



# St Joseph's School

TE KURA O HATO HOHEPA PAPANUI

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## NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 1 - No. 1 - 7 February 2019

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

**Welcome** - Welcome back to another great year at St Joseph's School. A special welcome to our new staff members, Mrs Bills, and Mrs Fletcher. Also welcome back to Mr Gray and Mrs Ward.

When I started at St Joseph's School two years ago I found the St Joseph's community to be very welcoming and accepting. Starting at a new school can be a daunting task because no two schools operate the same. Teachers not only have to learn how the school operates but they are busy getting to know everyone. I ask all parents to show the new staff just how special our community is by extending out the hand of hospitality.

On Monday Bishop Paul Martin visited the school and took part in the school's inaugural start of year Mihi Whakatau. This Maori custom was used to greet our new parish priest, Fr Benito as well as welcome new staff and students to our school. A huge thanks to our Kapa Haka tutors and Kapa Haka team for leading the school through this event.

On behalf of the school I would like to extend warm greetings to our new students and their families. I know that you will enjoy being part of the St Joseph's School community.

**Back to School BBQ and Meet the Teacher Evening** - The PTA is working with the school to put on a special opportunity for parents to come together at the start of the year and meet the teachers. The Back to School BBQ will start at 6pm, TONIGHT, So come along, grab a sausage and take the time to meet new parents and catch up with old friends. Two Meet the Teacher sessions will be provided so that parents with more than one child have the opportunity to meet their other child's teacher. Children are welcome to attend the BBQ and will be supervised outside while parents

Classes	Teachers	Location
Timoney 1, 3, Ashby 1, 2, 3	Mrs Culling, Mrs Fraser, Ms Gilligan, Mrs Bills, Mrs Woods, Mrs Beattie	Ashby 1
Kealy 1, 2, McAuley 1, 2	Mrs Burt, Mrs Ward, Ms Kickhefer, Mrs Green	McAuley 1, 2
Mercy 3,4	Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Kreft	Mercy 4
Mercy 1,2	Mrs Walsh, Mr Harrison	Mercy 2
McAuley 3, 4 Hanrahan 1, 2	Mr Gray, Mrs Collins, Ms Johns, Mr McGuire	Hanrahan 1, 2

**The School Account** - A huge thanks to all the parents who ensured that their children were prepared for school by organising stationery and uniform items. The Board of Trustees understands the financial pressure that many families are under at the start of the year. To assist families manage this pressure a booklet detailing the school account is available on our website. This booklet identifies the costs associated with your child's education for the year as well as how you can pay your account. This will be included with the school account which will be posted home in the next couple of weeks. St Joseph's School is determined to provide children with quality learning opportunities.

Unfortunately the funding the school receives from the government does not cover the cost to provide these opportunities. As a result the Board of Trustees has established a fees schedule to ensure the school can continue to provide all students with a range of extracurricular activities. The Board has worked hard to minimise the fees outlined in this schedule.

The school is committed to working in partnership with parents. If you have any concerns with regards to paying your school account, please do not hesitate to contact me so that support and assistance can be provided.

**Parent Volunteers and Support** - One way we can minimise the cost of education is by volunteering at school and participating in fundraising. A big thanks to the parents who sent back the GIVE US 5 forms last year. Your support with this was appreciated.

On Monday the PTA will be holding their AGM. The PTA is an essential part of our school. They not only generate vital funding through fundraising activities but they also organise a number of social events.

The PTA consists of a group of supportive parents who meet informally at school each month. No commitment to taking on a roll is required, however attendance and support would be greatly appreciated.

**Sunsmart** - St Joseph's School Papanui is a Sun Smart school. All children and staff are required to wear a sun hat when outside. Children without a sunhat are limited to playing under the verandah.

**Congratulations** - At the end of the year we received news that **Issac Jones** and **Ryan Wilson** were awarded St Bedes Scholarships. It is wonderful to hear our graduating students achieving at such a high standard. I wish them well along with our other 2018 graduates at high school this year.

**Swimming Lessons** - On Monday, 11 February 2019 all children at St Joseph's School will participate in swimming lessons at Graham Condon Recreation Centre. They will receive 10 lessons provided by trained swimming instructors. The cost of the lessons are seriously subsidised by the Board of Trustees. As a result, the total cost passed on to parents is \$15 per child. This amount will be included on your school account.



Our school is very fortunate to be able to walk to the swimming pools. Two classes will walk together along Vagues Road, Nyoly Street, Sawyers Arms Road and cross at the traffic light on Sawyers Arms Road. It will be great if we can get more parents to walk with the children. Thank you for those who have already volunteered their time. If you volunteer to walk with the children, please be at school 30 minutes before the times mentioned below.

Children will walk in their school uniform wearing school or sport shoes and a hat. If rain is predicted, please pack a rain coat because lessons will not be postponed. Children need a bag containing their togs and a towel. Make sure everything is labelled. Goggles are optional.

Session	Time	Classes
1	10:00 – 10:25	Mercy 2 Ashby 3
2	10:30 – 10:55	Mercy 3 Ashby 1
3	11:00 – 11:25	Mercy 4 Timoney 1 and 3
4	11:30 – 11:55	Mercy 1 Ashby 2
5	12:15 – 12:40	McAuley 3 McAuley 1
6	12:45 – 1:10	Hanrahan 2 Kealy 1
7	1:15 – 1:40	Hanrahan 1 Kealy 2
8	1:45 – 2:10	McAuley 4 McAuley 2

**LUNCHES TOMORROW—HOT DOGS \$2.50**  
(Gluten Free options available)  
Thank you to our volunteer helpers -  
**Tash Edlin and Sara Golding**

**Congratulations** - **Louis Sharp** had a big win Kart racing in Hamilton during the holidays. Louis took home the CIK trophy of New Zealand. This moves Louis one step closer to representing his country at the Rok Cup international final in Italy.

**Mason Kenna** passed his Trinity Piano Grade 1 exam with Merit.

**Altar Serving at St. Gregory's Church** - The Sunday Mass is at the heart of our Catholic faith and our Parish family invites and encourages our young people to be involved in the Mass in the role of an altar server. If your child is Year 7 or 8 they will have received a green Consent Form.

If your child is wishing to serve in this special ministry then this form needs to be completed and returned to the Parish Office as soon as possible please.

Training sessions will be on 10th or 17th of February at 2:00pm at St. Gregory's Church.

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**ST JOSEPH'S**  
  
**YOUTH GROUP**

**JOIN US NEXT YEAR:  
YEAR 8 YOUTHGROUP**

**6:00PM - 7:30PM  
SUNDAY 17TH FEB**

**Faith / Prayer / Fun / Formation /  
Community**

**GUITAR and UKULELE TUITION**

Pat Kearns has some free slots for guitar or ukulele tuition for 2019!! Anyone interested in learning can contact Pat on 3492-689, 0272774023 or [pat.kearns001@clear.net.nz](mailto:pat.kearns001@clear.net.nz)