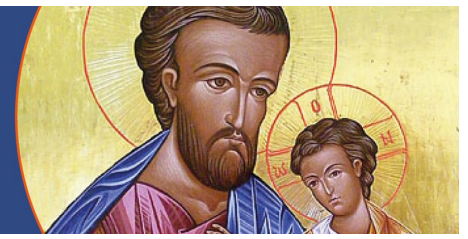




St Joseph's School

TE KURA O HATO HOHEPA PAPANUI

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



NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 1 - No. 3 - 21 February 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

Student Leadership - The Year 8 students will be advised of their Leadership appointments today. This is a tricky process because some Leadership responsibilities are more popular than others. I would like to thank the Senior Team for the robust process that they put in place to allocate the leadership roles.

The Leadership appointments will be announced tomorrow. Information will be posted on the school website. We are blessed to have a large group of confident role models eager to serve the school and community. I look forward to seeing their leadership capability build throughout the year.

Road Safety - St Joseph's School is located off one of the city's main arterial routes. Traffic around the school can become very congested at times. That is the reason why we need to work together to ensure that pick up and drop off at school is safe for our children.

The City Council have been very supportive by installing 40km speed limit signs at either end of Vagues Road and have painted yellow lines on the road approaching the pedestrian crossing. The Police have also been supportive in training our Road Patrol team and patrolling outside the school at peak traffic times. I would also like to thank the parents who generously volunteer their time to supervise the Road Patrol team. This week we will send home information on how to help keep our children safe on the road. Please share this information with other family members who may pick up the children at the end of the day. I appreciate your support with this issue.

- Do not double park
- Do not park on yellow lines
- Do not park over driveways
- Do not u-turn in front of the school
- Limit parking at the drop off zone to 3 minutes

Class Mass - Hanrahan 1 and McAuley 2 have their class Mass at 8.30am on Sunday at St Gregory's Church. Class Mass is a once a year event which we ask all families to support. Class Mass is a wonderful way to connect with our parish.

I understand that there is a clash with the Weetbix Tryathlon this weekend. If your child can not attend the Mass because they are participating in the tryathlon, please advise your classroom teacher. We suggest that any child who is unable to attend this Mass, attend another class Mass later in the year.

Please refer to the attached Religious Education Newsletter from Mrs Culling for the dates of all the class Masses and other important information.

Foodstuffs Picnic - The school has leased out the back field to Foodstuffs over the weekend. The grounds are closed to the public all of Saturday.

School Swimming Sports - The school Swimming Sports will take place on Wednesday 6 March at Jellie Park Pool from 11.30am to 2.30pm. All students in Year 5-8 will participate in the event.

Children will travel to and from the event by bus. The cost of transport to and from the event is covered by the Activity Fee that is included in your school account. Parents are welcome to come along and support the children. There is limited spaces for parent spectators at the event.

Swimming - Many thanks to the large number of parents who volunteered daily to assist with the school's swimming programme which concludes tomorrow with the focus on survival skills.

PLEASE NOTE - All children need to bring their pyjamas to swimming to wear over their togs. Long sleeved pyjamas are preferred but no onesies or nighties please.

After School Care - The school is seeking feedback relating to the provision After School Care within our community. Any parent or caregiver wanting to provide feedback on either of the two after school care providers servicing our school can email application@stjopapa.school.nz. The information that you provide will be collated and a summary of the collated information will be shared with the Board of Trustees. Information relating to the names and personal details of individuals who provide information will be kept strictly confidential.

Cycle Safety - The Year 6 students will participate in the Cycle Safety programme next week. This is a programme provided by the Christchurch City Council and delivered by trained Cycle Safety Teachers. Information regarding the organisation of the event has been sent home with the students concerned. If you have any questions regarding the programme please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Weetbix Tryathlon - The Weetbix Tryathlon takes place this Sunday. In the morning I will set up a basecamp over in the schools' area. The basecamp is a useful place to store your bags or shelter from the weather. Just look out for the school banner. It will be great to see the St Joseph's competitors on the day.

YEAR 8 2019 SCHOOL BASED VACCINATION PROGRAMME

These vaccinations will be administered on Monday 4 March. Only students who have completed and returned the consent forms will receive the vaccinations. If you have not submitted a consent form and you would like to have your Year 8 child vaccinated please talk to your family doctor.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Bridie Quayle** who won 11 events from 11 swims at the weekend at NZ Juniors for the South Island zone and broke 2 Canterbury records in the 100m Breaststroke and the 50M Backstroke so a pretty amazing achievement. She also broke the 100m Backstroke record the previous weekend for the 10 year old girls – both the 100m Back and Breast were 18 year old records.

Niamh Quayle was also placed 3rd in the 200m breaststroke & **Claudia Vivian** was in the top 8 for most of her events as well. An awesome effort from all 3 St Joseph's year 6 girls !!

