



# St Joseph's School

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## NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 1 - No: 8 - 23 March 2017

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

**Community of Learning** - Two years ago the government announced a 36 million dollar initiative designed to improve schooling across the country. The initiative encourages schools to cluster together to work on common goals.

After much consideration the St Joseph's School Board of Trustees has made the decision to join the Christchurch Catholic Community of Learning - Te Mara Akoranga Katorika. The Community of Learning includes nine other Catholic Primary Schools as well as all four Catholic secondary (Catholic Cathedral College, Marian College, Villa Maria College, St Bedes College and St Thomas of Canterbury). Joining the Catholic Community of Learning will not only enable us to work with schools with a similar philosophy, it will also ensure that we can provide students with a cohesive pathway from primary school to secondary school.

Our application has been submitted to the Minister of Education, Honorable Heke Parata for approval. If we receive a positive response from the Minister we will work closely with the other Catholic School's within the Community of Learning to make a real difference for our children. If you would like to learn more about the Christchurch Catholic Community of Learning, please visit the following website - <http://www.catholiccol.org.nz/>

**New Teacher** - **Amelia Ryman** will join the teaching Team at St Joseph's School in Term 2. Amelia will teach in Ashby 3 while **Sarah Manley** takes maternity leave for the remainder of the year. Amelia is a young teacher currently living in Taupo. She has recently been working at St Peter and Paul School in Lower Hutt. Amelia has musical talent and is looking forward to using this talent to strengthen the musical opportunities we provide at St Joseph's School.

**Reminder** - Mercy 3 will lead the school's first liturgy tomorrow, when certificates are presented. Parents and friends of Mercy 3 are welcome to attend either liturgies at 11am and 11.45am.

**Principals visiting**—Next week the principals of Marian College and Villa Maria College will visit St Joseph's School to talk to the Year 8 girls. Details on the day and time of the visits are on the school calendar. I have also published the enrolment dates for each secondary school on the school calendar.

**Sponsorship** - The school has two digital services which we can use to advertise individuals or organisations that sponsor our school. The first is School-links which the school uses to push out messages. The second is Vistab which is an electronic sign-in system which students, parents and staff will use to sign in and out each day. The sponsorship we receive will pay to run the two digital services. This will mean we can divert the cost we would normally pay for Vistab and School-links back into student learning. Sponsorship ranges from \$500 -\$1000.

We would like to offer this sponsorship opportunity firstly to the St Joseph's School community. If you, or an organisation you belong to, would like to take up this opportunity, please contact me as soon as possible.

**World Downs Syndrome Day** - Each year the voice of people with Down syndrome, and those who live and work with them, grows louder. On Tuesday Down Syndrome International encouraged people all over the world to organize activities and events to help raise awareness of what Down syndrome is, what it means to have Down syndrome, and how people with Down syndrome play a vital role in our lives and communities. If you would like to learn more about Down's Syndrome, please visit this website - <https://worlddownsyndromeday.org/wdsd-2017>

**Good Luck** - Good luck to two St Joseph's School teams that will be representing our community next week. We have a Year 8 team of students participating in the PCT Challenge on Monday. This event requires the team to race through the Police Competency exercises. Schools all over Canterbury will compete in this competition, all vying to be the fastest team and win the coveted trophy. We also have children competing in the Canterbury Primary Schools Duathlon at Ruapuna on Monday.

**Leadership Day** - All our Year 8 students will travel to Catholic Cathedral College next Friday to participate in the Leadership Day organized by the Catholic Youth Team. The theme is Inspire to Shine. More information will go home soon.

**Welcome** - We welcome **Ethan Angalot, Brody Leadley, Joseph Chapman and Kiera Lynch** who recently started in the New Entrant classes. We hope they enjoy their time at St Joseph's School.



