



St Joseph's School

TE KURA O HATO HOHEPA PAPANUI

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



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

CoronaVirus

The Ministry of Education is providing the school with regular updates relating to the CoronaVirus and the action the school should take. At this point in time we are ensuring that we are prepared for any escalation in the situation and that sanitisers are available at the entrance of all classrooms. Additional sanitisers will be added to the entrances of non teaching spaces.

Soap and paper towels are available in some classrooms. The school's caretaker is in the process of ensuring that soap and paper towel units are installed over classroom sinks. This is in addition to the sanitizer dispenser.

New handwashing signs will be erected in English and Te Reo Maori in the children's toilets to remind them of the correct way to wash their hands. I have provided teachers with a handwashing resource that they will share with the children to improve children's handwashing practices.

The Senior Leadership team will continue to monitor the situation and will respond accordingly to the advice provided by the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health. Parents and caregivers can keep themselves informed about the Coronavirus by checking the ministry of Health website - <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>.

Please note that the Ministry of Health has identified countries where individuals who have travelled from are required to isolate themselves for at least two weeks. This requirement relates to all students, parents and staff. Please assist the school keep a healthy environment by informing us if your child or a member of your family living with you has travelled from or through any of the countries listed on the Ministry of Health website.

Road Patrol

The Wednesday morning Road Patrol parent supervisor position has become vacant again. We are looking for a couple of parents who would be interested in this voluntary position. If you are available, please contact the office.

PMP ROSTER

Thank you to the following on next week's PMP Roster:

Monday 9 March Spragg Graham
Tuesday 10 March King Celis

FROM THE PTA

Mufti Day Tomorrow! Wear your favourite Super Rugby Team colours and bring a luxury item to go into the raffles for quiz night. Items can include chocolates or other yummy treats, candles, skincare etc. but no alcohol please.

Quiz Night Saturday 9th May at 7pm. New venue, new questions! More details to follow next week.

PTA meeting next week Monday 9th March, 7pm in the staff room, all welcome.

Lunches Tomorrow BBQ Sausages, \$1.50 Thank you to our helpers, **Kim Ric Hansen & Koree Roberts.**

YOUNG VINNIES

We have a large enthusiastic bunch of caring young people who have chosen to join the Young Vinnies group for 2020.

We would like to present and commission these wonderful children at the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 29 March. It is a great opportunity for our parish community to become aware of the commitment your children have made.

40 Bags for 40 Days

It is once again time for our Lenten programme of giving, 40 bags for 40 days. Last year we were able to give about 80 bags of goods to St Vincent de Paul.

We are asking for...

- Clean used clothing in good condition
- Blankets · Canned goods
- Non-perishable food items
- Toiletries – toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, moisturiser etc

Please bring your items to McAuley 1 before school on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning for the next 4 weeks. For every 5 items you get 1 chance in the draw.

Upcoming Events

6 March	Mufti Day, Mercy 4 Liturgy
9 March	Parent Teacher Association meeting
11 March	Parent Consultation evening—Teaching & Learning at St Joseph's/ Behaviour Management
12 March	Nth Zone Swimming Competition (Yr 5-8 only)
13 March	McAuley 3 Liturgy
16 March	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
19 March	St Joseph's Day (Mass and trip to Jellie Park)
20 March	Ashby 2 Liturgy
26 March	School Photos
27 March	Hanrahan 2 Liturgy
29 March	Mercy 2 and McAuley 1 at 8.30am Mass