



# St Joseph's School

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## NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 2 - No. 6 - 6 June 2019

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

#### Board of Trustee Elections

If you wish to drop your voting papers off at our school office, they must be in by **12 noon TOMORROW, 7 June** otherwise they can be delivered or posted direct to Canterbury Education Services, as long as they are received there by 13 June. ALL voting papers, whether posted or hand delivered **MUST BE IN THE ADDRESSED ENVELOPE** provided.

#### Maternity Leave

On behalf of the school community I would like to wish Mrs Ward well as she takes maternity leave. This is a special time for Mrs Ward's family as they prepare for the birth of their second child. I look forward to hearing the good news.

#### Bishop's Announcement

A reminder that Bishop Paul will announce his vision for our diocese at Mass this weekend (Pentecost). After Mass you will hear a video message from the Bishop, and at the end of Mass, receive a handout with more detail. There will be a cup of tea after each Mass and members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be available to answer your questions or direct you on the feedback process.

#### Latest Inform online

The Bishop's newsletter, *Inform*, is a quarterly publication that covers news from around the diocese and information from the bishop on current happenings. The Inform can be viewed online - <https://chchcatholic.nz/2019/05/latest-inform-now-available/>

Dear Lord,

We remember the first disciples as they received the Holy Spirit and were sent to continue the work of God. Today, we are invited to re-commit ourselves to welcoming God's Spirit, who abides in us, and to know that the fruits of the Spirit were not given solely for our personal benefit but rather are to be shared with the whole human family. Help us to work together for a more just world in which the dignity of all people is respected. O Holy Spirit, Grant us hope. Amen



### Philippines Independence Day

New Zealand society is becoming more culturally diverse. This diversity brings a richness with it. St Joseph's School has students from approximately 18 different cultures and nations. Although we come from different places we share a common faith. On Wednesday 12 June the school will acknowledge our cultural richness by celebrating Philippines Independence Day alongside our Filipino families.

A variety of things will be happening at the school during this celebration. This will include the Filipino children wearing traditional Filipino clothes to school, drawing a large Filipino flag on the concrete outside the office, learning to say 'Lord hear our prayer' in Tagalog, watching a powerpoint presentation with information about Independence Day and the Philippines, sharing Filipino stories in the library at lunch time.

Next week's liturgy has been moved forward to take place on Wednesday, instead of Friday, to coincide with the Philippines Independence Day.

A special part of the Filipino culture is celebrating events with the sharing of food. As a result we are planning a shared lunch in classes or teams (depending on the weather). Filipino students may like to bring Filipino food to share, and other students can bring NZ food to share. Families are welcome to join their children to eat lunch. If you have any questions, please contact your classroom teacher.

We hope this will be an enjoyable day for everyone at St Joseph's School, and we look forward to celebrating it with you.

### Liturgy

Ashby 3 will lead the school Liturgy tomorrow at 11am and 11.45am in the school hall

### PMP

Thank you to the following on next week's PMP roster:  
Monday 10 June **Batilong Hampton**  
Tuesday 11 June **Lee Marriott**

## CONGRATULATIONS

Alisha Mawhinney, attended the singing competition held by Christchurch Competitions Society on 1 June. She entered three sections in the 10 to U13 division and achieved the following places:

Songs in Costume—2nd place

Folk/Traditional—3rd place

Novice Solo—3rd place

Congratulations, Alisha.

### ONLINE SAFETY WEEKLY ADVICE: UNWANTED CONTACT ONLINE

Almost 1/3 of Kiwis have experienced unwanted digital communication in the last year. This includes bullying, abuse and harassment. There are tools on most websites and apps to help manage unwanted communication, such as reporting and blocking. There is also a NZ law called the Harmful Digital Communications Act to help people experiencing online abuse and harassment.

## PENTECOST RETREAT

"It would be good for us to make room for silence to hear the voice of love"

Pope Francis

Take time to appreciate your relationship with Jesus Christ at a four hour retreat in the beautiful new Church of St. Patrick in Lincoln.

Fr. John O'Connor will lead the day with reflections, time for silent prayer & other priests will be available for confession.

- + Saturday 8 June 2019 (Pentecost Eve)
- + 11.00am - 3.00pm. (cuppa served from 10.30am)
- + St Patricks, 31 Gerald St. Lincoln 7608
- + Bring your own lunch & a friend or two
- + Donations welcomed for new church appeal
- + www.foodforfaith.org.nz john@fff.org.nz

## VILLA MERRY CHRISTMAS FETE SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2019 11AM – 4PM

Put this date in your diary now! Come and do your Christmas shopping from over 100 high quality stalls, while enjoying food, drink and entertainment in the lovely Villa Maria grounds.

Stallholders!!! If you or someone you know has a business or a skill selling suitable good quality items and would like to rent a 4x4m stall for only \$50, spaces are still available. Please contact Belinda or Helen on [christmasfete@villa.school.nz](mailto:christmasfete@villa.school.nz)  
Thanks in advance from all our Villa Maria families for your help!

# PTA NEWS

## What's happening this month?

- Entertainment Book sales are still continuing. Please either return the books that were sent home or pay online.
- 14th—School Discos: Junior (Y4,5&6) 5.30pm -7.00pm and Senior (Y7&8) 7.30pm-9.00pm
- 20th—Mufti Day: More details to follow
- 27th—Cheese Roll Fundraiser order forms due (these will be sent home next week)
- 29th—Cheese Roll Production Day

## Take a School to Footy Fundraiser

A big thank you to those parents who supported this awesome fundraiser and for attending what was a great game with great atmosphere! As a school we sold 69 tickets (36 adults, 33 kids) and made a total of \$243.

## Our next Meeting

This will be next Monday the 10th of June. If you've ever thought about coming to a meeting, or just want to know more about what we do, please come along. We would love to see you and hear your thoughts.

## PTA LUNCHES TOMORROW—BBQ SAUSAGES, \$1.50

Thank you to our volunteers—**Kim Ric Hansen and Jo Bradley**.

## Join Redwood Kea Scout Group 4 Week **Free** Trial Available

Scouts is the world's leading voluntary youth movement and it all starts with **KEAS**

### Keas is for boys and girls, aged 5-8 years old

What we do: Interact with nature and learn to share through cooperation and teamwork. We engage in both active and quiet games, stories and creative crafts, learn life skills and have lots of fun and go on awesome adventures. There is also opportunity to participate in activities such as Mudslide Day, JOTT (Jamboree on the Trail), Annual Kea Sleepover, Zone Campfires, Day Trips, and other adventures as they arise.

Keas also participate in a fun award scheme which allows them to progress through various levels and complete personal interest badges. Some badge tasks may include completing science experiments, making paper planes, learning how to set the table, or finding out about an endangered animal, participation in water or road safety activities.

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