PTA AGM

We offer our thanks to the group of parents who have so generously offered themselves to work on the PTA for the benefit of our children.

The 2019 PTA committee is:

Catherine de Bruin – President

Kim Ric Hansen – Vice President

Susan Woodgate – Treasurer

Denise Howse – Secretary,

Aaron Richards (Principal), Erin Kreft (Teachers' Rep) Cindy Chapman, Katrina Knill, Tim Malone, Vicki Meates. Sarah Thom and Nicole Vivian.

LUNCHES TOMORROW—HOT DOGS \$2.50

(Gluten Free options available)

Thank you to our volunteer helpers -

Kim Ric-Hansen and Brenda Vivian

PRE-SCHOOL MUSIC

Every Monday morning throughout the school term at the St Joseph's Parish center. Come for a chat and cuppa at 9. 9.30 - 10 Music for all. \$3 per child \$5 per family. Hope to see lots there to keep this great thing going! Phone Nessa on 0273040392.

MARIST HOCKEY Junior Club Open day

Saturday 2 March, 11am—midday at Marist Park Turf at St Bedes (Entrance off Momorangi Crescent) For further information contact Marist Hockey Junior Club - maristhockeyjunior@gmail.com or refer to our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MaristHockeyJunior/>

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

We warmly invite children from Year 4 and older to join this year's First Holy Communion Sacramental Programme. Enrolment Forms are now available from St Joseph's School office, St Joseph's Parish office, or the St Joseph's Parish website. (under the General Drop-Down Box)



ALL forms to be returned to the Parish or school office or via email to Irene Maguire by Friday 1 March

Introduction Evening: Wednesday 20 March 7.00 pm

First Reconciliation: Wednesday 19 June 6.00—7.00 pm

First Holy Communion Days: Saturday 22 June 6.00 pm Mass or
Sunday 23 June 10.00 am Mass.

For further information please contact Irene Maguire on 027 6229415 or irenemaguire100@live.com

PARISH EXPO AND PARISH CENSUS

We are hosting an exciting **Parish Expo on the weekend of 23/24 February.**

This is going to be a fantastic opportunity for Father Benito and Father Do to see what is happening in our parish and to meet the coordinators and members of those groups/ministry's, as well as promoting to the wider parish to come and see what we do here at St Joseph's.

Stay for a coffee in the after each Mass – and wander around the Parish Centre to find is what happening at St Joseph's.

We will also have a pamphlet to hand out with the bulletin at each Mass, with the Expo details for parishioners to take home to read at their leisure.

The following weekend 2/3 March, is the Census Week.

There will be a simple form handed out at the end of each Mass for people to complete.

We will be asking people to update their contact details. You will also have opportunity to tick the box of any area of our Parish life that might interest you.

But, but more importantly – we will be asking people if there is anything we can do to support you, practically and or spiritually.

Irene Maguire

Pastoral Associate

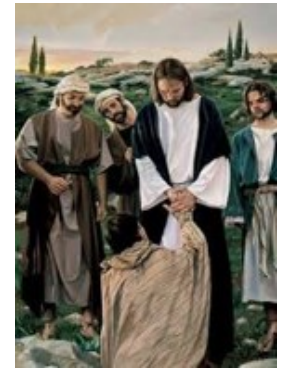
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YOUTH GROUP 2019 BEGINS

Youth Group begins this Sunday evening at St Gregory's Parish Centre. The year 8 youth group runs from 6pm-7:30pm and is lead by an experienced trio of enthusiastic, young adult leaders. Come along for some awesome fun, games, food, and Faith-based talks. New members welcome!"

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER - February 2019

"He aroha whakatō, He aroha puta mai."
If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the new school year. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term. We began our year with a mihi whakatau (welcome) and a Waitangi Day liturgy at school. We were blessed to have Bishop Paul Martin and Father Benito attend. We asked for God's blessings on each class and all our teachers. We welcomed the new pupils to our St Joseph's whanau. Throughout the welcome and the liturgy the children showed great reverence. It was a lovely start to the year.

The following is a brief summary of the Religious Education Programme for Term 1.

Week 1, 2—Prayer, **Week 3**—Charism, **Week 4, 5 6**—Church, **Week 6**— Ash Wednesday, **Week 7, 8**—Church **Week 9**—Jesus & Caritas Lent lesson **Week 10**—Jesus & Palm Sunday & Caritas **Week 11**—Jesus & Holy Week lessons

We are using exercise books or clear files for R.E. work this year. This book may come home sometimes for your child to complete work and so that you can keep up to date on the work your child is doing. Please feel free to write encouraging comments in these and of course any questions you may have about the programme.

Every family has access to the Family Whanau book at...www.faithalive.org.nz/ Click on the Families button on the top right hand of the page. This book is there you if you are having trouble helping your child with their R.E. homework or if you want to refresh your memory on some of the ideas in the R.E. curriculum.

