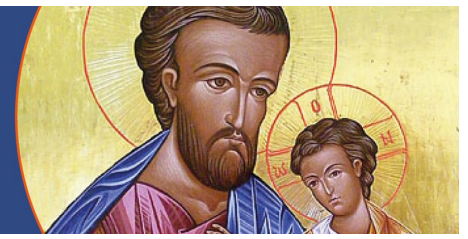




# St Joseph's School

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EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO BECOME CONFIDENT, MOTIVATED LEARNERS, LIVING GOSPEL VALUES.



## NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 1, No. 10 ~ 11 April 2019

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

#### Teacher Changes

Next term we will welcome three new teachers to the St Joseph's School Team. Miss Libby McDonnell will take on the roll growth position in Timoney 2, Miss Chantal Ward will take on responsibilities in Ashby 2 and Mr Benjamin Davis will replace Miss Rachel Cook who has resigned from her full time position in Mercy 3.

On Friday we will farewell Mrs Abby Bills who has been working in a fixed term position in Ashby 2. We will also farewell Mrs Monique Kearns who agreed to fill in at short notice in Mercy 3. On behalf of the St Joseph's community I would like to thank these teachers for their hard work during their time with us.

#### Congratulations

On behalf of the school I would like to congratulate Mrs Green who was presented with a Diploma in Religious Studies by Bishop Paul Martin a few weeks ago. Mrs Green is one of the first teachers to have gained a diploma under the new Catholic qualification programme. This qualification has required Mrs Green to dedicate many hours of her time outside of school to advance her knowledge of the teachings of the Church.

#### Winter Uniform

Summer is over and winter is well on its way. From the start of next term students must come to school in their Winter Uniforms.

It is important that children come to school with the appropriate footwear. Students are required to wear black school shoes which must have black soles. Shoes that have white or coloured soles, or design labels, are not acceptable. Please refer to the school's website for details regarding the appropriate shoes to purchase and detailed information about the winter uniform requirements and <http://www.stjopapa.school.nz/Web/45/>

#### School Term Ends

The school term ends tomorrow, Friday 12 April. The children will have a two week break before returning to school on Monday 29 April. I look forward to seeing the children return next term.

#### Canterbury Swimming Sports

St Joseph's School had some amazing results at the Canterbury Schools' Swimming Championships last week. The Year 6 mixed relay race was one of the highlights of the day finishing in 2nd place. The team consisted of **Niamh Quayle**, **Claudia Vivian**, **Bridie Quayle** and **Tom Kreft** who stepped in to replace Angus Patrick, due to illness. Other results were:

- **Kate Young** - 2nd - Yr 8 girls 50m breaststroke
- **Niamh Quayle** - 3rd - Yr 6 girls 50m backstroke
- **Alex Cowan** - 6th - Yr 7 boys 50m backstroke
- **Claudia Vivian** - 7th - Yr 6 girls 50m freestyle

#### Intermediate Camp

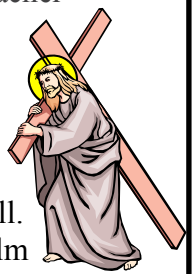
On Wednesday the Year 7 classes travelled to Hanmer Springs for camp. This three day experience provides students with the opportunity to mountain bike, abseil, bushcraft and visit the hot pools. The weather has been good and the children are having a fantastic time.

The Year 8 classes will travel to Hanmer Springs in the first week of Term 2.

A huge thanks to Mrs Verweij who has organised both camps. Mrs Verweij will also run both camps with the assistance of the classroom teacher and parent volunteers.

#### Holy Week Liturgy

Tomorrow Mrs Kreft's class, Mercy 4 will perform a Holy Week Liturgy at 11.45am and 2.15pm in the school hall. This will depict Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.



Jesus,

*This Easter I have no palm leaves to wave, to honour You as King.*

*All I have, are the empty palms of my outstretched hands.*

*Take my hands today and use them to honour You.*

*Amen*



**LUNCHES TOMORROW—BBQ SAUSAGES—\$1.50**

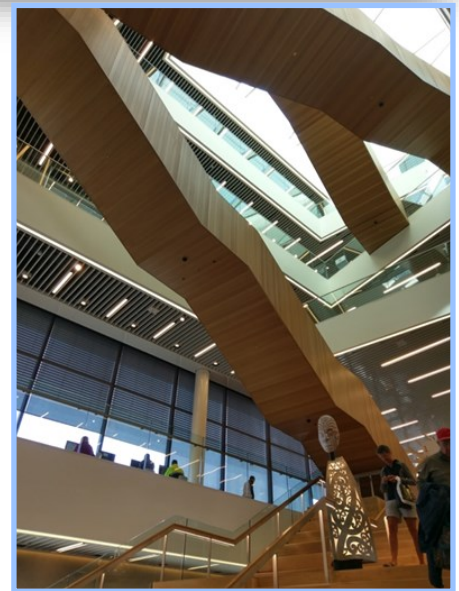
(Gluten Free options available)

Thank you to all our volunteer helpers,

**Tash Edlin and Kim Ric-Hansen**

## What's been happening in the library?

Our term 1 lunchtime librarians went on a fieldtrip to the new city public library, Tūranga. They found out all about the fantastic stock and range of activities going on in the library, as well as how to become members. The librarians will be telling you more about that next term. You can see them in the photos: exploring the staff spaces where an automated system sorts the returned items, looking at cornstarch 3D printed objects and the spectacular Harry Potter-like stairways to all the different levels.



Term 2 will have a **sustainability** focus, so the library will be working on getting resources for this topic as well as making a display everyone can contribute to.

Our Library Leaders, **Amber and Sean** are working on library projects such as activities and creating an events calendar.

I have just finished some Professional Development with **National Library** on their lending service, and creating a Collection Policy. The chosen focus was to work on creating an inclusive, diverse collection that represents our community. A fun way of encouraging this is the display in the entranceway. Children are encouraged to write their name and where they or their whānau/family come from on a small bookmark. We then put a pin in the country. The library pledges to buy brand new books about these countries, and telling their stories. This way, everyone can see themselves represented and celebrated in the library. We've already started a small collection with books from and about the Philippines, China, Japan, Samoa, Australia and Aotearoa/New Zealand.

We also have a wall above the new books display where everyone can suggest a book they would like the library to purchase; this is proving very popular! Many of these suggestions have already been bought for the library. Keep an eye on the library homepage for more information and events, including a new librarian's 100 book challenge for term 2.

*Manja Pieters (Librarian)*

