



St Joseph's School

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



NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 3 - No. 4-15 August 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

2020 ENROLMENT FACTS

- If you, or a family you know, intend to enrol a child at St Joseph's for 2020, you need to have the pre-enrolment application submitted to the office by 27 September 2019 at the latest.
- If your child is already attending our school you do not need to enrol again.
- Siblings are not automatically accepted at the school. You must submit an enrolment application by the 27 September.
- The school's roll is very full. St Joseph's School is legally limited to 440 children each year. The school currently has a waiting list of Catholic students who live in zone seeking enrolment if a place becomes available.
- If you are moving out of the area or intend to move schools, it would be appreciated if you could let the office know so we can offer places to people on the waiting list.

PTA DONATION

A huge thanks to the PTA for the large donation to the school. The community support of PTA fundraising events has afforded us to make a number of improvements at the school. A new drinking fountain was installed at the end of the Mercy block, Blair is in the process of erecting new football posts on the field and three 16 seat picnic tables were placed in the lunch area. These items will greatly enhance the playground environment for our children.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to all the families and friends of the school who have purchased tickets to the parish Quiz Night. It is a sell out and promises to be a fantastic night.

Raffle tickets are still for sale so please encourage family and friends to support the school by purchasing tickets which are on sale before and after school.

JUNIOR PARENTS REMINDER

Please remind children to keep reading books in their reading folder. A lot of books are being returned with mould on them. Thank you.

ACCOUNTS

Statements were posted at the end of last term to families who owe money on their school account. It would be appreciated if these are paid as soon as possible. The middle school camp fees (Yr 5—\$210, Yr 6—\$150) and Yr 6, Yr 7 and Yr 8 ski trips (\$88) have also been added to the account.

ICAS

Notices went home yesterday with details of these upcoming Assessments. Please note that entries and payment are due by **Tuesday 20 August**. Payment can be made on line, 03 0855 0335068 00, but please ensure that the form is completed and returned to the school office.

SPEECHES

The Middle and Senior Teams are well into finalising their speeches. I have already heard a number of speeches being practiced in the classrooms. As usual they are diverse in subject and delivery. I look forward to hearing the finalist from each year group presenting their speeches at the school Finals on 11 September.

DISCOVERY TIME

Last week I visited the Junior and Junior Middle Discovery Programme. This is a 90 minute session held one afternoon a week. The programme encourages children to inquire, discover, experiment and create through a range of engaging activities. At the same time, children are also developing their key competencies: problem solving, relating to others, communicating, managing self, participating and contributing. It was a privilege watching the children working together, talking things through and helping each other. Learning through action is what it is all about.

I will post a few photos and short video clips of my visit to discovery time on the school Facebook page next week.



PMP

Thank you to the families on next week's PMP roster.

Monday 19 August **Lugtu** **Secker**
Tuesday 20 August **Baxter** **Chapman**

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Peter de Bruin, Hannah-Grace Coxon, Aaron ZongZe, Ollie Clerkin-Keats, Evie Flett, Harper Sione, Tim Li, Georgenne Ashwell, Ruslan Hill, Nike Bermejo, Cruz Terrell, Shai McDouall, Kaelan Sinclair, Nathan D'Cruz, Jai Anderson, Fatai Tatafu, Harry Hubble, Patrick Woodnutt, Conor Tecofsky, Molly Maynard, Marley Celedonio, Jorja Rennell, George Robertson, Aimee Octaviano, Bridie Quayle, Carter Connolly, Lochie Streatfield, Giancarlo Ribeiro, Lachlan Bendall, Niamh Quayle, Campbell Behrnes, Taylor Stirling, Maan Lugtu, Luke Norton and Annabel Woodbury.

CHINESE LESSONS

Olive Tree Language school run Chinese language lessons after school at St Joseph's School each Friday. \$150 for 10 lessons. Please contact admin@olivetreelanguages.co.nz

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LUNCHESS TOMORROW—BBQ SAUSAGES—\$1.50

Thank you to our volunteers—**Jo Bothwell** and **Stacey Ryder**.

Prayer for the Assumption of Mary

Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you.

In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with Him in heaven.

May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



In Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to **Megan Kirwan-Broughan** (McAuley 4) on the death of her great grandmother in Ireland. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family at this sad time.



FIRST COMMUNION PHOTO ORDERS

If you wish to order any First Communion Photos, your order, with the correct payment, has to be returned to **St Joseph's School or the St Joseph's Parish office no later than tomorrow, Friday 16 August.**

Irene Maquire, Pastoral Associate, 0276229415

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH COUNCIL

We need help with our minute taking for the St Joseph's Parish Council.

Do you have the skills and desire to be part of a great team of enthusiastic parishioners who are working for the betterment of our Parish?

Are you a fast and accurate typist, and good with detail?

We meet once per month on a Sunday evening.

If this is you - please contact Megan Stewart on meganstjopapa@gmail.com

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Catholics Returning Home is a four week programme for non-practising Catholics who want to explore returning to their faith and spiritual home. It is a no pressure, easy going course that begins on Tuesday August 13th at 7pm for 4 weeks at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Papanui. Please feel very welcome to attend or you may know of someone you could invite. For details phone 0508 HOME NOW (0508 466 366), email moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz or visit www.catholicshomenow.co.nz

BISHOP'S PROPOSED PLAN – OUR FAITH OUR FUTURE

Bishop Paul has been sharing his vision for the proposed plan for the diocese in the seven area meetings.

These meetings were well attended, by approximately 1200 people. Thank you to all those that attended these area meetings.

There was an opportunity for questions and answers which resulted in good robust feedback. In response to your concerns raised at the meetings the frequently asked questions have been updated on the website.

Almost 400 submissions of feedback have been received. The feedback process is still open and can be submitted online <https://ourfaith.chchcatholic.nz/feedback/> or by using a hard copy form available from parishes.