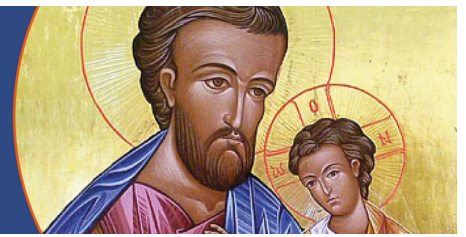




# St Joseph's School

TE KURA O HATO HOHEPA PAPANUI

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



## NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 4- No. 8-13 December 2018

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

The end of the school year has come around very fast. With only 4 school days to go this will be the last newsletter for the year. Please stay connected by checking the school's website and facebook page for information and updates.

**Facebook-** <https://www.facebook.com/SJSPapanui/>

**Website -** [www.stjopapa.school.nz](http://www.stjopapa.school.nz)

**Thanks** - It has been another fantastic year at St Joseph's School. We have been able to provide students with some wonderful experiences and achieved great success.

The school has only achieved this with the help and support of a number of dedicated individuals and groups who gave up their time to make our school a fantastic place to teach and learn. So on behalf of the school thanks to the following:

1. Management Team and Leaders
2. All the teachers and support staff
3. All the volunteers, helpers and coaches
4. Board of Trustees
5. Parent Teacher Association
6. Friends of the School
7. Family Care Group
8. Fr John and Fr Thanh
9. Parish staff and pastoral assistant
10. Student leaders

**Returning to school in 2019** - The School Office will be closed from Friday 21 December and will reopen on Monday 28 January. The first day for all students for 2019 is **Friday 1 February**.

**School Reports** - School reports will be sent home on Friday 14 December for students in year 3-8. Please check your child's bag for this information.

**Canterbury Athletics Success** - Well done to all the students who participated at the Canterbury Primary Schools' Athletics Championships. A huge congratulations to the following students who achieved some awesome results.

**Finlay Neale** - 3rd—Year 8, 1200m

**Lucas Te Rangi**— 3rd—Year 8, Discus and Relay.

**Agar Torres**—3rd—Year 8, Relay

**Ryan Wilson**—3rd—Year 8, Relay

**Lochie McLean**—3rd—Year 8, Relay

**School Production** - Three days until the curtain goes up for the opening night of the production. Ticket sales are strong with the Wednesday evening having sold out. There are still tickets available for Tuesday evening and Wednesday matinee. Mrs Walsh with the assistance of all the teachers has been working hard to prepare all the children for a spectacular performance. I look forward to seeing you all at the performances next week.

Information about performances, ticketing, rehearsals as well as pick up and drop offs has been sent out in previous newsletters and separate notices. Please read this information carefully. We need parent co-operation to make the running of this event smooth and safe for all children.

**Video of the school production** - We have a professional video company recording the production. **All orders and payments are to be made direct to VideoGuys** - <https://videoguys.co.nz/product/st-josephs-school-production-2018/>.

Delivery is expected to be mid January.

**Transition afternoon** - The transition afternoon took place yesterday. This was an opportunity to welcome eight new students transferring to our school. It also provided students at St Joseph's School with an opportunity to meet their new teacher and classmates. It is our hope that this will ease the transition back to school by removing any anxiety and filling minds with positive thoughts about the 2019 school year. Unfortunately we have not made all the teacher appointments for the new year. We are hoping to confirm these positions soon. Once the appointments of the new teachers have been made we will inform the families of the students affected.

### **Road Patrol Parent Supervisors 2019**

Road Patrol supervision is a really valuable way to contribute to the school and the safety of our students. For 2019, we need parent supervisors for Monday and Wednesday mornings, starting at 8:30am and finishing by 9am. If you are able to offer your time for this role, please contact Kim Collins by email [kim.collins@stjopapa.school.nz](mailto:kim.collins@stjopapa.school.nz)

## **CHRISTMAS GIVING**

As the school year draws to a close we are reminded once again that we are a faith community who base our lives on the teachings of Jesus Christ. As a Catholic School we are called on to care for others. Once again Saint Vincent de Paul are collecting gifts to distribute to those in need. If you are able to, can you please wrap up a small gift for a child or an adult. Attach the gift card stating who the gift would be appropriate for (ie male / female / age) and place it in the container supplied in McAuley 1.

