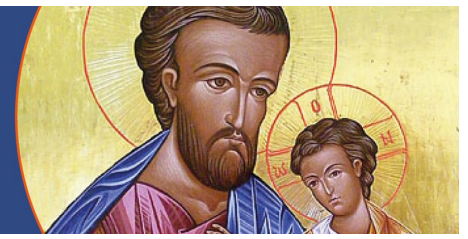




# St Joseph's School

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



## NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 1 - No. 7-21 March 2019

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

**Collaboration** - I would like to congratulate the St Joseph's School community for responding to the critical event on Friday in such an appropriate way. Parent co-operation during this stressful time ensured that the process ran smoothly and we were able to keep the children safe and happy. In reality the lockdown was a novelty for many children who enjoyed the extra time with friends. I even received requests from children to stay the night at school!

The post-event period has also run very smoothly. It appears that most families have taken advice to limit their child's access to the information about Friday's event. This has helped us minimise talk in the playground. I would like to acknowledge the positive feedback and appreciation shown to the staff from parents and students. The chocolates and cakes have kept the staff room buzzing all week.

I would also like to thank all the staff for pulling together and doing a great job at keeping things positive for the children. Parents can be reassured that we have a team at St Joseph's School who are committed to doing their very best for the children.

A number of events that I shared in last week's Newsletter were postponed or changed due to the critical incident on Friday. Details relating to these changes will be shared if they affect students or their families.

After such a tragic time we will finish the week tomorrow by having some fun, shaking off the stress and celebrating the feast of St Joseph.

**St Joseph's Day** - Full details of tomorrow's celebrations were emailed to all families yesterday. Children are to come to school in school uniform and will change into their sports/house colours when they return to school after Mass. The Junior School children have not been allocated a house colour yet and will just need to bring suitable clothing for the activities.

A reminder that the PTA will provide children with a free sausage and fruit at lunch time.

Children may bring their bikes and helmets for the bike track and scooters for the court area, while others are enjoying pedalmania.

**NO skateboards, rollerblades etc.**

**Duathlon** - Best wishes to the team representing SJS on Monday, 25 March at Ruapuna Raceway

Year 5 Girls:

Isabella Berry, Emma Corry, Sophia Cathro

Year 5 Boys:

Rory Webster, Jacob Taylor, Samuel Roughan

Year 6 Girls:

Eliza McDonnell, Zara McDonnell, Claudia Vivian

Year 6 Boys:

Lucas Romero, Randall Young, Angus Patrick

Year 7 Girls:

Quinn Baker, Georgia Crowther, Lily Sherwood

Year 7 Boys:

Louis Sharp, Cooper McDowall, Ryan Cooke

Year 8 Girls:

Kate Young, Isla Martin McKenzie, Ruby Moore

Year 8 Boys:

Hugo Smolej, Lachlan Claridge, Jack Christie

### **PEACE AND LOVE**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the friends and families who are preparing to bury their loved ones who perished in the Riccarton and Linwood mosques. We stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters at this tragic time.



### **Prayer of St. Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.



O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen



## NORTH ZONE SWIMMING COMPETITION

Well done to the following students who represented our school on Monday at the North Zone Swimming Competition:

Quinn Baker, Sophia Cathro, Carter Connolly, Zaden Dijamco, Harry Gorman, Thomas Kreft, Alexander Lane, Eliza McDonnell, Alex Cowan, Caitlin Hefford, Hannah Johanson, Cerys Jones, Oliver Jones, Isla Martin-McKenzie, Hamish Meates, Ruby Moore, Angus Patrick, Holly Plowman, Eddie Price, Bridie Quayle, Niamh Quayle, Jorja Rennell, Adam Robertson, Lucas Romero, Bianca Skilton-Woods, Hugo Smolej, Isabel Staiger, Taylor Vaile, Claudia Vivian, Thomas Woodgate, Randall Young, Kate Young.

Congratulations to the placegetters:

**Claudia Vivian** - 1st Yr 6 Freestyle

**Cerys Jones** - 1st Yr 7 Freestyle, 2nd Breaststroke

**Alex Cowan** - 1st Yr 7 Freestyle, Backstroke

**Ruby Moore** - 1st Yr 8 Freestyle

**Bridie Quayle** - 1st Yr 6 Backstroke, Breaststroke

**Jorja Rennell** - 1st Yr 7 Backstroke

**Holly Plowman** - 1st Yr 7 Breaststroke

**Ruby Moore** - 1st Yr 8 Breaststroke

**Kate Young** - 1st Open Butterfly

**Quinn Baker** - 3rd Yr 7 Freestyle

**Hannah Johanson** - 3rd Yr 8 Freestyle

**Hamish Meates** - 3rd Yr 8 Freestyle, Breaststroke

**Niamh Quayle** - 2nd Yr 6 Backstroke, Breaststroke

**Isla Martin McKenzie** - 3rd Yr 8 Backstroke

**Harry Gorman** - 3rd Yr 8 Backstroke

**Eddie Price** - 2nd Yr 7 Breaststroke

**Relays:** 1st—Yr 6, Yr 8      2nd—Yr 7

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at last week's liturgy.

