



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

Wearing of face masks - Government messaging regarding the wearing of face masks is becoming more intense by the day. Today Mr Hipkins announced that although face masks are recommended when using public transport it is not mandatory for children under the age of 12.

The Year 7&8 children will not be required to wear face masks when travelling to Technology on Monday.

Learners will not be required to wear a mask when using a chartered bus to a school event.

I would, however, recommend that St Joseph's learners, when wearing their St Joseph's uniform on public transport, wear a face mask. This keeps the learners safe and so we are united against COVID.

COVID - COVID continues to create uncertainty and interrupt events. This is a small price to pay to keep our region COVID free and our vulnerable and elderly safe. Please note the following changes to events.

- The PTA Quiz Night that was planned for this Saturday, 29 August has been cancelled. A huge thanks to the families and friends of the school who supported this event.
- The North Parish Combined Masses at St Bede's College on 5—6 September have been postponed. A new date for the event is yet to be announced.
- At this point in time the Canterbury Cross Country has been set down for 9 September.
- Friday Winter Sport will continue, however spectators are not allowed to be present.
- The Canterbury Schools' Winter tournament is scheduled for 18 September.

The Government is due to make an announcement about any changes in Alert Level next week. We will update you on how this affects the school and school events once we have received the details from the Ministry of Education

Enrolments for 2021 - Enrolments for 2021 continue to be strong. We have a large number of Catholic families seeking enrolment at St Joseph's School. If you are moving away, please let us know as soon as possible so we can ensure that spaces are appropriately allocated.

If you know someone who may be looking at sending their child to St Joseph's School in 2021, please remind them that applications for enrolment for the 2021 school year close on 25 September 2020. Applications received after this date have less of a chance of being approved.

Intermediate Open Day - St Joseph's School will open up the Year 7-8 classrooms and invite Year 6 parents to come and look at the learning that takes place in this area of the school. The open day will take place on 15 September from 11.00am to 12.30pm. If you are interested in coming along, please put this down in your diary. This event is dependent on future COVID announcements. We will update you if the situation changes.

Year 6 Ski Day - The Year 6 learners headed off to Mt Hutt today. The weather is looking great. I look forward to seeing the photos of their day in the snow.

ICAS - The ICAS Spelling Bee and Mathematics exam will take place next week. Mathematics will take place on Thursday morning. The Spelling Bee will take place on Friday morning.

Principal's Absence - You may have noticed me limping around the school since the start of the year. On Monday, I had knee surgery to fix the issue and needed a few days off to recover. I returned to school today with a slight limp however I am assured that this will now improve. I apologize if I have not been available during this time and may be a little slow in answering any messages.

NO PTA LUNCHES TOMORROW

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Ruth Ezezew, Blake Perry, Gregory Stephens, Porsha Graham, Zach Bradley, Hunter Slee, Marco Alegre, Oliver Lynch, Joseph George, Julia Briones, Marco Octaviano, Jordis Krammer, Eden Read, Matthew Ahn, Thomas Fowley, Van Buison, Charlie Fyall, Fatai Tatafu, Eva Wylaars, Harry Phillips, Taylor Vaile, Nikita Chapman, Saxon Allen, Emma Richards, Elliot Lynch, Brody Roberts and Zea Octaviano.

PMP - We appreciate the help from the following families at PMP next week:

Monday 31 August **Whitby John**
Tuesday 1 September **Hovenden Stephen**

Our school Virtue focus at the moment is **Service**.

Mother Teresa Quote:
***"Faith in action is love,
and love in action is service"***

Liturgy and Mass Timetable

There may be some changes to the timetable and format of Liturgies over the next few weeks due to Covid restrictions. Please check with your class teacher or send me an email if you have any questions. - angela.bennett@stjopapa.school.nz

Faith Fact - Week 24—28 August

based on "Our Faith, Our Future"
(a pastoral letter from Bishop Paul Martin SM) outlining his vision for the future of the diocese.

'Flourishing parishes are filled with young people and young families. Lay people are given the opportunity to use their talents and gifts and priests too are given the opportunity to work out of their strengths and experience the joy of working where they are gifted. In these communities every member has a strong commitment to social justice and to the poor.'



NEWS FROM THE WHARE PUKAPUKA / LIBRARY

Scholastic Book Club

It's library book fundraiser time again!



The Book Club catalogue should be with each student now. Please place your orders online if possible. **Orders close Friday 4 September** and the Library gains 20% of each sale in points. These points are used to purchase books children want for the whare pukapuka from the next catalogue. We really appreciate your support!

One lucky student who has submitted art or writing to the library since the last book club, will have their name drawn for a voucher to spend from this catalogue. Keep up the art and writing! You have until Wednesday 2 September.

Lit Quiz

Our school has places for two teams / 8 senior students to join us for the annual Catholic Schools Lit Quiz. A range of pukapuka will be available to read and the teams meet to prepare, once a week in the lead up to the quiz. More information will come out in school notices shortly.

Changes in the Whare Pukapuka

Have you noticed it looks different in the library lately? Thanks to our wonderful PTA, caretaker Blair, and Bamford School, we were able to secure a range of secondhand library furniture and shelving to upgrade our storage. We're working on re-labelling each area of the library, so it is easier for you to find interesting books. The biggest change is in the non-fiction area, where you will see each shelf is now front-facing and has a subject and sticker (like a dinosaur) on it. Each book will soon have the matching sticker.

There is a separate area for Māori books, your writing, graphic novels and National Library loans. The entranceway has notes showing what books you'd like me to purchase, as well as New Books and new Senior Books. All books on display in the whare pukapuka are there for you to borrow.

- Picture books and non-fiction picture books will have **blue** letters and labels.
- Quick Reads will have **green** letters and labels
- Fiction books will have **orange** letters and labels, to make them easier to identify.

Any suggestions or requests? Please get in touch!

Manja