



St Joseph's School

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NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 1 - No. 1 - 2 February 2017

FROM THE BOARD—Wendy Skinner

On behalf of the board I would like to welcome everyone back to a new year at St Joseph's School. On Sunday the board and parish welcomed our new principal, Aaron Richards, to the community. This was followed by a school liturgy on Tuesday morning where Mr Richards addressed the children for the first time.

Over the last two weeks a lot of work has been taking place to prepare for a positive year ahead. The board is delighted to inform you that the construction of two classroom blocks will commence this term. The two buildings will look similar to the current Cremin block and will be located at the end of the hard court surface.

I wish you all a happy 2017.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

On behalf of the staff, I welcome all the children and their parents back to school for the 2017 year. It has been a wonderful week at St Joseph's School. As the new principal of the school I have been impressed with the caring and supportive environments we have both in the playground and classrooms. It has been simply a pleasure meeting the children throughout the week. I have also met a large number of parents. If I have not had the chance to meet you, please come up and introduce yourself sometime during the week.

I have also visited many of the classroom. It is great to see that the learning programmes are in full swing. If homework has not already started to come home, it should begin at the start of next week.

STAFF NEWS

On behalf of the school community I would like to welcome Mr **Mathew McGuire** to the St Joseph's faculty. Mr McGuire previously taught at St Joseph's school a couple of years ago. He has returned to the school after playing rugby for a number of years in the United Kingdom.

We congratulate Ms **Sarah Manley**, teacher in Ashby 3, who is expecting her first child. We wish her well during the pregnancy. Ms Manley will take leave at the end of the term. Mrs Kelly (Team Leader) and I are in the process of finding a suitable replacement for the Ashby class, starting Term 2 until the end of the year.

WELCOME

We welcome the new students who have transferred to St Joseph's, and the following five year olds who started as new entrants this week:

Isla Bendall, Lucas Claridge, Nathan D'Cruz, Amarlie Graham, Jordis Krammer, Zac Ryder, Olly Staiger and Sophia Sutherland.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We also welcome from South Korea **Jiyun Han, Geonseung Kwak** and **Siyun Lee** who will be studying with us as Year 8 students this year.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure your child is dressed in correct school uniform at all times. For safety reasons jewellery is not part of the school uniform. However, one small stud per ear is allowed and items of cultural significance can be worn at the owner's risk.

Our school policy asks that all children keep to their natural hair colour and refrain from partially shaved hair patterns and rat's tails. Hair ties must be either white, black or brown or the official school colours of blue and gold, or a combination of the above.

ENROLMENT

As there is pressure on the school role it is important that the younger siblings of students currently at the school, pre-enrol at the school. Having an older brother or sister attending the school does not necessarily guarantee a space. So pre-enrolling your child at St Joseph's School assists us to confirm a place for your child. If you have not already pre-enrolled your pre-school children, please contact the office now!

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

Thursday, 9 February is our meet the teacher evening. We have two sessions, making allowances for parents with more than one child at the school. The first session starts at 7:00pm and the second session at 7:30pm.

All meetings will take place in individual classrooms. Please note that the Senior Syndicate will have their meeting in Cremin 1. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and also to gather information about teaching and learning this year.

SWIM SAFE PROGRAMME AT GRAHAM CONDON

Our annual swimming lessons will commence on Monday, 13 February and our last day is Friday, 24 February. The swimming timetable is on display on school notice boards. A copy of the timetable will also be posted on the 'Parent Information' page of the school Website.

Following the City Council Policies and Guidelines, we are responsible for providing sufficient male and female supervision while students are changing. We also want to increase the ratio when walking to the pool. Parents can volunteer to assist teachers in providing safety for our children.

Please find the parent volunteer timetable on display in the library foyer. One or two parents per session will be great. We appeal to our dads to volunteer in helping the groups with no male teachers with supervision.

BE KIND TO PLANET EARTH

We want to reduce rubbish at our school and parents can help us with this by thinking about packing lunches differently.

Try not to fill children's lunch boxes with disposable plastic containers and sandwich bags. Use reusable containers and help us keep the grounds tidy.

Congratulations if you already have made changes. We also understand that sometimes parents will need to go for convenience! We are looking forward to sending less plastic to the landfill this year.

CONGRATULATIONS to Che Davison

The Davison family received notification of Che's achievement in the last week of school in 2016. We have not had the opportunity to congratulate Che for being awarded an academic scholarship to St Bede's. We also want to thank our hardworking teachers for preparing our students so well for high school. This is the third academic scholarship in three consecutive years to St Bede's.



WAITANGI DAY

Year 8 students will lead the whole school in an outdoor Waitangi Day Service tomorrow at 12 noon.

All classes have been preparing their own Class Treaty which will be presented as part of the service.

Parents are most welcome to attend.

School will be closed on Monday. Enjoy the long weekend.