Thank you for your generosity. *Jacque Culling DRS*



## **COMING EVENTS**

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| 14 Dec | Farewell Liturgy for leaving staff, 9.30am outside McAuley1(if fine) <i>All welcome.</i> |
|        | Year 8 Leavers' Lunch  |
| 17 Dec | Production rehearsal for some performers (Refer to separate letter)                      |
| 18 Dec | Production rehearsal and Performance, 7pm  |
| 19 Dec | School Production Matinee, 1pm   |
|        | School Production Performance, 7pm   |
| 20 Dec | Y8 Valedictory Parade, 11.30am   |
|        | School finishes, 12.00 noon.   |

1 Feb 2019 First day of 2019 school year for all students

## **FAITH FACT 10—14 December**

As we move closer to the birth of Jesus we have learnt about Mary saying YES to God and becoming Jesus' earthly mother. Lets not forget about Joseph. Joseph may have come from a royal lineage, but that didn't mean he was blessed with worldly goods. We know from Scripture he was a carpenter. Worldly goods weren't what Jesus needed. He needed a father who would love and protect him and his mother. And Joseph did just that. You might like to listen to Joseph's Song. The lyrics tell of Joseph's role as Jesus foster father beautifully.

### **17—21 December**

The O Antiphons refer to the seven antiphons that are recited (or chanted) preceding the Magnificat during Vespers of the Liturgy of the Hours. They cover the special period of Advent preparation known as the Octave before Christmas, Dec. 17-23, with Dec. 24 being Christmas Eve and Vespers for that evening being for the Christmas Vigil. Find out more about the O Antiphons by clicking the link to Father John O'Connor's Food for Faith



## **NO PTA LUNCHES TOMORROW**

There will be **no PTA lunches** tomorrow as the hall and kitchen are required for the Year 8 leavers lunch. Many thanks for your support of these lunches throughout the year and a huge thanks to our parent helpers.

## **ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN AT ST GREGORY'S CHURCH**

**Saturday 15th Dec 9.00 – 11.30 am.**

Calling one and all to join us for a jolly good clean of St Gregory's' Church and Parish Centre. Many hands make light work, so they say! Bring your scrubbing brushes, cleaning cloths and elbow grease, and join us for a very productive morning.

### **Pew Removal for Carpet Cleaning at St Gregory's Church**

We need help to remove the pews on Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 3.00 pm. (Our carpets are being cleaned on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec) Then help is needed to return the pews on Saturday 15th 2.00 pm. Bring your bag barrow if you have one, and strong arms!

**Please ring or text Irene Maguire on 027 6229415 if you can help out with either of these tasks.**

## **ST JOSEPH'S PARISH PAPANUI FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES FOR 2019**

We warmly invite children who will be in Year 4 in 2019 to join next year's First Holy Communion Sacramental Programme.

**Introduction Evening:** Wednesday 20 March, 7.00pm

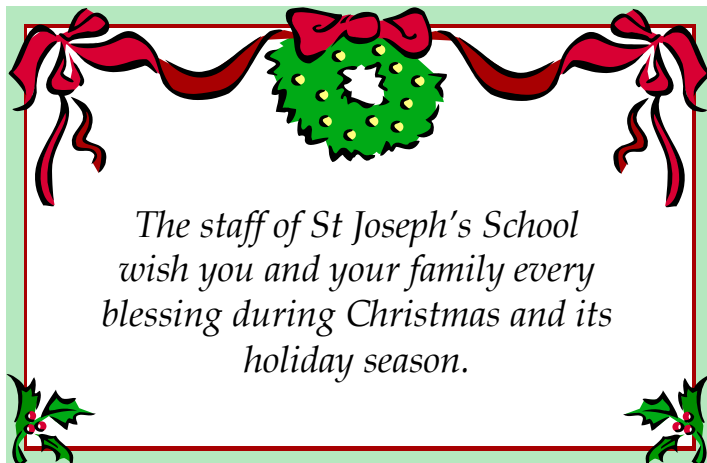
**First Reconciliation Rite II:** Wednesday 19 June 4.30pm

**First Holy Communion Days:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 6.00 pm Mass or Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 10.00 am Mass.

If you have any queries, please contact Irene Maguire on 027 6229415

## **PAT KEARNS GUITAR AND UKULELE SCHOOL**

Lessons are 1/2 hour per week Mondays and Tuesdays 12.30 and 1pm or Wednesday 3pm. Cost is \$10/lesson. Ring Pat on 3492689 or 027 277 4023 or [email pat@kearns.net.nz](mailto:pat@kearns.net.nz)



Father John & Father Thanh's

**FAREWELL**  
**BBO**  
**PARTY**

**18 JANUARY 2019**

**FRIDAY | 5:30 P.M.**

**ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**



**THE PARISH WILL PROVIDE ALL THE  
MEAT AND WE WOULD LIKE TO  
INVITE YOU TO BRING A SALAD OR  
ANY DRINKS TO SHARE.**

