



St Joseph's School

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NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 1 - No. 2 - 5 February 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

Each week over the next term or two we will be introducing each staff member at St Joseph's School. We hope that the information provided helps you understand how we have organised the school and the depth of experience and talent we have on the staff.

Staff Profile: Elizabeth (Liz) Beattie - Mrs Beattie was appointed Deputy Principal at St Joseph's School in 2018. Mrs Beattie has been teaching for 11 years in the Catholic Education system. Mrs Beattie transferred to St Joseph's School Papanui in 2018 from St Joseph's School Rangiora.

Mrs Beattie is part of the Senior Leadership Team and holds specific responsibilities for organising the school's Learning Support programme. This responsibility includes coordinating support for children requiring learning support, emotional support or having high health needs. In 2019 Mrs Beattie also coordinated the Junior School. This included responsibility for the Little Joes preschool programme and transition to school.

Back to School BBQ

Following the success of last year's Back to School BBQ, we have decided to run a similar event this year. The Back to School BBQ will take place from 6pm on Thursday 13 February at school. All parents and children are welcome to this event. Feel free to bring along takeaways, a picnic dinner or just indulge in a free sausage put on by our wonderful PTA. This year we will not be running structured meetings in the staffroom. Instead we will introduce the teachers and support staff. Teachers will be available for an informal discussion with parents.

An opportunity will be made available later in the term for parents to come along to school and hear about the school's learning programme and to meet the teachers to hear about the teaching and learning that will take place in the classrooms.

Parent Information

It is essential for parents and the school to work together to provide a quality learning environment for our children. This week two flyers have been sent home relating to Road Safety as well as Attendance and Supervision. Please take the time to read this information. By working together we can ensure that St Joseph's School is a safe place to learn.

I am making myself available at the school gate and out in the playground before and after school. If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to talk to me.



Road Safety

The morning is a very busy time for teachers as they prepare for school day. As a result, the morning road crossing depends greatly on the kind support of parents to supervise the crossing guards. Our crossing guards are very well trained so supervision is easy. We would be interested in hearing from parents who are able to volunteer 25 minutes on a Monday or Wednesday between 8.30am and 8.55am. Volunteers can work as a team sharing the duty. If you can help out, please let us know. If we do not get volunteers for Monday and Wednesday we will need to stop this service.

We love to encourage children to ride their bikes and scooters. We have a bike track at school which children can use to practice their riding skills. However bikes and scooters can be dangerous in congested areas. In order to maintain a safe environment, bikes and scooters are not permitted to be ridden on the school grounds before school or after school until 3.30pm when the playground is clear of adults and children.

The footpath outside school is also very congested with hundreds of children and adult pedestrians walking to and from cars. We also have the added hazard of car doors opening onto the sidewalk. We ask all cyclists not to ride on the path between the school and Main North Road. If children are not confident to ride on the road we ask that they walk their bikes down to the corner. As we have cycle safety week coming up it is a good reminder that it is illegal to ride on the footpath.

Upcoming Events

Thurs 6 Feb	Waitangi Day (School closed)
Mon 10 Feb	PTA AGM, 7pm in the staffroom Everyone welcome.
Thurs 13 Feb	6-7pm, Back to School BBQ
Fri 14 Feb	Hanrahan Liturgy in the hall, 11am
Mon 17-Wed 19	Year 8 Camp at Wainui
Fri 21 Feb	School Duathlon, Yr5-6, 12.30pm
Sun 23 Feb	Weetbix Tryathlon
Tues 25 Feb	Timoney and Ashby FireWise programme
Tues 25 Feb	First Holy Communion lessons begin for Year 4 children
Tues 25-Fri 28	Year 6 Cycle Safety

ST JOSEPH'S PTA 2020

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ & MEET THE TEACHER

After a great success last year, we are again hosting our back to school BBQ on Thursday 13 Feb from 6pm.

Free sausages cooked by the PTA, or bring a picnic dinner for your family!

The coffee cart will be on site and as in previous years there will be a free hot drink for adults.

HELP WANTED

The annual Foodstuffs Picnic is happening again, and in exchange for our help, Foodstuffs donate \$1,000 to the PTA.

The date for this is Saturday 15th February, and we need some volunteers to help on 2 shifts:

1.00-3.30pm and **3.30—6.00pm**. If you can be of assistance, please contact Catherine on

catherine.jacodebruin@gmail.com

AGM

Our first meeting for the year will be held on Monday 10th February at 7pm in the school staffroom.

We would love to have you join us, either as a new member, or just to hear a bit more about what we do (no obligation we promise!)

There will be wine and nibbles, and an opportunity to hear about our plans for the year.

Friday Lunches

A huge thank you to all those who are returning, or are new, to volunteering for Friday lunches this year, we appreciate your support.

This Friday is BBQ Sausages for \$1.50 each. Thank you to our helpers, Tash Edlin & Jessie Fyall

CONGRATULATIONS



Bridie Quayle, Niamh Quayle, Claudia Vivian and Olivia Vivian all competed at the Swimming Canterbury West Coast Junior Champs at the weekend. Congratulations on the following amazing results;

Bridie won 9 x 11 year old girls titles in the 50, 100, 200 Back and Breaststroke, 100 Free, 100 & 200 IM

Niamh got 2nd in the 11 year old girls 200 IM, 3rd in the 100M Backstroke and 200 Breaststroke
Claudia got 2nd in the 50m Free, 3rd in the 50 Breast & 200 Free

Olivia got 2 x Bronze medals for 10&U girls in the 200IM & 200 Free

Altar Servers

The Sunday Mass is at the heart of our Catholic faith. Our Parish family is pleased to encourage our young people to be involved in the Mass in the role of an Altar Server. If you are a Year 7 or 8 student and would like to be part of this important ministry we are having a training session on Sunday the 9 February OR Sunday the 16 February. This will be at St. Gregory's church from 11-12. Thank you to those who have already returned their forms. More forms and details will be available at the training sessions. We thank you for your support and commitment.

St Joseph's Parish Papanui

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2020

We warmly invite children from Year 4 and older to join year's First Holy Communion Sacramental Programme.

Enrolment Forms are now available from St Joseph's Parish office, or the St Joseph's Parish website. (under the General Drop-Down Box)

ALL forms to be returned to the **Parish or School office**, or via email to as below by Tue 18 February.

Introduction Evening: Tuesday 25 February 7.00 pm

First Reconciliation Rite II: Wednesday 6 May 6.00 – 7.00 pm

First Holy Communion Days: Saturday 16 May 6.00 pm Mass or

Sunday 17 May 10.00 am Mass.

If you have any queries, please contact

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