



St Joseph's School

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NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 3 - No: 7 - 5 September 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

Over the last three days the Middle School has been on camp. While the Year 5 students travelled over to Lyttelton to stay at Living Springs, the Year 6 students



travelled to Woodend. Activities ranged from archery to climbing,

making campfire to riding a zipline.

On Tuesday, I had the privilege of visiting the Year 5 camp. The children were having a fantastic time, enjoying a great day with friends.

A huge thanks to the teachers and parent volunteers who made the camp a fun and unforgettable experience for all the children.

ICAS

Over the last week some of the children have been participating in the ICAS examinations. ICAS Assessments are online assessments, designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. The assessments are based on the curricula for the relevant year. Subjects include: Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, English and Mathematics.

This year the programme is different than in the past as they are all completed online. Up until 2019 all the exams were completed on paper. This is a new experience for teachers and students and has taken some time to get use to.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

The Weetbix Tryathlon will take place on Sunday 23 February. Entries to the event open soon. It is best to be in early because the Tryathlon is very popular and has limited spaces. St Joseph's School Papanui is a registered group. You can help the school earn points by registering for the Tryathlon under the school name. Click on the following link to enter under the school name:

<https://www.registemow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35577&G=100386>

PREPARATION FOR 2020

A huge thanks to the families who have notified the school that their child would not be returning to St Joseph's School next year. If your family is moving away or your child will not be attending St Joseph's School next year, please let the office know asap so that we can offer a space to a child on the waiting list.

2020 ENROLMENTS - LAST CHANCE

We have a number of current families who have pre-enrolled younger siblings at St Joseph's School for next year, however they have not accompanied the pre-enrollment form with a preference certificate.

All enrolment applications without a preference certificate will be placed at the bottom of the list as the school is legally obligated to issue enrolment places to students with preference first. As a result, it is possible that some current families may find that there is not an enrolment space available for younger siblings.

Please help us confirm your child's place at the school by ensuring you have a preference form submitted to the school office no later than 27 September 2019.

MRS VERWEIJ

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs Verweij and her family. Mrs Verweij will travel to London this week to support her daughter in law who is fighting cancer. A situation like this is tough for a young family. Mrs Verweij's son will appreciate the support of his mother over the next few weeks.

Mrs Verweij will be away until the start of next term. In the meantime Mr McGuire will take over the leadership of the Senior Team. If you have any issues regarding school events or discipline over the next few weeks, please refer the issues to your child's team leader:

Junior Team - Mrs Beattie

Junior Middle Team - Ms Burt

Middle Team - Mrs Kreft

Senior Team - Mr McGuire

TALENT QUEST

It has been great seeing the students giving it their best and putting themselves forward for the school talent quest. We have had children from 5-12 years of age participating in the competition with some diverse performances from chickens to drummers on stage. I eagerly await to see the finals next Wednesday at 12.45 pm in the hall. Gold coin to enter. The finalists will be informed this Friday.



MERCY DAY MASS

On Friday 20 September at 10.30 we are celebrating our annual Mercy Mass. The children will travel by bus to St Gregory's where we will attend mass with some of the Sisters of Mercy. The bus will leave school at 10.00am and return by 12.00 noon. Unfortunately we are unable to have parents attend this Mass as space is limited.

PMP

Thank you to the families on next week's roster.
Monday 9 September **Clerkin-Keats Frickleton**
Tuesday 10 September **Fullen Edmonds**

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LUNCHES TOMORROW—HOT DOGS—\$2.50

Thank you to tomorrow's volunteer helpers,
Kala Zivkovic and Jude Pryce.

Week 7: Next week is Social Justice Week. The theme is ***FAIR, YOU SAY? Seeking fairness in an unfair world.***

Social Justice Week 2019 runs from **September 8-14** and focuses on the topic of fairness.

Fairness is a broad concept linked to justice, and what is 'fair and just' to a particular individual or culture may not be seen as 'fair and just' to another. Fairness is about giving people – individuals, groups and cultures – what is their due, what is due in justice to them, as fellow human beings, as children of the one God who created us all. What is 'fair and just' is expressed through Catholic social teaching and through an understanding of basic human rights.



In Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to **Joshua** (Hanrahan 2) and **Conor** (McAulley 3) **Tzcofsky** on the death of their Grandfather this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their family at this sad time.



BURWOOD PARK TENNIS CLUB 55 Cresswell Ave
Free Community Introduction days: Sat 31 Aug 1-2pm,
then Sat 7 & Sun 8 Sept 1-4pm (BBQ, games & giveaways).

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH PAPANUI **THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2019**



Enrolments are now open for St Joseph's Confirmation Programme and we invite students in Year 8 and older to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The programme begins on **Wednesday evening 16th October 7.00 – 8.30 pm** with a Mass for the Confirmation Candidates and their parents at St Gregory's Church.

On Sunday 20th October 5.00 pm, there will be a Presentation of the Candidates Mass, followed by a Shared Dinner with the sponsors and candidates in St Gregory's Parish Centre.

Classroom Lesson **Wednesday 23rd Oct 7.00 – 8.00 pm**— candidates only St Gregory's Parish Centre.

The Retreat Day and Reconciliation is on **Sunday 3rd Nov** – beginning at the 10.00 am Mass at St Gregory's, then leaving for the retreat immediately after Mass to Spenser Park. Reconciliation for candidates and parents at the end of the Retreat day, ending at 4.00 pm.

The Confirmation Mass is 23rd November, Saturday 6.00 pm.

Presentation of Certificates will be on **Sunday 1st December 5.00 pm Mass** – Confirmer's to stay for Youth Group and pizza after Mass

This year's programme is crammed full of exciting and interactive events for our Year 8 and above students.

Should you have any questions – please feel free to contact Irene Maguire on 027 6229415 or irenemaguire100@live.com

Enrolment forms are available from the Parish/School Office and Parish Website www.stjosephspapanui.org.nz

Please return the completed form by Friday 27th Sept