



St Joseph's School

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



NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 3 - No. 10-26 September 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

The end of the school term has come upon us very quickly. It has been a very busy term with numerous sporting, cultural and artistic events taking place. I would like to thank all the teachers and support staff who have put in the extra hours to organise and run these events.

Next term will be equally as busy with many events taking place include, the Spring Market, School Athletics Day, Zone Athletics, Music Festival, Book week, Grandparents Day, Confirmation, Surf Safe, Year 8 Retreat, Canterbury Triathlon, School Production and much more. I am sure that you will agree there is plenty happening to keep children engaged and motivated in their learning until the end of the year.

I would like to acknowledge the new trustees who joined the board earlier this year. Over the last few months they have been participating in ongoing trustee training and have attended two long meetings that have considered school improvement for the year ahead. We are very lucky to have a board that bring a range of talent but an equal amount of passion to the board table.

I would also like to acknowledge our hard working PTA. Much of the work they do is behind the scenes and goes unnoticed. However this term they provided the school with a sizable donation which will provide children with direct access to a range of new resources. So on behalf of the teachers and children at St Joseph's School, thanks for the;

- New rugby and soccer posts
- New Macbooks and ipads
- Junior classroom toys and equipment
- New maths and reading equipment in the Junior/middle, Middle and Senior classrooms

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week the children have been participating in Mental Health Week. This is an initiative driven by the school's Student Council. Throughout the week the Student Council has organised a range of activities to help improve student wellbeing. This has included meditation, mindfulness colouring in and fun games. The Student Council will conclude their week with a Wellbeing liturgy on Friday.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Earlier this year Mrs Walsh made the decision to step back from leading the Performing Arts, as she is ready for a new challenge. This also provides the opportunity for other teachers to experience the fun and excitement of what this dynamic role has to offer. Mrs Walsh has directed the school production for the last 6 years. I would like to acknowledge the tremendous amount of talent Mrs Walsh has added to this school event.

The school production will continue to take place at the end of the year, although it will have a different flavour and different structure than in recent years. At the end of the year a short survey will be sent out to parents in regards to the production so that we can consider further how the value of the production adds to our school curriculum.

PLAYGROUND RULES

Over the last couple of weeks the Leadership Team have been reviewing the school's playground rules. As a result we are piloting a small adaptation. From this week onwards children in year 1-3 are allowed to venture onto the school fields. The school is blessed with a large green space which we need to ensure all students can access.

The rules regarding the use of the adventure playgrounds have also been clarified. All students in year 1-4 can play on the playground in front of the Ashby block. Students in years 3-4 can play on the adventure playground next to the Mercy block. This change will ensure that children in composite classes can play together. It also provides flexibility with our junior/middle students being able to choose a playground where they feel comfortable.

MERCY DAY

The school celebrated Mercy Day last week. This gave us an opportunity to engage once more with our founding order, the Sisters of Mercy. It was wonderful to be able to host eight sisters at the school Mass at St Gregory's Church. A huge thanks to our School Ambassadors who hosted the sisters for a cup of tea and scones after the Mass.

MUFTI DAY tomorrow

for the PTA Spring Market. 20th October
Years 7&8 to bring a gold coin
Years 5&6 to bring a bag of lollies
Years 0-4 do not have to bring anything. Instead they will be given a cake box in the first week next term and be asked to bring a baking item for the Market.

CANTERBURY-WESTLAND SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FAIR 2019 PRIZE WINNERS

A huge congratulations to the following students who were prize winners at the Canterbury-Westland Science & Technology Fair on the weekend:

Jack Segar:

UOC, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Junior Prize for an exhibit demonstrating excellent use of electrical, electronic and /or computer technology



Georgie Skinner:

University of Canterbury, School of Psychology, Speech and Learning

Junior Prize for an exhibit related to psychological science

Sociological Association of Aotearoa New Zealand

3rd placing for the project that best represents either the use of sociological methods of inquiry, consideration of ethical issues, and/or consideration of practical or policy-oriented implications arising for individuals, communities and society.

ROTARY SPEECH COMPETITION

I would like to congratulate all the children who went through to the Rotary Speech preliminary competition and presented their speech to a panel of judges. It is not an easy task presenting to a group of strangers. All representatives from St Joseph's School presented with confidence.

A huge congratulations to **Kiera Conyers, Catherine Grant, and Ella Walsh** who were selected to present their speeches to the Rotary Speech Finals.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MASS

Due to a clash with confirmation in November, **Hanrahan 2** will now attend the Mass on **Sunday 20 October**. **McAuley 3** will now attend Mass on **Sunday 24 November**.

Week 10: What are we on about? *"The Catholic school loses its purpose without constant reference to the Gospel and a frequent encounter with Christ. It derives all the energy necessary for its educational work from Him."* - The Catholic School, 55 (1977)

We have strived to attain this goal this term. Let's continue to spread the Gospel message in our words and actions over the holiday.

Happy and safe holidays to you all.

PTA LUNCHES—TOMORROW

HOT DOGS —\$2.50

Please ensure that all orders are placed

BEFORE school on a Friday

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

DONATIONS FOR THE SPRING MARKET

We are looking for second hand goods to sell at our White Elephant stall: books, toys, DVDs, board games, puzzles, household items, nic nacs, etc

We do not require any second hand clothes.

- drop off to the school office before 3 pm from today
- we can pickup from St Gregory's on Sunday 13th October before and after the 10 am service.
- drop off at school on Friday 18th October, 3 pm to 6 pm
- drop off at school on Saturday 19th October, 10 am to 2 pm

Volunteers

We need volunteers to help us on the day from 7 am until 2 pm. We normally do 2 hour shifts. A sign-up sheet will be outside the library tomorrow or alternatively email Denise with your preferred timeslot: denise.howse@gmail.com

SPRING MARKET



St Joseph's School

4 Vagues Road, Papanui

Sunday 20TH October

8:30am - 12pm

**White Elephant, Toys, Books,
Plants, Cakes, Lolly Stall, Coffee
Cart, & More**