Ana Tatafu, Finn Gorman, Isla Malone, Tamaseno Tofilau, Jin Jin Lai, Macy Medel, Pippa O'Sullivan, Malachi Hilliers-Arnold, Auron Tecson, Nathan D'Cruz, Greer Cathro, Cassin Day, Abby Baliguat, Lachie Walsh, Zac Ryder, Mackenzie Samson, Emily Price, Quinn Baker, Lulu Mwandila, Holly Plowman, Lily Sherwood, Grace Darnbrough, Charles Tamagushiku, Scarlett Latimer, Callum Donaldson, Laylah Reid, Zach Broomhall, Isaac Kearns, Emma Corry, Catherine Grant, Wilbur Sullivan, Edmund Sullivan and Honor Hope.

## JUNIOR - MIDDLE CREATING

The Junior Middle Syndicate would like any boxes, containers, cardboard rolls, lids, tape and anything else you have that children could use for our Discovery sessions on Fridays. They love making their own creations! If you could bring them to the space between McAuley 1 and McAuley 2 there is a box to put them in. Thank you

## SOLIDARITY DAY—FRIDAY 29 MARCH

Next Friday is Solidarity Day. In light of the recent event we are going to change the focus of the day. We will stand in solidarity as one Catholic community that consists of many different cultures. At the liturgy we will present flags that represent the many cultures of our school. At lunch we will eat rice which is a traditional food of many cultures. These are token activities designed to help children reflect on the concept of solidarity with their fellow students.

We need volunteers to prepare and serve rice for lunch next Friday 29 March. If you are able to help, please leave your name at the office.

Maribel Young will co-ordinate this.



*"There's rosemary,  
that's for remembrance."*

— William Shakespeare, Hamlet: Act 4, Scene 5.



## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

For pre orders for the 2019 Entertainment Book go to [www.entbook.co.nz/13417c5](http://www.entbook.co.nz/13417c5)

## CHILDREN'S ATRIUM

Invitation to parents of children under 5 years old. Come and experience THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD at the Children's Atrium, St Joseph's School, Papanui. Monday 8 April 2019, 7.00pm-7.45pm or 7.45pm-8.30pm.

To register contact Katherine Pawson, 021 107 9290 or [chch.childrens.atrium@gmail.com](mailto:chch.childrens atrium@gmail.com) by 1 April.

## NETBALL

Marist Albion Netball Club is looking for U12 and U13 players to complete some teams. Please email ([rtcooke27@gmail.com](mailto:rtcooke27@gmail.com)) or phone (021377278) Rebecca Cooke if your child is interested in playing

*The Community and Public Health would like to send their sincere gratitude and aroha to Canterbury teachers, principals and other school staff who cared for our tamariki during the lockdown on Friday 15th March, and who are now working to help them come to terms with what has happened.*

*As you know there is currently a measles outbreak in Canterbury –so far there have been 31 confirmed cases. Attached to this newsletter is Canterbury DHB's latest information sheet for school.*

*Kerry Marshall,*

*Public Health Manager, Canterbury DHB*

## **Canterbury Measles Outbreak – Information for schools and EEC**

Measles is spreading in Canterbury. It is a highly infectious virus that can be life threatening. Complications occur in about one in three people, and for them measles can be serious, even fatal.

### **What are the symptoms?**

Measles symptoms are a:

1. cough or runny nose or conjunctivitis **AND**
2. fever above 38.5<sup>o</sup>c **AND**
3. a rash

If you're sick stay home and telephone your GP team for advice any time of day or night. Please do not go to your GP in person as you may spread the illness to others. Anyone with measles needs to be isolated from the time they become ill until 5 days after the rash has appeared.

### **Who is protected from measles?**

People who have had two MMR vaccinations (typically given at 15 months and 4 years) are immune from measles. People born before 1969 will have been exposed to the measles virus and will have acquired immunity.

Those born between 1969 and 1990 are considered to have a good level of protection. This group were offered one measles vaccine and evidence suggests that one dose of MMR protects 95% of people from developing measles.

### **What is the priority group for vaccination?**

To ensure vaccines are being provided to those in greatest need, a vaccination programme is being rolled out by general practices which prioritises those who need it most – that's those most at risk of harm if they get measles.

The immediate priority is children aged 12 months to 13 years who have never been immunised. GP teams are also focusing on providing the vaccine to young adults aged 14 years to 28 years who have never been immunised.

As more vaccine becomes available the MMR vaccine will be made available to other priority groups.

### **What happens if there's been a case of measles in a school or early childhood education centre?**

Most students in Canterbury have good immunity against measles.

Health authorities will be in contact with any school or early childhood centre where there has been a confirmed case and advise accordingly. If there is a confirmed case at their pre-school, child care centre or school, then parents should keep their unimmunised child at home.

As a general rule, a contact is considered someone who has been in a confined space with a confirmed measles case (while the case was infectious) up to one hour after the case was there.

### **Should students attend outside of school events?**

Students who feeling unwell with measles-like symptoms, or who are not fully vaccinated against the measles, should avoid events as there will be a risk of either catching or 'passing on' measles.

More information about measles is available at <http://www.immune.org.nz>