



St Joseph's School

TE KURA O HATO HOHEPA PAPANUI

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



NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 1 - No. 2 - 14 February 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

Communication - Communication between home and school is essential. Please keep yourself informed by reading the newsletter each week. The newsletter is emailed out every Thursday using School-links. The newsletter can also be located on the school's website <https://stjopapa.ultranet.school.nz/NewsCentre/>

You can also find out vital information and up-to-date news on the school's website and Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/SJSPapanui/>. If you are a Facebook user, please 'Follow' the school so that you automatically receive posts from the school.

Undoubtedly one of the key features of a Catholic School is the virtues (values) that we promote and hold fast to. As a Catholic community it is important that we ensure that our interactions and conversations reflect, love, caring and respect for each other. It is the example we set as adults that will have an enduring impact on our children.

It is natural from time to time for concerns to arise. The school has clear protocols in place that promote open and honest dialogue so that concerns can be addressed. The vast majority of issues that come my way relate to miscommunication. Giving people the opportunity to share and listen to each other resolves the issue almost every time. I have outlined this complaints protocol below.

1. If the concern relates to a teacher or staff member, talk directly to the person concerned. Try and resolve the issue one on one, adult to adult.
2. If you have discussed the issues directly with the teacher or staff member and you are unsatisfied with the response, you can approach the team leader:
Junior Team - Mrs Beattie
Junior/Middle Team - Mrs Burt
Middle Team - Mrs Kreft
Senior Team - Mrs Verweij
3. If you have discussed the issue with the team leader and the issue remains unresolved, talk to myself.
4. If the concern relates to a student, please do not approach the child, talk to the child's teacher or Mrs Verweij. Mrs Verweij is responsible for investigate and managing issue relating to students behaviour. If the issue is serious, Mrs Verweij submits a report to myself and I will consider what further action should be taken.
5. If the concern relates to school policy or operational issue you can talk to me as I am the educational leader of the school and have obligations and authority to act within legislation.
6. If you have discussed the issue with me and you believe that the response is unjust you can write to the Board of Trustees who will consider the issue in-committee.

The best way to manage a concern is to be brave, be proactive and talk directly to the person concerned in a respectful manner and with the intent to resolve the issue. If we work together we can ensure our school is a great place to teach and learn.

Pope Francis said

"Peace is a gift that can easily be destroyed through petty gossip and speaking ill of others. People who receive and give the sign of peace should be men and women of peace and not ruin the peace made by the Holy Spirit with your tongue, Gossip is not a work of the Holy Spirit, it is not a work of the unity of the church. Gossip destroys the work of God. Please stop gossiping".

After School Care - The school is seeking feedback relating to the provision of after school care within our community. Any parent or caregiver wanting to provide feedback on either of the two after school care providers servicing our school can email application@stjopapa.school.nz.

The information that you provide will be collated and a summary of the collated information will be shared with the Board of Trustees. Information relating to the names and personal details of individuals who provide information will be kept strictly confidential.

Weetbix Tryathlon - The weetbix Tryathlon takes place in Christchurch on Sunday 24 February. The Weetbix Tryathlon is most likely one of South Island's largest youth events. On the day there will be thousands of children giving it their best, swimming, cycling and running. In recent years the event has been so popular that the organisers have had to run a morning and afternoon event. Unfortunately the morning event has sold out but there are still places available at the afternoon event. If you are interested in participating please register through the event website
- <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/christchurch-afternoon/>

One of the great things about the Weetbix Tryathlon is that it is a very social event. In the morning I will set up a basecamp over in the schools' area. The basecamp is a useful place to store your bags or shelter from the weather. Just look out for the school banner.

If your child is competing at the Tryathlon it would be appreciated if you could place your child's name on the list in the office. The basecamp will be set up at 7am. If anyone is available to assist put up the gazebo at that time please let the office know.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD - Wendy Skinner

Are you interested in becoming a Board of Trustees member in 2019? We have an exciting opportunity for parents passionate about helping shape the education of their children at St Joseph's School Papanui.

