



St Joseph's School

TE KURA O HATO HOHEPA PAPANUI

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



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

Sports Crazy - The calendar is definitely hotting up with a string of school events taking place. Earlier this week the St Joseph's School Duathlon Team competed at the Canterbury Duathlon at Ruapuna Raceway. Congratulations to the following students who finished in the top 50.

- Claudia Vivian 5th in the Year 7 girls
- Samuel Roughan 16th in the Year 6 boys
- Olivia Vivian 28th in the Year 5 girls
- Lola Romero 29th in the Year 5 girls

The school's Athletics day took place today. The day consisted of two events, the Year 4-8 competition and the Year 1-3 adapted athletics event. A huge thanks to Mr McGuire and Mrs Fraser for organising the events as well as the teachers for running the event. Family participation at school events really brings out the best in people at our school. I would like to thank the friends and family members who turned out to cheer on all the children.

Forming Faith - All families new to the school are invited to attend a Forming Faith evening. This is a parish and school event designed to introduce families to faith based education and assist them support their children's faith journey. The event will take place at 6.45pm on Wednesday 28 October in McAuley 1-2. The evening will be finished by 9.00pm at the latest. Please note the change of venue.

Tuhono - The school's Kapa Haka team will perform at the Tunono Kapa haka competition next Sunday 1 November. This is the first event of the year for the team. It is important that we have a great turnout for the event. Parent support at this event, that takes place on Sunday evening at the Christchurch town hall, is greatly appreciated.

St Joseph's School Dance 2020 - The school Dances will take place next Friday 30 October in our school hall. The year 3-6 dance is from 5.30pm to 7.00pm.

This year St Joseph's School will host a North Parish Year 7-8 dance from 7.30pm - 9pm. This will be the only dance organised by the North Parish Schools of St Joseph's Papanui, St Patrick's Bryndwr and Christ the King Burnside, for 2020.

If you have already purchased a ticket for last term's dance (the once that got cancelled due to COVID) you don't need to buy another one, otherwise tickets will be on sale in the school library before school on Tuesday—Thursday next week. Tickets \$5.

Learn to Swim - We start the Learn to Swim programme next week at the Graham Condon Recreation Center. By now you will have received the swimming timetable. All children must bring their togs and towel to school during the next two weeks. Please ensure that all clothing items (underwear included) are named. This enables us to ensure that lost items are returned to their owners and that all children are wearing their own clothes. If your child is unable to swim due to illness or injury, please let the school know so that alternative arrangements can be made for them.

Grandparents Day - Grandparents Day is a highlight of the school calendar. This year it will take place on **Friday 20 November**. Grandparents day provides all St Joseph's children the opportunity to host their grandparents or grandfriends at school. During their time at school, grandparents have the opportunity to look around the classrooms and watch a special grandparent liturgy that will take place in the afternoon.

Ashby 2 - Mrs Bennett will take maternity leave at the end of week 5. Mr Odell has been employed to teach in the Ashby team for the rest of the year. Mr Odell is an experienced teacher who has taught a range of age groups. Mr Odell will pop into Ashby 2 to meet the children some time over the next few weeks. I look forward to officially welcoming Mr Odell to the St Joseph's Team in week 6.

Head Lice - Head lice are very common. It is usual for schools to have bouts of head lice when contact sports begins in winter and again when spring is followed by warmer weather. Head lice are a nuisance but are not a risk to public health. Anyone can get head lice – it doesn't matter how clean or dirty a person's hair is. Head lice spread by crawling from one person's hair to another's – usually between people who are in close contact, such as family or school classmates. All families can help slow the spread of head lice by making it a household routine to check their children's hair every Friday. This provides the weekend to treat the hair before returning to school the following Monday. To find out more about head lice and how to treat your children's hair, please visit this website—<https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/how-get-rid-head-lice>

Teeth - The Community Dental Service visited St Joseph's School this week. Oral health is a growing issue in New Zealand. As a school community, we need to do our bit to ensure that our children's teeth stay clean and healthy. Clean and healthy teeth should not have cavities! This can be achieved by limiting the sugar in our food as well as ensuring our children clean their teeth for 2 minutes twice a day with fluoride toothpaste. Link on this link to download a jingle to motivate your children to brush their teeth - <https://www.brushdj.com/#nogo>

Hanrahan 1 Liturgy: Hanrahan 1 will be presenting their Liturgy tomorrow in the hall at 11am and again at 11:45am.

Coming Up: The Mercy Collaboration will be sharing their Liturgy digitally next week (due to swimming).

Thank you Ashby 3 and Kealy 1: and your families for a fantastic turnout at Mass on Sunday. When our children go to Mass, they hear the word of God and prayers praising Him. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me, do not stop them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”* Mk 10:13-14

This term our school value focus is Forgiveness

The Importance of Forgiveness:

The practice of forgiveness is an invaluable stepping-stone to peace. It is one means to healing one self and healing our relationships with others. Forgiveness can be characterized as: 1) a choice to reconcile, 2) an attitude about setting things right, 3) a compassionate way of communicating, 4) a specific action, and 5) an ongoing, lifelong process. Above all, forgiveness expresses kindness. Otherwise, without forgiveness tremendous amounts of resentment or hurt can build-up within.



