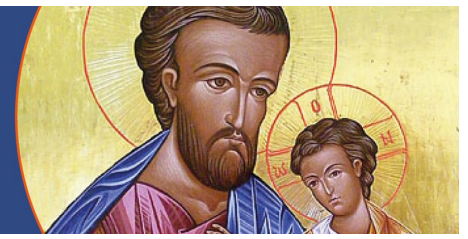




# St Joseph's School

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## NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 1 - No: 8 - 22 March 2018

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

#### **St Joseph's Celebration**

St Joseph's Day is one of the biggest days in the school calendar. The day started with a combined outdoor Mass with the St Joseph's Parish. I would like to express my gratitude to Fr John and Fr Thanh for leading the Mass.

The celebration continued with the opening of the Hanrahan and McAuley classrooms. The school was honoured to have our local Member of Parliament, Duncan Webb open the new buildings. We were privileged to have a number of special guests present at the opening. These guests included: Mike Davidson (city councilor), Mark Gregory (past principal), and members of the Sisters of Mercy. Once the official formalities were over the rest of the day was set aside for fun and games. This included bouncy castles, house games, ball games and wheels. A huge thanks to the PTA who cooked over 500 sausages for the children. The ice blocks were also a welcome treat at the end of the day.

#### **Filipino Community Consultation**

A huge thanks to the many members of the Filipino community who took the time out of their busy day to meet with us. The consultation meeting gave the school a chance to present student achievement information and clarify a number of issues that may be affecting Filipino families. The meeting also provided the board, management and staff members who attended the meeting an opportunity to hear first hand education from a Filipino perspective. The feedback will now be taken back to the management team and board so that due consideration can be given to how we can enhance quality education we provide to students at St Joseph's School.

#### **New Appointment**

It is my pleasure to announce that Maia Smith has been employed as the replacement teacher in Mercy 3. Ms Smith will take over from Mrs Cook who will be taking maternity leave. We wish Miss Cook well with the birth of her first child at the end of term. Ms Smith is eager to join the team at St Joseph's School.

#### **Teacher Pay Negotiations**

NZEI, the teachers union is currently preparing for pay negotiations. This has required a number of relievers to be used to cover classes while the teachers are attending pay negotiation meetings. The rollout of the meetings and co-operation of union members has meant that we have been able to minimise disruption to students' learning.

#### **Forming Faith**

A Forming Faith evening has been organised for families who have enrolled children at the school over the past two years. Participating in the Forming Faith event is an expectation of enrolment. The event is designed to connect parents with the Parish and inform parents of how the Special Catholic Character is communicated within the parent, school and parish partnership. This will take place in the school hall at 7pm on Thursday 5 April. All are welcome to attend.

#### **Parent Teacher Interviews—9,10,11 April**

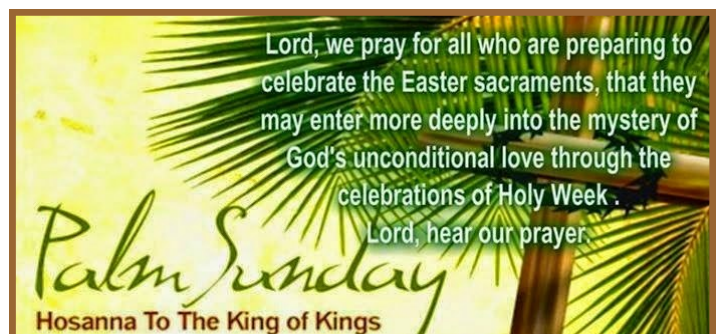
Parents Teacher Interviews for Years 3-8 will take place on Monday 9 April—3.15pm to 7.30pm, Tuesday 10 April—3.15pm to 5.15pm and Wednesday 11 April from 3.15pm to 5.15pm.

This is an opportunity for parents of students in Junior Middle, Middle and Senior classes to discuss student achievement and goals with the teachers. The booking website will open **Wednesday 28 March at 12 noon.**

Go to [parentinterviews.co.nz](http://parentinterviews.co.nz), enter the event code **DFGRJ53L** and click Go.

