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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

MERCY DAY



Tomorrow the school will celebrate Mercy Day. This is a very special event in the school's calendar as we celebrate the order that founded the school. Mercy Day is a day of thanksgiving. A time when we show our gratitude for the sacrifices and work the Sisters of Mercy undertook to establish St Joseph's School.

As is fitting with such an event the school will travel to St Gregory's Church tomorrow morning for a whole school Mass. If you would like to know more about the Sisters of Mercy, please visit the following website: <http://www.mercyschools.org.nz/>

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Next week is Mental Health Week and the Student Council has been busy preparing a range of events to educate students regarding mental wellbeing. During the week students will be provided the opportunity to stretch, meditate, relax and play in a mindful way. Part of the well being programme includes changing the environment so that it reflects home. Children may bring a photo of their family to school. There is also a logo competition to promote mental wellbeing which children can do at home and submit to their teacher by Thursday.

YEAR 8 SKI DAY

The year 8 students had a great day up the mountain on Tuesday. It was a little windy and icy but the students made the most of a fine sunny day with plenty of skiing to be had by all.

ACCOUNTS

Ski trips and camps are required to be paid before taking part, however there are still some families yet to pay! The ski cost of \$88 per student was a package deal set by Mt Hutt that was not negotiable.

This week statements have been posted to families who still have an outstanding balance on their school account. The only other cost to be added for 2019 will be for Y7&8 Surf Safe, which is scheduled for Thursday 28 November.

It would therefore be appreciated if all outstanding fees on the school account are paid as soon as possible. Thank you to the many families who are making regular payments.

2020 ENROLMENTS - LAST CHANCE

If you are enrolling a child at St Joseph's School next year, please help us confirm your child's place by:

- ensuring you have a preference form submitted with the application
- ensuring your enrolment applications are submitted by the 27 September

Please remember that siblings do not have an automatic enrolment at the school. If there is a sibling that is expecting to enrol next year then we need an enrolment form by 27 September.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Well done on all the families who have registered children for the Weetbix Tryathlon. This event will take place on Sunday 20 of February next year. You can enter by clicking on the following link:

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

KAPA HAKA

The school's Kapa Haka Team presented a very polished performance at the Christchurch Cultural Festival last Friday. The event took place in front of a large crowd at the Horncastle Arena.

A huge thanks to our Kapa Haka tutors Matoa Willy and Whaea Tania for training the team this year. Also a big thanks to Mr Harrison who took over the reigns as coordinating teacher this term.

KAPA HAKU UNIFORMS

If you are able to help with the washing of say 6 or 7 Kapa Haka uniforms, please contact Mr Harrison in Mercy 2 and he will give these out next week. Many thanks.



TALENT QUEST

The St Joseph's Talent Quest, run by our Young Vinnies group, was a resounding success. The children enjoyed three weeks of a great variety of acts and were very generous with their support and with the money given to attend.

The Young Vinnies raised \$407.00 which will be put to good use supplying items for the St Vincent de Paul food bank.

The Young Vinnies group proved to be very capable judges and comperes.

The results are...

1st - **Miriama Petersen** – Tap and singing

2nd - **Mason Kenna** – Piano

3rd - **Charlie Fyall** – singing

Highly Commended :

Jack Christie – Singing

Heidi Kearns, Zea Octaviano and Lola Romero – Singing and dancing

Well done to all those who were brave enough to participate.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at last week's Liturgies:

Arya Celis, Emily King, Ana Tatafu, Kyle Lughtu, Toby Olsen-Sidey, Cruz Austin, Eden Read, Ciaran Phillips, Lydia Armstrong, Ryan Conyers, Kiera Lynch, Elijah McIntosh, Sophie Hanley, Jonathan De Roo, Heidi Kearns, Zara Riberio, Bella Sugrue, Ruby Claessans, Ashton deVos, Carter Devlin, Nikolas Weir, Mina Habachi, Byron Taylor, Sam Choi, Tayla Ryder, Samuel Thornley, Eliza McDonnell, Joseph Baird, Harry Gorman, Finn Creighton, Angus Dolan, Liam Smith, Jorja McCaughan, Isla Martin-McKenzie and Hugo Smolej.

CHRIST THE KING DANCE

Our Year 7 &8 students are invited to the Christ the King School Disco tomorrow from 7.30pm to 9pm. St Joseph's students wishing to attend must register their names with our school office before school tomorrow. Cost, \$5 - to be paid on the night.

2019 CONFIRMATION

A friendly reminder to all parents of Year 8 students and above...

Confirmation Enrolment Forms are due in no later that Friday 27 September.

Please return them either to the Parish or School Office, or email them to irenemaguire100@live.com



Week 9: On September 21st, the Church celebrates the Feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. In 1953, on this feast day, the young Jorge Bergoglio, now Pope Francis, experienced God in his life in a “very special and intimate way. He felt his heart touched by the mercy of God.



In memory of this event Francis chose as his episcopal, and later papal motto, the words, “**Miserando atque eligendo**” from Saint Bede's homily on the calling of St Matthew.

PTA

LUNCHES for tomorrow and next Friday will be **HOT DOGS —\$2.50**

Please ensure that all orders are placed BEFORE school on a Friday

Thank you to the following volunteer helpers:

Friday, 20 Sept—Kala Zivkovic & Sara Golding

Friday, 27 Sept—Catherine de Bruin & Kim Ric Hansen

**Second Hand Uniform Sale
TODAY and TOMORROW
2.30 to 3.00pm**

MARRZIPAN

The Marrzipan Holiday Workshop runs from 10am-4pm Monday 7th - Friday 11th October at Marshlands School. Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day!

Past workshops have been a great hit! As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment.

For more information check out our website! Spaces are limited to 16 per group so get in quick!

W: marrzipandrama.co.nz T: 0275217352

E: workshops@marrzipandrama.co.nz

SCHOOL HOLIDAY GOLF PROGRAMS

These school holidays come and join us at Hagley Park golf club, from 10am – 2pm, Tuesday and Thursday for heaps of awesome games and lots of golf. All lunch and snacks will be provided so all you need is your clubs.

Cost is \$40 per day or \$75 for both.

There are limited spots so get in quick.

To enrol please email Matt -

puregolfing@gmail.com or text 0273572769

