parent support.

CARDBOARD ROLLS WANTED

The Junior Middle classes would appreciate cardboard rolls (not toilet rolls) so that they can make Christmas Crackers for the Fair. These can be left at the school office. Thank you.

PMP—Week 7

Thanks to the families on next week's PMP roster:

Monday 10 September - **Malone Medillo**
Tuesday 11 September - **Lai Lynch**

LUNCHES TOMORROW—HOT DOGS \$2.50

Thank you to our volunteer helpers -
Jill Parkyn and Tash Edlin

WISH YOU WELL

This weekend 12 students will be exhibiting their Science and Technology projects at the NIWA Canterbury-Westland Schools' Science and Technology Fair at the University of Canterbury. We wish them well and know they will do an excellent job representing the school.

Year 7

Honor Hope & Kate Young: *Spoons that Save the Environment*, **Ethan Balon:** *The Plastic Bottle*, **Jack Segar:** *Solar Tracker*

Amber Oosthuizen: *Electromagnetism*, **Hamish Meates & Thomas Woodgate:** *Activity Trackers*, **Carter Pearson & Scarlett O'Donnell:** *Gotta Catch em' All*

Year 8

Nica Lutton-Boag: *Retrieving the Leavings*, **Melissa Drury:** *Re-useable Bin Liner*, **Harriet Kreft:** *Posture Trainer*, **Isaac Jones:** *Salt Water versus Fresh Water*, **Tess Cooke:** *The Power of Food*, **Lucas Te Rangi:** *Chlorine Water*

KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL TICKETS

Our Kapa Haka group will be performing in the Tuhono Kapa Haka Festival on Thursday 20 September, 7.00pm to 8.30pm at St Andrew's College Gymnasium. Tickets are available from our school office. Adults—\$10, children \$2.

If you wish to have the Hangi meal please order and pay for this at our school office. Your name will be given to the hangi servers at the concert for you to receive your meal at 6pm.

**TŪHONO KAPA
HAKA FESTIVAL**



COME AND CELEBRATE THEIR TALENT AND HARD WORK

Thursday 20 September 2018

7pm – 8.30pm

St Andrew's College Gymnasium
Normans Road Entrance

Tickets

\$10 Adults
\$2 Children

Available from your school office.

Hangi meals – Adult \$12 / Kids \$7



For more info our Facebook page
is "Tuhono Kapa Haka Festival"
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