Sunday Mass Dates for this year are as follows

24 th February	Hanrahan 1 & McAuley 2	8.15 – 9.30
31 st March	Mercy 1 & Kealy 2	8.15 – 9.30
26 th May	Ashby 3 Mercy 4	8.15 – 9.30
30 th June	Ashby 2 & Mercy 2	8.15 – 9.30
28 th July	Ashby 1 & McAuley 4	8.15 – 9.30
25 th August	Timoney 2, Timoney 3 & Mercy 3	8.15 – 9.30
27 th October	Timoney 1, McAuley 3 & McAuley 1	8.15 – 9.30
24 th November	Hanrahan 2 & Kealy 1	8.15 – 9.30

Please diarise the above dates as all children are expected to attend the appropriate Masses.

School Mass/liturgies and special days

Wed 6 th March	Ash Wednesday/ Wk 1 Lent	Priests in classes
Fri 22 nd March	St Joseph's Day Mass and Celebration Day	10.30 St Gregory's
Fri 29 th March	Solidarity Day – Rice and water. Bring a can or two for St Vincent de Paul	
Tues 2 nd April	Reconciliation for Easter Y5 - 8	Hall & Parish Centre
Fri 12 th April	Stations of the Cross Liturgy	Hall Morning & Afternoon
Thurs 30 th May	Ascension-Whole school to Mass	10.30 St Gregory's
Wed 19 th June	First Reconciliation	4.30 St Gregory's
Sat 22 nd June	First Holy Communion	6.00 pm St Gregory's
Sun 23 rd June	First Holy Communion	10.00 am St Gregory's
9 th – 13 th Sept	Social Justice week	Friday Liturgy
Fri 20 th Sept	Mercy Mass	10.30 St Gregory's
Fri 22 nd Nov	Grandparents Day and Book Fair	Liturgy 11.00 & 11.45
Tues 26 th Nov	Reconciliation Y4 -8	Hall & Parish Centre
Fri 6 th Dec	Year 8 retreat	All day – Parish Centre
Thurs 12 th Dec	End of year Mass—Year 8 families are welcome to attend	1.15 p.m. St Mary's Pro Cathedral

Values

This term our Gospel Value is compassion- aroha. To be compassionate – Ngākau aroha

*“Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive.”
— Dalai Lama XIV*

Prayer Bags

A prayer bag has been put together to encourage and support your family with prayer. The cost of the bags and resources in them has been generously gifted by our parish community.

There is a bag for each class. The children are rostered on to take the bag home and keep it for a week. Before you return the bag we ask you to write a comment in the book provided about your families use of the bag and that you check off the contents against the list of contents.

The bag will go home on Friday and must be returned the following Friday.

Young Vinnies

I will meet with the children from Year 5 – 8 who wish to be Young Vinnies for 2019 in week 5 as we have swimming weeks 3 and 4. We will plan projects for the year based around service.

Lenten Programme

During Lent the Catholic community in New Zealand is called to reflect on ‘love in action’ as an outward sign of our faith.

In each classroom there is a Caritas donation box. Over the forty days of Lent the children are asked to make regular, small donations as part of their Lenten Giving Programme. This is in no way compulsory but it would be great if the children could either give up a treat once a week and put the money instead in the box or have an extra job and earn the money.

Solidarity Day

Our annual Rice Day will be held on Friday the 29th of March. This national occasion is formally called Solidarity Day. The dictionary definition of solidarity is ‘harmony of interests and responsibilities among individuals in a group, especially as manifested in unanimous support and collective action for something.’

Every year we have a willing band of volunteers who cook and serve the rice for us. If you would like to help with this please put your name and contact details on the sign up sheet in the office.

This year instead of a gold coin the children are asked to bring in donations of tinned and non-perishable food. These will be given to the St Vincent de Paul food bank for families in need. This is a great chance for the children to enact the Lenten programme by giving to others.

Catholic Social Services are available to assist us in the areas of counselling, social work, group work/ education, budget advice, food bank assistance.

There are support groups that will assist families in need of food. If you know of someone who is in need of assistance, please encourage them to phone or make contact with our parish team who will be able to help with contacts.

Our Special Character at St Joseph’s Catholic School is what makes our school so wonderful. We must be constantly aware that our actions need to reflect Jesus so that others we meet are able to see what makes us special. This is easy to do when things are going well. However, when issues arise it can become more difficult. During this Lent, my prayer is that we will allow our Special Character to shine through in each and every contact that occurs in all areas of our community.

First Holy Communion

The dates are in the calendar. We wish the children and their families many blessings as they make this faith journey together.

May our Lord bless you and your family with His peace and harmony.

God Bless,
Jacque Culling



*“How far you go in life depends on you being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these.”
George Washington Carver*