SAFETY ON THE PLAYGROUND

We ask our children to wheel their bikes and push their scooters to the stands once they enter the school ground.

At the end of the school day some children start riding their scooters at high speed when others are making their way to the gate.

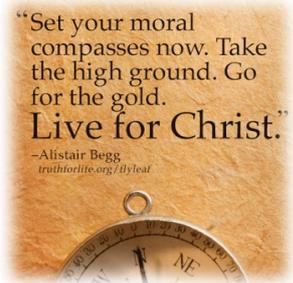
Until 3:15pm nobody should ride their scooters on the playground. Let us keep the playground safe for all.

*Bless us, Spirit of Life,
during this new school
year.*

*Bless us with
the light of the new dawn
the radiance of the
rainbow
the gratitude of thirsty
ground in the rain*

*the steadiness of the mountains
the delight of the morning song of birds
the industry of the insects
the glory and beauty of the flowers
the same awe and wonder of the children that we
teach and the resolve of a mountain stream.*

Amen



In Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to the following staff members and children who have suffered a bereavement during the holidays.

Jo Ford' (teacher aide) on the death of her mother a week before Christmas.

Our office administrator, Pauline Knaggs whose mother passed away during January. She was also a great Nana to James Knaggs (Hanrahan 1) and Lucy Knaggs (Ashby 2)

and to Liam O'Reilly' (Mercy 1) and William McIntyre's whose grandfathers passed away this week.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families at this sad time.

PTA NEWS

Back to School BBQ

“The PTA would like to invite all parents – both new & returning – to the **Back To School BBQ Breakfast, this Tuesday, the 7th of February, from 8-9am.**

Thanks to the generous support of Northlands

PAKŃSAVE

we'll have **free bacon sandwiches & breakfast sausages** for everyone, big & small. Plus, there will be a **free coffee cart** on-site too, so you won't miss out on your morning cuppa. Come along & catch up with everyone you haven't seen over the summer holidays; the whole St Joseph's whanau will be there!

AGM

Don't forget the PTA's AGM at 7pm on Monday the 13th of February; new members are more than welcome. Mums and Dads, it's a great way to meet other parents & get more involved in your children's schooling.”

Help required

If you were thinking about how to make a contribution to the school, we require someone to take over the Entertainment Book fundraiser for the school. Our current co-ordinator, Belinda, will be finished at St Josephs this year and would like someone to step up and work with her to get an understanding of how it is run for next year. It will require use of emails to monitor and process orders and using a spreadsheet to record our orders. Seriously easy and great opportunity for you to contribute to the school with this successful fundraiser.

All queries to Belinda on 0276514486 or email: phil_belinda@xtra.co.nz

GUITAR and UKULELE TUITION

Pat Kearns will recommence guitar and ukulele tuition on Tuesday 7th February. Anyone interested in learning can contact Pat on 3492-689, 0272774023 or pat.kearns001@clear.net.nz

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017

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 Parish office, St Joseph's School, or the St Joseph's Parish website.

<http://stjosephspapanui.weebly.com/sacramental-programmes.html>

ALL forms to be returned to the **Parish office or School Office** by Friday 3rd March.

Enrolment Evening: Wednesday 8th March 7.00 pm
First Reconciliation Rite II: Thursday 8th June 7.00 pm
First Holy Communion Days: Saturday 17th June 6.00 pm or

Sunday 18th June 8.30 or at 10.00 am Mass. If you have any queries, please contact Irene Maguire on 027 6229415 or irenemaguire100@live.com

REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM BOOK STUDY – LENT 2017

Books can change lives. We distributed 600 copies of 'Rediscover Catholicism' at Christmas – and it is a cracking good read! We invite you to read and study this book together as a group and discover how to live our faith with more passion and purpose. Starting 9th March for 6 weeks on Thursdays. Afternoon or evening sessions. Contact Lauren 0274246045 or laurenbutler76@gmail.com

BELFAST NETBALL CLUB

Registrations for the 2017 season are now open. Please register online at www.belfastnetball.co.nz.

The following grades are available this season :

Future Ferns (Year 3 to Year 5)

Please register online and you will be contacted regarding team placement.

Grades (age taken as at 1st January)

Under 11 Trial dates Sunday 12th March at 10am and Thursday 16th March at 6pm

Under 12 Trial dates Sunday 12th March at 10am and Thursday 16th March at 6pm

Under 13 Trial dates Sunday 12th March at 12pm and Wednesday 15th March at 6pm

Under 14 Trial dates Sunday 12th March at 12pm and Wednesday 15th March at 6pm

Under 15 to Under 19 Trial dates Sunday 12th March at 2pm and Tuesday 14th March at 6pm

All trials are held at our netball courts located behind Belfast School. You must register prior to your trial date. For any further inquiries please contact our club secretary Gayleen Lidgett 323 8034 or 021 142 3906.