## NTH ZONE SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

### 1st Placings

**Kalani Griffiths**—12yr boys Freestyle, Relay  
**Chloe Brady**—12yr girls Freestyle, Backstroke, Relay  
**Ollie Lutton**—11yr boys Freestyle, Backstroke, Relay  
**Caitlin Quayle**—11yr girls Freestyle, Backstroke, Relay  
**Cam Rawlings**—12yr boys Backstroke, Breaststroke  
**Gemma Lysaght**—12yr Relay  
**Angus McEwan**—12yr Relay  
**Angus Nevin**—11yr Relay  
**Fran Cody**—11yr girls Breaststroke, Relay  
**Matthew Kofoed**—Freestyle 25m, Backstroke 25m  
**Cassidy Brunel**—12 yr girls Breaststroke

### 2nd Placings

**Jonty Blacklow**—Open Butterfly,  
**Angus McEwan**—12yr boys Freestyle  
**Fran Cody**—11 yr girls Freestyle  
**Lucy Eccleton-Allen**—10 yr girls Freestyle  
**Neve Meates**—12 yr girls Backstroke  
**Angus Nevin**—11 yr boys Backstroke  
**Kalani Griffiths**—12 yr boys Breaststroke  
**Gemma Lysaght**—12 yr Breaststroke

### 3rd Placings

**Gemma Lysaght**—12yr girls Freestyle  
**Angus Nevin**—11yr boys Freestyle  
**Jonty Blacklow**—12 yr boys Backstroke  
**Catie McEwan**—11yr girls Backstroke  
**Lucy Eccleton-Allen**—10 yr girls Backstroke  
**Maya Kumagai**—11 yr girls Breaststroke  
**Finlay Neale**—10 yr boys Breaststroke

Congratulations to the above swimmers who will now go through to the Primary Schools' Championships on 6 April at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre. All these children will receive a separate letter with full details.

## ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL DUATHLON RESULTS

### 9 yr boys

**Tyler Mawhinney, Louis Sharp, Ryan Cooke**

### 10 yr boys

**Matthew Glen, Noah Newsome, Campbell Behrnes**

### 10 year girls

**Zoe Blacklow, Isla Martin-McKenzie, Johanna Wylaars**

### 11 year boys

**Max Gillies, Lochie McLean, Liam O'Rielly**

### 11 year girls

**Maia Gorman, Jarrah Prentice, Tess Cooke**

### 12 year boys

**Cameron Rawlings, Liam Hill, Jonty Blacklow**

### 12 year girls

**Caitlin Andrews, Megan Townshend**

A fantastic day, every child took part and tried their best. A huge congratulations to everyone and to those selected for Centrals.

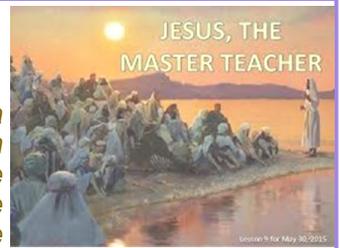
**PMP** Thank you to the families on next week's PMP roster:  
Mon 27 March **Vivian Ribeiro**  
Tues 28 March **Fyall Woodnutt**

### **Week 8**

#### **The Best Teacher**

#### **(Revised for the 21st Century)**

*He never taught a lesson in a classroom. He never used an interactive white board. Not once did he use PowerPoint to make His case. He did not have internet access ... or a computer ... or even electricity. He was not trained by a university education department. He never gained qualified teacher status. He was never inspected by ERO. He never crossed the teacher pay threshold. He never spent time photocopying and laminating resources, or putting up classroom displays. He never handed out gold stars, house points or certificates. He never wrote end of year reports. He never referred to the National Curriculum or followed NZQA guidelines. He kept no records, gave no grades, and His only text was ancient and well-worn. His lessons were socially inclusive. He taught the economically deprived as well as the wealthy; He taught the physically disabled and the mentally ill as well as those healthy in body and mind. His teaching method was the same with all who came to hear and learn. He opened eyes with faith, He opened ears with simple truth, and He opened hearts with love ... a love born of forgiveness. He challenged, inspired and healed those He taught. He changed individuals and transformed communities. Even so, He was never nominated for a Teacher of the Year Award or knighted for His services to education. And yet this quiet teacher from the hills of Galilee continues to feed the needs, fulfil the hopes, and change the lives of many millions around the world, for what He teaches brings heaven to earth and reveals God's heart to all peoples everywhere.*



## **ST JOSEPH'S DAY**

Firstly, thank you to the PTA for providing lunch and iceblocks. Iceblocks at the end of a hot day was fantastic!