#### **Reminders**

23 March	McAuley 2 Liturgy
25 March	Palm Sunday
26 March	Canterbury Duathlon
28 March	Solidarity Day (Bread and Water day)
29 March	Mercy 4 Liturgy
30 March	Good Friday—school closed
1 April	Easter Sunday
2 April	Easter Monday—school closed
3 April	Easter Tuesday—school closed
5 April	Canterbury Primary Swimming Champs. PTA 2nd hand uniform sale, 2.30pm Forming Faith mtg, 7pm Parish Centre
7 April	Senior Liturgy
8 April	Divine Mercy Sunday
9 April	PTA Meeting
10 April	BOT Meeting
9,10,11 April	Parent Teacher Meetings
13 April	Mufti Day    Principal's Liturgy End of Term 1



## READING BOOKS

The Junior School would love to receive some donations of “Board” and “Flap” books to use with a reading programme within the school as well as a train set and a wooden block set. Can you help?

*Annie Wood, Ashby 3 teacher*

## BOOK CLUB

The closing date for all orders is Tuesday 27 March. Apologies for the short turn around due to Easter. We prefer if you order online (if anyone has been having trouble finding their class, this should be ok now, however the teacher for Kealy 1 may show as Sally Ward instead of Nina Kickhefer).

## DUATHLON RESULTS

Many thanks to the parents who helped officiate at the school duathlon and to all those who were able to come along and support the event.

The results were:

Y5 Girls: 1) Eliza McDonnell 2) Zara McDonnell  
3) Claudia Vivian

Y5 Boys 1) *Angus Patrick* 2) *George Robertson*  
3) *Lucas Romero*

Y6 Girls 1) Molly Maynard

Y6 Boys 1) *Lochlan de Leijer* 2) *Jaeger Pryce*  
3) *Louis Sharp*

Y7 Boys 1) *Lachlan Claridge* 2) *Hugo Smolej*  
3) *Caleb Stevens*

Y7 Girls 1) *Isla Martin-McKenzie* 2) *Ruby Moore*  
3) *Johanna Wylaars*

Y8 Boys 1) *Finlay Neale* 2) *Sam Woodgate*  
3) *Matthew Glen*

Y8 Girls 1) *Zoe Blacklow* 2) *Jarraah Prentice*  
3) *Lily Lysaght*

The names in *italics* have chosen to compete at The Canterbury Champs at Ruapuna on 26 March.

## PTA LUNCHESES TOMORROW—BBQ SAUSAGES, \$1.50

Thank you to our volunteers—**Barb Tecofsky and Brenda Vivian**

## SOLIDARITY DAY

Next **Wednesday 28 March** is Catholic Schools Solidarity Day.

This is the day when the children and staff are asked to show solidarity with those people in the world who are in need. On this day we do not bring morning tea or lunch to school. A fantastic group of parents will provide cooked rice for lunch. The children need to bring a named bowl and a spoon. They are also asked to bring a gold coin donation to send to Caritas. If your child does not eat rice they may bring a couple of plain pieces of bread or rice crackers instead. This day has always been very successful, promoting a wonderful feeling of community in our school, giving the children a real sense of achievement and helping them, and indeed the staff, to develop some empathy for people who live in real poverty.

We thank you for your support of this important part of our curriculum.

## Helpers Needed

Maribel Young has very kindly offered to arrange and co-ordinate helpers to cook and serve the rice. If you are willing to be part of this team please see Jacque Culling in McAuley 1 or leave your details with the office.

We also require some more rice cookers. These will need to be at school, in the hall, before 9.00 on the Wednesday. Thank you, *Jacque Culling*

## FAITH FACT—Week 8, 19 to 23 March

Next week is *Holy Week - Te Wiki Tapu*. During Holy Week the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, including the Paschal Mystery of his death and Resurrection.

## NEW ENTRANTS

This term 27 five year olds start school in Timoney 1 and Timoney 3.

We welcome **Lydia Armstrong, Nike Bermejo, Ryan Conyers, Randy Joshua Dagting, Brooke Docherty, Malachi Hillier-Arnold, Benji Kearns, Kelly Mason, Sadie Raines, Ruby Smith, Alaric Thorn, Eden Tibble, Tamaseno Tofilau, Bryan Abu, Ruby Allnutt, Ella Brennan, Lei Canete, Darcy Clerkin-Keats, Aaliyah Johnston, Tim Li, Shai McDouall, Jacob Melana, Liam Murphy, Keanu Parker, Maddy Porter, Emma Stewart and Cruz Terrell.** to the New Entrant classes and hope they enjoy their time at St Joseph's School.

