



# St Joseph's School

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## NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 2 - No. 10 ~ 6 July 2017

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK—Aaron Richards



As detailed in last week's newsletter we will have a Mufti Day tomorrow to raise funds for Nawi Catholic School in Fiji which is still recovering from Cyclone Winston.

#### LITURGY

Hanrahan 1 is leading the Liturgy tomorrow in the Hall at 11am and 12.00 noon. Parents of Hanrahan 1 are most welcome to attend.

#### READING RESULTS

At the Board meeting on Tuesday night Mrs Verweij presented information relating to Year 8 reading achievement. The results were generated with an assessment tool called eASttle. The results were overwhelmingly positive showing that over 80% of children in Year 8 were achieving in the top quartile for the country. The remaining children had scores that were above the mean score for the country.

This awesome result is a good reminder that education at St Joseph's School is an eight year journey. Children starting school at the age of five are at various stages and abilities. The rate of improvement and success for students is diverse and varies considerably. While some students may at first struggle it does not mean that they will not succeed in the future.

The fact is clear that St Joseph's School has a reputation that demonstrates that at the end of their 8 year learning journey, students are well prepared to succeed at high school. The teaching staff and I are committed to continually improve the quality of education we provide to ensure all students reach their potential.

#### AMAZING WRITING FROM HANRAHAN

This week students from Hanrahan 2 shared with me a number of stories they had written. The stories had been bound in books and will also be read to students in Timoney on Friday.

The stories were fun to read. I could tell that the students had worked hard to create entertaining stories they could share with younger children. Their enthusiasm for writing for an authentic audience was obvious in the quality of the work that was published.

#### ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL HAS GOT TALENT

Over the last week the school has been running auditions for the school talent show. I have attended some of the auditions. It was obvious from the performances that we definitely have an abundance of talent at St Joseph's School, dancers, singers, guitarists, cultural performances, the list goes on. All very entertaining. What I was most impressed with was the confidence that the children demonstrated on stage. It was great to see the children giving it a go, no matter the outcome.

A huge thanks to the Young Vinnies and Mrs Ward who organised this event. It was a great way to celebrate the many talents we have at St Joseph's School. The judges had some tough decisions to make. Congratulations to: 1st place: **Jaeger Pryce**, 2nd place: **Harriet Kreft**, 3rd place: **Keira Conyers**.

#### CRUSADERS VISIT

On Wednesday, representatives from the Crusaders visited St Joseph's School. This opportunity was organised by Taylor Stirling and her family. I would like to thank the family for sharing this opportunity with us.

During their visit the Crusaders trained with a group of 39 budding rugby players. They were eagerly supported by spectators from the rest of the school who wanted to see their heroes in action. Go the Crusaders!

#### LOST PROPERTY

There is a huge amount of lost property overflowing the lost property bins. I walked around the school on Wednesday afternoon and picked up 8 polar fleeces and was shocked to find that none of the polar fleeces were named. Consequently I was unable to return the uniform items to the individuals and had to add them to the mountain of uniform items in the lost property bin. Please name your child's uniform.

I urge all parents and caregivers to check the lost property bins before the end of term. Any items remaining in the bins will be emptied out over the holidays. Non-uniform items will be donated to charity. Any un-named uniformed items will be sold in the second hand uniform sale next term.

#### WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

The school will now take a two week break. It is a good time for the children to relax, rest and recuperate, ready for another busy term ahead. Term 3 begins Monday 24 July. I look forward to seeing the smiling faces of the children walk through the gates then.

## SENIOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FAIR

The St Joseph's Senior School Science & Technology Fair will be held in the School Hall on Wednesday and Thursday 26/27 July (first week back from holiday). The Hall will be open during the day for parents to view as well as until 7pm on the 26th. Please feel free to have a wander and see what the Year 7-8 students have been investigating and creating.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at our school Liturgy last week:

**Alek Stephens, Jordis Krammer, Liam Edmonds-Howse, Ghian Jayme, Lucy Mackenzie, Zaydee Arthur, Brody Roberts, Grace Ford, Ava Thomas, Harriet Geare, David Claveria, Jessica Brosnahan, Sophie Stevens, Kurt Belaong, Bailey Rennell, Tamsyn Frickleton, Jared Walker, Taylor Vaile, Holly Plowman, Josh Tecofsky, Charlie Harris, Megan Kirwan-Broughan, Jack Christie, Bianca Skilton-Woods, George Darnbrough, Quinn Baker, James Caddick, Tegest Mengistie, Millie Clarkson, Sam Woodgate, Louie Denton Mendoza, Neve Meates, Holly Myers and Alyssa Cummings.**

### In Sympathy

*We offer our deepest sympathy to Amelia Ryman (teacher Ashby 3) on the death of her grandmother this week and also to Charles Tamagushiku (Hanrahan 1) and Lily Tamagushiku (Ashby 3) on the death of their great grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families at this sad time.*



## FAITH FACT ~ 3—7 July Daily Scripture

**Pray-as-you-go** is a daily prayer session, designed for use on portable MP3 players, to help you pray whilst travelling to and from work, study, etc. It is a really useful framework for your own prayer. Combining music, scripture and some questions for reflection. The aim is to help you to become more aware of God's presence in your life, listen to and reflect on God's word and to grow in your relationship with God. Why not download it onto your device!! <http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/home/>

*Give me a pure intention in all that I do, loving God.*

*May I do acts of love and kindness because Jesus dwells within all my sisters and brothers.*



*Help me to forget about the praise and thanks of others and to forget about being paid in one way or another for my good actions. Help me to focus on doing everything for your love. Amen.*

## EPRO8 CHALLENGE: NOW IT IS THE ADULTS TURN.

Recently St Joseph's School (Christchurch) took part in the EPro8 Challenge - the science and engineering competition. Well now it is the adults turn. On 17 August your workplace or organisation can compete against others in Christchurch. You will work as a team to solve a range of fun engineering based challenges. This is a fantastic team building opportunity. For details and to register see [www.epro8challenge.co.nz/business-events](http://www.epro8challenge.co.nz/business-events)

## LUNCHES TOMORROW ~ Bacon Butties - \$2.00

Thank you to our helpers, **Jo Bothwell** and **Vicky Daldry**.

## PMP ROSTER—TERM 3

Thank you to our helpers on the PMP Roster for Week 1 next term:

<b>Monday 24 July</b>	<b>Staiger</b>	<b>Baxter</b>
<b>Tuesday 25 July</b>	<b>Ezezew</b>	<b>Chapman</b>

## 2017 GENERAL ELECTION

Our school hall will be used as a polling booth for the 2017 General Election on Saturday 23 September. Applications from our local community are welcome to apply to work on this day—Please see details below.



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- be politically neutral
- pay attention to detail

We need people to work throughout the country before, on and after election day – **Saturday 23 September.**

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