Before we started Mass, we announced our leaders to the school.

Congratulations to: **Cam Rawlings, Gemma Lysaght, James Woollett, Conor Fyall, Max Gillies, Holly Myers, Amelia Meates, Thomas Brosnahan, Kalani Griffiths, Jonty Blacklow and Megan Townshend.**

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

All orders due with payment to the school office by tomorrow **Friday 24 March.**

### **MARIST HOCKEY—2017**

**Girls Yr 3&4** Friday 24 March, 4.00-6.00pm. Join us at Marist Park Turf @ St Bedes where our Marist coaches will take you for a fun hockey session. Spaces are available in this grade for new players. Bring along your sports shoes, mouth guard, shin pads and we will provide everything else. School teams of 8 can be set up, Information will be available at this session or visit [www.maristhockey.co.nz](http://www.maristhockey.co.nz) For further information contact Gretchen Brosnahan [gretchenbrosnahan@gmail.com](mailto:gretchenbrosnahan@gmail.com)

**Note for BOYS YEAR 3-4:** Register now on our website <http://www.maristhockey.co.nz/index.cfm> and email the Boys Junior Club Captain - Philippa Grey [dpmcgreyc@gmail.com](mailto:dpmcgreyc@gmail.com).

**BOYS AND GIRLS YEAR 1-2** Fun Sticks Open Night, Friday 7th April 4-5.30pm at Marist Park Turf @ St Bedes where our coaches will take you for a fun hockey session. We have spaces available in Fun sticks grade for new players to join School teams of 8 can be set up for this programme so bring along your friends and play hockey this season. Bring your sports shoes, mouth guard, shin pads and we will provide everything else. Email [dpmcgreyc@gmail.com](mailto:dpmcgreyc@gmail.com)

## PTA NEWS

- ⇒ **Lunches tomorrow—Hot Dogs—\$2.50** Thank you to our volunteers, **Ash Newsome** and **Clint Vaile**.
- ⇒ **Food Wrap**—Order forms for this fundraiser will be sent home with every child. Please return order forms to the school office by **Friday 7 April** for delivery of orders estimated for first week of Term 2 / first week of May.
- ⇒ **Entertainment Books**— Information re 2017 Entertainment books and memberships has been sent home to all families.
- ⇒ **Second Hand Uniform Sale—Thursday 6 April**—See below
- ⇒ **Super Sub**—How would you like to be a Super Sub? Following a suggestion from one of our school parents, we are setting up a “Friends of the PTA” list and it could be just what you have been looking for...  
 Level 1 is for parents who aren't able to be a full member of the PTA, but who want to help out now & again. Basically, we'll put you on a list of people who we will contact occasionally, when we need more helpers for something we're doing. You won't get called up very often, but you will be doing us a big favour.  
 Level 2 is for parents that have a useful trade or skill that the school can use from time to time, when we need something done. Some of this work will be paid, some will be voluntary; all of it will be for the benefit of your children. So if you think you have got what it takes to be a “Friend of the PTA”, get in touch today. We would love to hear from you! Thank you.  
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### St Joseph's School PTA Uniform Sale

- ⇒ On **Thursday 6 April 2017** at 2.30pm, the PTA will be holding a second-hand uniform sale.
- ⇒ If you would like the PTA to sell a uniform or part of a uniform on your behalf, please fill in the form below and leave the items in a plastic bag in the school office no later than end of day **Monday 3 April 2016**.
- ⇒ The PTA will take 50% commission on all items sold and also gratefully accepts donated items.
- ⇒ We are happy to price up items or equally you can nominate the sale price below.
- ⇒ You will be notified by phone to either pick up a cheque for sold items or to collect unsold ones shortly after the sale.

	Item (one per line)	Size	Price	This side PTA use only	
				Sold	Not sold
A			\$	\$	
B			\$	\$	
C			\$	\$	
D			\$	\$	
E			\$	\$	
F					
		Total			
By allowing the PTA to sell uniform items on my behalf, I understand that the PTA will take 50% commission on all items sold. The PTA will take care of your property but cannot be held responsible for any unforeseen circumstances such as fire or theft.		Less 50%			
		To Pay			

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_