



St Joseph's School

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NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 1 - No. 7 - 15 March 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

St Joseph's Celebration

The school will celebrate St Joseph's Day tomorrow with a Mass and the official opening of the new classroom blocks. The Mass will start at 9.15am. Parents and friends of the school are welcome to attend.

We are honoured to have a number of special guests attending the opening of the buildings so we need to be looking our best. Please note that all children **MUST** wear their school uniform to school for Mass. They will then change into their house/sports uniform later in the day.

The celebrations will continue after morning tea with a range of house activities including: team games, obstacle course, bouncy castles and wheels. Students are invited to bring their bikes and scooters to school to participate in the wheels events. Students without a bike and scooter will play on the adventure playgrounds.

The PTA will be providing free sausages for the children at lunch time and parents are welcome to bring their own picnic and have lunch with the children. Lunch will be from 12.10 to 12.50pm.

School Duathlon

Today all the Year 5-8 students have had the opportunity of participating in the school duathlon. Students had the choice of competing as individuals or as a team. The course consisted of a run/ride/run. This was a lead up event to select representatives for the Canterbury Duathlon in a few weeks time. A huge congratulations to all the participants. It is not only great seeing children making the most of their natural athletic talent but also watching the children putting in the effort and doing their best.

New Appointments

It is my pleasure to inform the St Joseph's School community that the Board of Trustees has appointed Elizabeth Beattie as the 2nd Deputy Principal at St Joseph's School Papanui. Mrs Beattie is a very experienced and highly regarded educator who is currently teaching at St Joseph's School in Rangiora. Mrs Beattie is also an Across School Teacher working for the Christchurch Catholic Schools Community of Learning.

Mrs Beattie will take up her new position mid way through term 2. She will be a great addition to our team at St Joseph's School, Papanui.

Spark Donation

Spark has informed the school that it intends to provide us with a \$500 donation as part of the Payroll Giving programme for Spark employees. I would like to thank the Spark employee who has generated this donation for the school. I would also like to encourage other Spark employees to nominate St Joseph's School, Papanui if they belong to this programme.

Bike Track

The school bike track has become very popular in the last week or so. It has been wonderful watching the students using this new facility. While a number of children are impressive going over the jumps there are other children developing their confidence on their bike. In order to manage its popularity and ensure that all children can use the track to its potential it has been decided to schedule the days students can use it. As of Monday the Middle and Senior students can use the track on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The Junior and Junior/Middle students can use the track on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Filipino Consultation Meeting

The school continues to organise and run consultation opportunities throughout the year to ensure that we are catering for the expectations of our wider community and providing our students with a quality education.

The Board of Trustees has organised a consultation meeting to investigate cultural responsiveness with the Filipino community. The meeting will take place next Tuesday 20 March at 3.30pm in the staffroom.

Public Holidays—Easter

Please note that the school will be closed on Good Friday 30 March to Tuesday 3 April for Easter. School will resume on Wednesday 4 April.

Forming Faith

A Forming Faith evening has been organised for families who have enrolled children at the school over the last 24 months. Participating in the Forming Faith event is an expectation of enrolment. The event is designed to connect parents with the Parish and inform parents of how the Special Catholic Character is released within the parent, school and parish partnership. This will take place in the school hall at 7pm on Thursday 5 April. All are welcome to attend.

Reminder—Sunday 18 March

Hanrahan 2 and Timoney 3 Sunday Mass, 8.30am

YOUNG VINNIES

Next week the Young Vinnies group at St Joseph's Parish school will begin their charitable work. They are collecting clean used clothing and goods for the St Vincent de Paul shops. If you have goods that you would like to donate please bring them to McAuley. We are aiming for 40 bags for the 40 days of Lent.

SOLIDARITY/ RICE DAY—Wednesday 28 March

During Holy Week we have our Rice and Water day. This is a day when we stand in solidarity with those who are not as fortunate as us. On this day the children have no morning tea and are given a bowl of rice for their lunch. If your child does not eat rice then they need to bring 1 or 2 slices of plain bread. Please do not send extra food but do send a bowl and a spoon.

We also ask for a gold coin donation for Caritas. This money will be used mainly in the Pacific Region, to provide aid to those in need.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates and last week's Liturgy:

Lei Canete, Sean Webster, Mason Kelly, Ruby Smith, Thomas Fowley, Charlie Fyall, Patrick Woodnutt, Pome LI, Maeve Malone, Rylan Armstrong, Alexander Lane, Sophie Hanley, Mackenzie Samson, Noreen Ladrera, Keira Conyers, Samuel Roughan, Bailey Rennell, Ella Hosken, Emma John, Liam Brown, Nicole Ladrera, Harry Gorman, Patsy Fowley, Conor Tecofsky, Zoe Silmaro, Daniel Hefford, Aaron Bernardino, Isaiah Dilip, Lulu Mwandila, Molly Bone, Ashton de Vos, Leah Caneos, Oliver Couch, Carys Spratt and Tess Cooke.

