



# St Joseph's School

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## NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 1 - No. 1 - 4 February 2021

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

It was wonderful to see the children return to school. You could sense the excitement and energy in the air. We start the year with over 400 students. We have a number of new families starting at St Joseph's school today. If you see a parent or child that looks a little unsure, please extend a helping hand.

The school will hold its Mihi Whakatau and Waitangi Day Liturgy at 9.30am tomorrow. Mihi Whakatau is an informal way to welcome new staff and students to our school.

The country will celebrate Waitangi Day this weekend. Please remember that the school will be closed on Monday as it is a public holiday.

A reminder that the school will hold its Back to School BBQ and Meet the Team Evening on Wednesday 10th of February. The BBQ will start at 5pm. There are two time slots for parents to Meet the Team. The first session starts at 6.00pm. The second time slot starts at 6.30pm.

A heads up - the whole school will be scheduled for 10 swimming lessons over two weeks. Lessons start on the 22nd of February and continue to the 5th of March. Lessons are provided by qualified swimming instructors at the Graham Condon Recreation Centre. All children walk to and from the recreation centre each day.

The swimming sessions are different to private swimming lessons that some parents might pay for. The swimming lessons offered to all schools at Council run facilities focus on water survival. The cost of the swimming lessons is subsidised by the Board to ensure that it is affordable for all families. The total cost for the lessons is \$25. This will be added to your school account.

### **FAITH FACT—Week 1**

Tuesday 2 February marked 40 days after Christmas and the day [Jesus was presented in the Temple](#). Two people recognised Jesus for who he was, Simeon and Anna.



**Road Patrol** - Road Patrol training will take place on Wednesday 10th February at 9.15am. At this stage we are looking to train students in Year 5, 6, 7 & 8. If your child would like to take part in the training they will need to collect a permission slip from their classroom and return the form to the school office by Tuesday 9th February.

**Mihi Whakatau** - Students that were in Kapa Haka in 2020 are asked to be in the Hall to practice at 8.40am tomorrow, Friday morning to prepare for our Mihi Whakatau.

**Mana Ake** - Jan Nicholson from Mana Ake will be available to speak to whanau/parents/caregivers on a Thursday morning from 8.15am. She will be situated in Cremin 1. Mana Ake provides support to children in Canterbury, in years 1-8 at school, promoting wellbeing and positive mental health. We can support children at school and at home and provide advice, guidance and workshops for parents, whānau and teachers. If you wish to use this service please contact Liz Beattie (DP) [liz.beattie@stjopapa.school.nz](mailto:liz.beattie@stjopapa.school.nz)

**Weetbix Tryathlon** - The Weetbix Tryathlon takes place at Jellie Park, on Sunday 28th February 2021. 23 children from St Joseph's School are already registered to participate in this event. Unfortunately the Christchurch morning event has sold out. Students can join our waitlist by going to <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/christchurch/> and one of the Tryathlon team will be in touch if spots become available. Alternatively they can enter the [Christchurch Afternoon](#) event.

*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*

# Term 1 Mass & Liturgy Timetable



	<b>Class Liturgy</b> On Friday in the School Hall 9.30am and 10am  <b>Parents Welcome!</b>	<b>Friday Mass</b> This class joins the Mass in the Parish Centre at 9:10am <b>Parents Welcome!</b>	<b>Sunday Mass 8:30am at St Gregory's Church</b> The classes join the Parish Mass with their family at our Sunday Mass at 8:30am
<b>Week 1</b>	Beginning of year Liturgy and Whakatauki Friday 5th February 9.30am		
<b>Week 2</b>	No Liturgy	Hanrahan 2	
<b>Week 3</b>	Hanrahan 1	Kealy 1	
<b>Week 4</b>	No Liturgy	McAuley 4	Ashby 3 and Mercy 4
<b>Week 5</b>	No Liturgy	McAuley 1	
<b>Week 6</b>	Mercy Team	Hanrahan 1	
<b>Week 7</b>	No Liturgy	Whole School Mass - St Gregory's Parish Thursday 19 March	
<b>Week 8</b>	McAuley 3	Kealy 2	McAuley 2 and Mercy 3
<b>Week 9</b>	Stations of the Cross Thursday 11-12.30pm Kealy 1	Good Friday	
<b>Week 10</b>	Ashby 3	McAuley 2	
<b>Week 11</b>	Timoney 1	McAuley 3	

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN – STARTS SUNDAY 10AM MASS AT ST GREGORY'S**

Children's Liturgy caters for children from 4 years through to those who have not yet received their First Holy Communion. The session is for around 25 minutes and provides insight into the gospel through readings, song, prayer and individual activities at their own level. Come along and see if your child will enjoy it. There is another small meeting room alongside where parents can take their children who are under 4 and require closer supervision. We need assistant leaders to help support these sessions. So if your child comes to Children's Liturgy and are available to help as an assistant and sit in on the session every 4-6 weeks – please contact Katie Stewart on 03 352 3188.

## **Guitar and Ukulele Lessons**

Pat Kearns will resume guitar and ukulele lessons on Monday 15 February 2021. He has spaces available and can be contacted on 027 277 4023 or pat.kearns001@clear.net.nz.

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