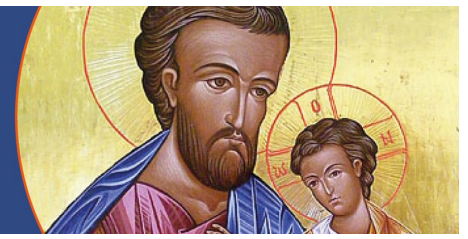




St Joseph's School

TE KURA O HATO HOHEPA PAPANUI

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



NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 2 - No. 2 - 9 May 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

I would like to thank parents for their ongoing co-operation and patience while teachers negotiate their employment agreement. Ongoing action taken by teachers throughout the country is in response to recognised crises in education caused by a severe teacher shortage. Teachers believe that the crises can only be resolved by making the teaching profession an attractive career option for quality graduates. For this to happen teachers are asking for a pay increase, time to teach, time to lead and sufficient support for all children with additional learning needs.

The Minister of Education recently announced a \$95 million dollar investment in teacher training. This will help with recruitment in the future, but does nothing to address our issues now. If we want to have good quality teachers standing in front of children, then we need serious investment in education.

Cross Country - It was wonderful seeing family and friends turn out to support the children at the school cross country today. It was great to see all the children giving it their best. A huge congratulations to the children who finished in a top six placing for their age group.

Next week information will be sent home with students who have qualified to represent the school at the North Zone Cross Country.

School Photos - School photos will take place on **Wednesday 15 May**. All children must wear their winter uniform. It would be appreciated if all children bring their school jersey to school. Children with long hair that extends past the shoulder need to have their hair tied up.

Sibling Photos - If families want a photo taken of their siblings please inform the office by **Monday, 13 May**, so the photographer is aware of the numbers. We will organise the sibling photos first, followed by the Year 5 to 8 children, then the Junior and Junior Middles school.

The Cross Country Team will change into their sports uniform after their photos have been taken.

Road Safety - Last Friday there was a traffic accident outside school. This happened at about 8.15am on Vagues Road. It appears that a car was being driven dangerously, struck two parked cars and flipped onto its roof. Luckily the driver was able to walk away from the collision and no other members of the public were hurt.

Although the incident was inconvenient I am thankful that it did not involve anyone from the St Joseph's community.

St Joseph's School is very lucky to have a dedicated group of volunteer parents who help us keep our children safe by volunteering to assist with road crossing in the morning. Unfortunately as the number of parents volunteering for this important task is dwindling our ability to provide road patrol in the morning to help children cross the road safely is at risk.

The morning is a very busy time for the teachers as they prepare for the days learning. As a community, if we want the road patrol to continue, we need the support of parents to supervise the road crossing. If you can help, even if only once a fortnight or once a week, please inform the office. Any support would be greatly appreciated.

Bully Free Week - Next week is the National Bully Free week. St Joseph's School will be participating in this event. On Thursday next week Robert Pieria will be working with the Senior School to talk about bullying and effective conflict resolution. The school will also be participating in "Pink Shirt Day". Children are asked to come to school in something pink and bring a gold coin donation for Catholic Social Services.

Mothers Day - 0800Hungry has unexpectedly donated a truckload of chocolate to the school for Mothers day. This kind donation has been provided so that children can bring home a box of chocolates for their mothers, grandmothers or mother figure. Please note that the chocolate provided is past its "best before" date.



CONGRATULATIONS

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

Aoife Sullivan, Marco Zivkovic, Nio Desquitato, Moses Dmello, Toby Olsen-Sidey, Ruby Allnut, Benji Kearns, Miriama Petersen, Maddy Porter, Charlie Fyall, Kiera Lynch, Sophie Austin, Sophie Hanley, Kenrich Cu, Natinael Ezezew, Lola Romero, Roree Balon, Aki Fojas, Conor Tecofsky, Rhian Aventuna, Josh Franklin, Zali Rusbatch, Reggie Entese, Janel Niala, Annabel Skinner, Lucas Romero, Freya Christie, Matthew Hoare, Zara McDonnell and Madi Wickett.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD TERM 2, WEEK 2

BOT ELECTIONS

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

Key dates:

- Nominations close Friday 24th May
- Voting closes Friday 7th June
- Board takes office from Friday 14th June

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact our school principal Aaron Richards or board chairperson Wendy Skinner

sjspapanuiboard@gmail.com

PTA LUNCHES TOMORROW—BBQ SAUSAGES, \$1.50

Thank you to our volunteers—**Koree Roberts and Sara Golding.**

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

An entertainment book has been sent home (1 per family) this week. Thank you for your support. However, if you do not wish to purchase, please return the book to the school office.



*Loving God,
we thank you
for all the mothers
in the world.
Bless them so that
they may always
give life and
nourishment
to their children
through their
firm faith, generous and
selfless love, good example
and constant concern
for their bodily and
spiritual health.
Grant that we, their
children, may honor
them always with
a spirit of profound love,
respect and thanksgiving.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

**HAPPY
MOTHERS'
DAY!**

2019 CONFIRMATION DATES

Parent and Candidate Enrolment Evening

Wednesday October 16th 7.00 – 8.30 pm

Presentation of the Candidate's Mass

Sunday 20th October 5.00 pm

Confirmation Retreat Day/Reconciliation

Sunday 3rd November 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Starting with 10.00am Mass at St Gregory's then heading to Spencer Park

Confirmation Mass

Saturday 23rd November 6.00 pm

Presentation of Certificates

Sunday 1st December 5.00 pm

OUTSIDE THE BOX

Jacinta O'Reilly, a past pupil of St Joseph's, is part of a year 13 business group from Villa Maria College who is making a holiday box full of fun activities for parents to purchase for their children to keep them occupied during the holidays. This includes activities like toys, books, puzzles and other fun activities. Part of their vision is to form a sustainable business. They aim to do this by incorporating a toy send back system. They would like to see what parents would want and would appreciate your feedback by going to the following survey link
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVA61JXTtugIYGXIGhS9YmrZ1Xhr8XeKT-LwaKGNvPS5O2eQ/viewform?usp=sf_link