Forgiveness is an important cornerstone of our faith as we reflect on the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made to forgive us all. In our Catholic schools we work to honour and model forgiveness in everything we do. As a

Catholic community, we are fortunate to be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is another opportunity for our students to engage in an honest dialogue with God and receive His forgiveness. In Luke 6:37-38 of the Bible, it is said: “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you”. In Matthew, Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the unforgiving debtor, summarizing: “If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.” (6:14) This pronouncement certainly inspired the passage: “forgive our trespassers, as we forgive their trespasses,” in the Lord’s Prayer and in the equally revered Prayer of Saint Francis: “Where there is injury, pardon,” and, “It is in the pardoning that we are pardoned.”. Forgiveness is a conscious, deliberate decision to release feelings of resentment or vengeance towards a person or group who has harmed you, regardless of whether they actually deserve your forgiveness.

Looks like: changing our actions and behaviours

Sounds like: saying sorry, accepting an apology from someone

Feels like: a sense of peace in our hearts

Faith Fact - Week 2, 19—23 October

October 22nd is the Feast Day of Pope Saint John Paul II. He was the Pope from 1978 until 2005 and was the first pop in several hundred years not to be an Italian. Here are some quotes from him: “Genuine love ... is demanding. But its beauty lies precisely in the demands it makes. Only those able to make demands on themselves in the name of love can then demand love from others.” “The future is in your hearts and in your hands. God is entrusting to you the task, at once difficult and uplifting, of working with Him in the building of the civilization of love.”

Thoughts and Prayers - It would be greatly appreciated if everyone could keep Fr Benito in their prayers as he is unwell at the moment. Fr Benito was our Parish priest last year.

Congratulations - to the following learners who received Merit Certificates last week:

Isaac Coxon, Zyla Abao, Boston Wright, Piper Docherty, Aria Troon, Harriett Chapman, Cameron Fullen, Rose Edmonds, Marco Zivkovic, Xian Acosta, James Mclaughlin, Austin Golding, Riley Garlick, Caleb Ruddenklau, Lydia Armstrong, Ethan Angalot, Abby Baliguat, Patrick Woodnutt, Darcy Clerkin-Keats, Pippa O’Sullivan, Leo Porter, Rodge Ablir, Ella Hosken, Byron Taylor, Taylor Vaile, Benji Morrison, Reggie Entese, Ein Frost, Santana John, Arch Silmaro, Kaden Roberts and David Claveria.

PTA NEWS

CALENDAR ART ORDERS - Last day TOMORROW

FRIDAY LUNCHES TERM 4 BBQ Sausages—\$1.50.

Orders and cash taken before school from the Hall kitchen.

Thank you to this term’s volunteer helpers:

23 Oct	Kim Ric-Hansen	Suzy Smith
30 Oct	NO lunches due to swimming lessons	
6 Nov	NO lunches due to swimming lessons	
13 Nov	NO lunches due—school closed	
20 Nov	Grandparents Day—pre order before school and also sold at lunch time to Grandparents.	
27 Nov	Cindy Chapman	Suzy Smith
4 Dec	Tash Edlin	Jessie Fyall
7 Dec	NO lunches due to Leavers Lunch	

*For those of you who may not be connected to our Facebook or Instagram pages the **CYT Sports night 2020 is back on!!!***

For those that have not been before Sports Night is an awesome night of fun, an opportunity for young people (Years 7 – 13) from throughout our region to get together, build positive connections with other young people from our Catholic Communities and have a bit of competitive fun mixed in with some crazy activities. We are blessed to have 20 young people and their adult carers coming all the way from Hokitika on the Westcoast for the weekend, and so we are hoping to have a wonderful turn out from the Canterbury Parishes to meet them and make them welcome. Anyone in this age group can register, its great if people can register as a team (6 to 8 people) but if they don’t they can register as an individual and we will arrange a team for them. We also encourage people to register with their local youth groups, if they have one in their community that is coming, but if not then make a team up anyway. Sports night will be on Saturday night, 31st October at the Ara Sports Centre, Whareora, 130 Barbadoes Street, Christchurch Central, Christchurch 8011. This is straight across the road from Marian College. There is plenty of parking on site. Doors open at 6pm for sign-in of teams with the action happening from 6.30 to 9pm. Parents and leaders are encourage to come along, socialise with the other parents and support your team. Hot drinks and snacks will be provided.

Sign-up your team at <https://cyt.org.nz/sports>

Registration is \$5 and proceeds will be going to the Caritas Challenge Appeal. Registrations close on the 27th October so that we can organise our team draw. <https://www.facebook.com/events/341881570468429/>

We would really welcome some help from our Local Youth Leaders and Parents. *If you would be willing to be on our organising team or even to be a helper for the night, please contact the CYT manager James Bryant using this email address. (jbryant@cdoc.nz)*

If anyone would like assistance with permission slips or any other matters please do not hesitate to contact me.

James Bryant, CYT Manager