Elections for parent representatives looking to join a dynamic Board are being held in May 2019. Trustees need a balance of skills and experiences. This could include but is not limited to; being able to work well in a team, being able to share and listen to other ideas, having a passion for faith based education, willingness to learn about new education in the 21st century and have good communication skills. An ability to offer specific skills in finance, property, personnel, policy or strategic planning would be of great benefit to the school.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact our school principal Aaron Richards or board chairperson Wendy Skinner (sjspapanuiboard@gmail.com). You are welcome to come along to either of the term 1 Board meetings on Tuesday 19th February or 2nd April at 5.30pm in the school board room.

To find more information about being a trustee click the following link

<http://www.stjopapa.school.nz/Modules/Resources/Download.aspx?ID=396>

YEAR 8 2019 SCHOOL BASED VACCINATION PROGRAMME

We are pleased to inform you the Canterbury DHB will continue to offer a School Based Vaccination Programme to Year 8 boys and girls, who have not completed their eleven year old vaccinations in General Practice.

The School Based Vaccination programme will offer the two dose HPV vaccinations to protect against genital warts, cervical cancer, throat and mouth cancers, and other types of cancers later in life. In 2018 the programme has been extended to include a one dose Boostrix vaccination to provide protection against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough.

To enable students to receive the vaccinations at school, a vaccination pack will be sent home in Term 1. Parent/Caregiver will need to complete and return the consent form to school.

*Bless us, Spirit of Life, during this new school year.
Bless us with the light of the new dawn
the radiance of the rainbow
the gratitude of thirsty ground in the rain
the steadiness of the mountains
the delight of the morning song of birds
the industry of the insects
the glory and beauty of the flowers
the same awe and wonder of the children that we teach
and the resolve of a mountain stream. Amen*

LUNCHES TOMORROW—BBQ SAUSAGES \$1.50

(Gluten Free options available)

Thank you to our volunteer helpers -

Jessie Garlick and Suzy Smith

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

We warmly invite children from Year 4 and older to join this year's First Holy Communion Sacramental Programme. Enrolment Forms are now available from St Joseph's School office, 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 Irene Maguire by Friday 1 March

Introduction Evening: Wednesday 20 March 7.00 pm

First Reconciliation: Wednesday 19

June 6.00—7.00 pm

First Holy Communion Days: Saturday 22

June 6.00 pm Mass or

Sunday 23 June 10.00 am Mass.

For further information please contact

Irene Maguire on 027 6229415 or



ST JOSEPH'S CUBS 6.30pm—8pm on Monday Nights

Contact Joshua Samson, 0211799318 or

josh@mjcompleteservices.co.nz

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

MARIST ALBION RFC JUNIOR RUGBY

2019 PLAYER REGISTRATION—Online registrations are now open for ALL new and returning junior players for the 2019 season. The registration form is available on our website www.maristalbion.co.nz under Junior rugby.

All new players MUST attend one of our registration nights (see dates below) and provide us with proof of identity, copies of passports or birth certificates for verification and get weighed in. This is also a good opportunity to meet the committee and ask them any questions you may have about the upcoming season.

MONDAY 25th FEBRUARY 5-7 pm at Bowls Papanui, 181 Condell Avenue, Papanui

Fees: (includes a team photo for each registered player) \$80 one player OR \$130 for 2 or more children in the same family. *Further membership enquiries can be directed to: Brendon Feary 021 226 4003 or Steve Kinder 027 271 6671 www.maristalbion.co.nz*

ANNA LEE SCHOOL OF DANCE FUN DAY

Saturday February 23rd 9 - 5.30

116 Sawyers Arms Rd

Everyone Welcome!

- Bring a friend
 - Dress up optional
 - Bouncy Castle
 - Join in a class
 - Face Painting
 - Colouring in competition
 - Sausage Sizzle, Drinks, Baking and other goodies for sale
- To book a free trial class contact us:
office@annaleschoolofdance.co.nz or 3546228