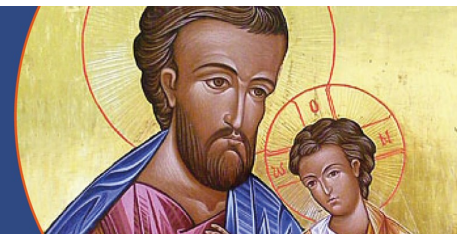




# St Joseph's School

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



*NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 4 - No. 3 ~ 2 November 2017*

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK—Aaron Richards** **ATHLETICS DAY**

Wow what an awesome Athletics Day. The combination of great weather, fantastic organisation and children who all tried their best made it a great day for all who participated. Thanks also, to the parents and friends of the school who came along to support the children. I know that the Senior children appreciated the applause and calls of encouragement from parents.

It was obvious on the faces of the Junior children that they enjoyed the different activities they took part in. They also loved watching their parents take part in the sack race.

A special thanks to Miss Cook, Mr McGuire, Miss Gilligan, Mrs Fraser and Mrs Gill who organised and coordinated the events.

Congratulations to the children who have qualified for the North Zone Athletics which will be held next Wednesday at Rawhiti domain. Information has already been sent home with these children.

## **SPRING FLING**

I would like to express a deep vote of thanks to Matt, the PTA and the small group of parents who have volunteered to help organise and run the Spring Fling. This group of selfless individuals has had a big impact on our school by generating additional funding for the school. The PTA have pledged funds to help the school complete the bike track and landscaping along the northern fence.

The Spring Fling takes place at school this Sunday. I hope to see many of you there supporting the school. It promises to be a fun occasion for all concerned.

## **SCHOOL SURVEY**

A huge thanks to the 164 parents who have already completed the online Community Survey. This is a 41% response rate which is high for a school community. The feedback that parents have provided will be invaluable to the board and myself in identifying priorities for ongoing school improvement.

I will keep you updated on the information gleaned from the survey and the plans we have to move forward.

## **PROPERTY UPDATE**

The fences are down so we have more court area to use. The landscaping company have remediated the land around the classrooms and lawn seed has been laid. We still await the Council's Code of Compliance before we can move into the classrooms.

## **MUFTI DAY - NEXT FRIDAY**

The Young Vinnie's group are holding a mufti day next Friday, November 10th. Children are asked to wear mufti and bring a can of food for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas food drive.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Isla Martin McKenzie** who was awarded the CSG Step 4 Gymnast of The Year at the Christchurch School of Gymnastics prize giving last Saturday.



Congratulations also to **Max Gillies, Angus McEwan, Megan Townshend, Jonty Blacklow, Caitlin Andrews** and **Ryan Wilson** who were omitted from the newsletter last term which acknowledged the qualifiers in the Otago Problem Solving competition.

## **ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL DANCES**

Two dances will be held next **Friday 10 November** for our Yr 4 to Yr 8 students -

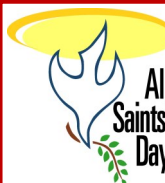
Yr 4-6 dance from 5.30pm—7.00pm

Yr 7-8 dance from 7.30pm—9.00pm.

Food and drink will be on sale in the hall thanks to our PTA. The School Council will be selling tickets before school next week—Cost \$5.00

## **TENNIS IN SCHOOLS**

This term we have Tennis in Schools with Tennis Canterbury for years 1- 8. As always there is a risk involved in any sport. For further clarification please refer to school website for the Safety Action Plan.



**1 November**

## **FAITH FACT**

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the start of the **Reformation** when Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenburg.



**2 November**

# Spring Fling

**THIS SUNDAY 05 NOVEMBER**

**8AM – 12 NOON**

**IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS**

White Elephant / Plant Sale /  
Raffles / Cake & Lolly Stall /  
Sausage Sizzle / Coffee Cart.

## Friday 03 November

2.30—5.00pm, School Hall open  
and accepting drop offs of goods (no  
clothes) for the White Elephant and  
cakes, lollies, etc.

## Saturday 04 November

10.00am—2.00pm, School Hall open  
and accepting drop offs of goods (no  
clothes) for the White Elephant and  
cakes, lollies, etc.



## LUNCHES TOMORROW—BBQ Sausages—\$1.50

Thank you to our volunteers, **Jeanette & Phil Brown.**

## CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the following students and parishioners who received the gift of Confirmation at the 5pm Mass last Sunday.

Caitlin Andrews, Lily-Mae Baird, Francesca Cody, Rose Cody, Danielle Damalan, Brennt Entese, Olivia Ferguson, Ethan George, Lottie Heywood, Liam Hill, Krystyna Kavanagh, Matthew Kofoed, Jill Legaspi, Angelica Lugtu, Gemma Lysaght, Amelia Meates, Neve Meates, Cameron Rawlings, Niamh Sharvin, Meg Sherwood, Ellah Streatfield, Chris Tagiilima, Megan Townshend and Georgia Walmsley.

## JOIN THE WELCOMING TEAM AT THE SUNDAYS MASSES

Perhaps you have wondered what small Act of Service you could offer our Parish? Well one of them is becoming part of the Welcoming Team.

The most important part of the role is to greet people with a welcoming smile as they come into Mass. Full training is provided.

Please sign up on the clip board in the foyer at School or St Gregory's or contact Irene Maguire on 027 6229415, to join the team.

## DANCE

Dance With Aimee, classes in Redwood for Ballet from 3 yrs, Jazz from 4 1/2, and Contemporary from 10yrs. Enrol Now for 2018. New preschool classes on Mon and Thurs 1.30-2pm. New Contemporary classes for beginners and experienced dancers. Exciting new Performance class for over 10yrs!! Please contact Aimee on [aimee@dancewithaimee.nz](mailto:aimee@dancewithaimee.nz) or 021434450

