



St Joseph's School

TE KURA O HATO HOHEPA PAPANUI

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



NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 2 - No. 3 ~ 18 MAY 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK—Aaron Richards

St Joseph's School is a wonderful place to teach and learn. As a new member of the community I was delighted to witness the positive playground and classroom environment we have at this school. What I see is a happy, caring environment where children are generally inclusive and compassionate.

However, we are all human and as such nothing can be perfect. St Joseph's is not a school that denies the reality that we have isolated instances of inappropriate behaviour arise from time to time. We are also a school that is constantly looking at how we can improve what we do to make this a quality learning environment for our children.

At a staff meeting on Monday the staff affirmed that St Joseph's School had a zero tolerance to violence or bullying. As a result, any incidence of violence or bullying in the playground or classroom will be managed at the highest level. This means that all such instances will be reported to Mrs Verweij who will complete an initial investigation into the issue. The report will be placed on my desk for action. This will involve communication with parents and caregivers. I believe that addressing these issues not only reinforces clear expectations by ensuring there is follow through, it also enables parents and school to work together to maintain a school environment that reflects our Catholic values: compassion, inclusion and kindness.

Cross Country

Yesterday I attended the North Zone Cross Country. The St Joseph's Team did very well with many children moving on to compete in the Canterbury Cross Country next month. Results will be published soon.

JRock

Best wishes to our Stage Challenge team which is performing tomorrow night at the Horncastle Arena. A reminder that students must arrive at school by 8.15am to ensure that they are on time for the bus.

Congratulations

Well done Louis Sharp who has won the National Karting Competition. Louis is the youngest driver to be crowned in NZ.

Well done George Darnbrough who came 2nd in the Under 12 male section at the first round of the 2017 Climbing NZ National Cup Series last weekend in Hamilton.

Welcome

to **Miriama Peterson** and **Ruslan Hill** who started school recently. We hope they enjoy their time at St Joseph's.



Teacher Aide

The school is wanting to appoint a teacher aide 13 hours per week or 2.5 hours per day to work in the Junior School. This is a fixed term contract. If you enjoy working with children and are interested in the position, please submit a letter and CV to the school office. Applications close 1st June.

Thanks

A huge thanks to all the family and friends of school who work at Spark. Spark run a charitable foundation that matches corporate donations with the donations made by Spark employees. As a result, the Spark Foundation has donated \$843 to the school. Any donations we receive is always put to good use. So thanks Spark for your kind donation.

Pentecost Mass

The whole school will be attending Pentecost Mass at St Gregory's Church on Friday 2 June. We will leave school by bus at 9.45am and return by 12 noon.

Young Vinnies

Last week \$637 was collected from our Mufti Day. We will donate the money to Edgecumbe Primary School to help them with recovery after the flooding disasters.

PTA Lunches tomorrow ~ BBQ Sausages \$1.50

Thank you to our helpers, Belinda Rawlings and Ann Marie Cathro.

PMP Programme

Thank you to our helpers on next week's roster:
Monday 22 May — **de Roo** **Krammer**
Tuesday 23 May — **Hubble** **Dolan**

FAITH FACT ~ 15 -19 May Two more Saints for the Church

- Celebrating Mass last week on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima and the 100th anniversary of the date when Our Lady of Fatima, appeared to three young children, Pope Francis canonized two of the three young shepherds, Jacinta and Francisco Marto. In announcing their canonization back in March, Pope Francis said we must all "listen attentively to the Mother of God and ask for peace in our world."



In Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Luka Abbot (Hanrahan 2) on the death of his grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family at this sad time.

****SAVE THE DATE****

Fun with Fashion *Saturday 16 September*

St Joseph's PTA and delighted to bring to you a girls night out. To help raise funds for our school, for the benefit of our children, book in the date now and we will let you know when you can buy your tickets. Numbers will be limited. We are in the planning stages, and we NEED your help! Can you or someone you know do any of the following:

- ❖ Donate anything to go in the goodie bags/or the bags themselves?
- ❖ Donate wine/juice for the bar? Snacks to be sold on the night?
- ❖ Offer something we can use as spot prizes?
- ❖ Offer the bubbles for the complimentary glass on entry?
- ❖ Can you do the makeup on the models for us? Or their hair?
- ❖ Support us in a way we haven't thought to ask for?
- ❖ Would you like to be a model? Are you a stylist that can help dress the models?

If you can help in any way, or know of someone that can, please let me know.

Many thanks

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