NTH ZONE SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

1st Placings

Bridie Quayle	Yr5 girls Backstroke, Breaststroke, Relay
Niamh Quayle	Yr 5 girls Freestyle, Relay
Kate Young	Yr7 girls Breaststroke, Yr 7 Relay
Alex Cowan	Yr6 boys Backstroke
Oliver Lutton	Yr 8 boys Backstroke, Yr 8 Relay
Lochie McLean	Yr 8 boys Breaststroke
Lucas Romero, Angus Patrick	Yr 5 Relay
Ruby Moore, Hamish Meates	Yr 7 Relay
Harry Gorman	Yr 7 Relay
Maya Kumagai, Angus Nevin	Yr 8 Relay
Lucy Eccleton-Allen	Yr 8 Relay

2nd Placings

Hannah Johanson	Yr 7 girls Freestyle
Maya Kumagai	Yr 8 girls Freestyle, Breaststroke
Zara McDonnell	Yr5 girls Backstroke
Catie McEwan	Yr 8 girls Backstroke
Niamh Quayle	Yr 5 girls Breaststroke
Ruby Moore	Yr 7 girls Breaststroke
Harry Gorman	Yr 7 boys Backstroke
Finlay Neale	Yr 8 boys Backstroke
Angus Nevin	Yr 8 boys Breaststroke

3rd Placings

Claudia Vivian	Yr 5 girls Freestyle
Ruby Moore	Yr 7 girls Backstroke
Alex Cowan	Yr 6 boys Freestyle
Hamish Meates	Yr 7 boys Freestyle
Angus Nevin	Yr 8 boys Freestyle
Lucas Romero	Yr 5 boys Breaststroke
Caleb Stevens	Yr 7 boys Breaststroke

Prayer to St. Joseph

Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow, you supported Jesus and Mary, and had the Son of God as your fellow worker.



Teach me to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God has given me to support. Teach me to see in my fellow workers the Christ who desires to be in them, that I may always be charitable and forbearing towards all.

Grant me to look upon work with the eyes of faith, so that I shall recognize in it my share in God's own creative activity and in Christ's work of our redemption, and so take pride in it.

When it is pleasant and productive, remind me to give thanks to God for it. And when it is burdensome, teach me to offer it to God, in reparation for my sins and the sins of the world.

FAITH FACT—Week 7, 12 to 16 March

Can you believe that this Tuesday marks the 5th anniversary of [Francis' election as Supreme Pontiff!](#) Pope Francis said at one of his first general audiences that, "Christianity is not simply a matter of following commandments; it is about living a new life, being in Christ, thinking and acting like Christ and being transformed by the love of Christ." We are called to be to be nourished daily by hearing God's word, prayer, sharing in the sacraments, especially Penance and the Eucharist, and by living charitable lives.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 17th 6 pm OR Sunday 18th 10.00 am Masses:

Enrolment Sunday, Presentation of 'The Little Mass Book'

Sunday 18th 11am- 2.30 pm Retreat Day:

Understanding the Mass/Create A Prayer Cloth/ Work sheets 1 –2 completed (Parents and children)

St Gregory's Church/Parish Centre

Parishioners will be invited to take a Communicants name to pray for that child on their journey towards receiving their Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion. And those parishioner's names will be given back to the children for them to pray for that Parishioner.

The Retreat Day – Sunday 18th March, immediately following the 10.00 am Mass. This is going to be a fun, busy and informative ½ day and a great opportunity for the children and parents to get to know each-other and form relationships. – Full attendance is expected -with one parent to be with your child/children. The day is broken into 3 stations – Craft – creating a prayer mat, what happens at Mass and the completion of 2 worksheets.

Morning tea is provided by the Parish and hosted by The Marian Group. Lunch is BYO - bring your own lunch box.

Marist Hockey Boys Club

We have spaces available in our Kiwi Sticks (Year 5 & 6) boy teams, if you are interested in playing hockey this season. Please contact Justin 022 513 0966. or come along to Marist Park, access off Momerangi Crescent (behind St Bede's School) Sunday 18th March 11.45-1pm to have a go at hockey.
<http://www.maristhockey.co.nz>

PTA UPDATE

The PTA has made a commitment to continue to try and be a bit more accessible in 2018, so here goes with the first of our regular PTA Updates...

Firstly, we thought you might like to know what we're raising funds for this year. As in previous years, we are very much led by Mr Richards and the teachers as to what the school needs help with.

For 2018 we are looking at financing the following projects:

- Providing more shaded areas, especially where your children eat lunch and play at break times
- Increasing the number of drinking fountains around the school
- Relocating the senior playground to beside the middle playground, and extending the soft matting
- Installing a new school garden behind McAuley 3 & 4
- Installing junior football nets behind McAuley 1 & 2
- Installing a new basketball/netball hoop on the new hard court

As you can appreciate, these developments will cost a fairly substantial amount of money; that's where the PTA fundraisers come in. Bearing in mind 2018 is a School Fair year we have tried not to overload the school community with fundraising ventures, but we do have some great little schemes to look forward to:

- The ever-popular Entertainment Book will be coming your way soon
- We will definitely be doing another Cheese Roll Cook Up sometime in June (tell your friends!)
- Plus there are the usual weekly activities, like Friday Lunches, etc.

More details will follow as these events get closer, but hopefully that gives you a bit of an idea of what the PTA is up to this year. Don't forget, you're more than welcome to join us on the committee; we meet every second Monday of each month, at 7pm in the School Staffroom.

Ka kite ano,
Matt Darnbrough, PTA President

St Joseph's School PTA Uniform Sale

- ⇒ **Thursday 5 April 2018** 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 **Thursday 29 March 2018**.
- ⇒ 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: _____