



St Joseph's School

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NEWSLETTER ~ TERM 2 - No. 4 - 27 May 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

Parent Information Evening - We have a parent information evening planned for **Thursday 3rd of June**. The purpose of the evening is to explain HERO and how the school will be sharing student achievement information with parents.

We are increasingly adding more and more information on HERO. In time HERO will hold a wealth of information on your child's progress and achievement. It is important that parents understand how to access this information.

The presentation will take place in the school hall from 7pm to 8pm. It would be great to see you there.

Teacher Only Days - In 2019 the Government allocated all primary teachers eight teacher only days to be taken over the course of a three year period. St Joseph's School organised four teacher only days to be taken in 2020 with the remaining four to be taken this year. Where possible the teacher only days have been planned to run on the weekend of a public holiday.

A teacher only day will take place on **Friday 4th of June**. This will run onto the Queen's birthday weekend. The school will be closed for the day so that teachers can visit another school together. The visit will provide the teachers an opportunity to pick up some good ideas, reaffirm the good practices we already have in place and consider how we can enhance learning at our school.

We appreciate that teacher only days can be an inconvenience for some families. We appreciate your cooperation and support.

Queen's Birthday - **Monday 7th of June**. This is a public holiday so the school will be closed.

Cross Country - A huge congratulations to all the St Joseph's children who participated in the North Zone Cross Country. It was wonderful watching all the children do their best.

A special congratulations to the children who have qualified to compete in the Canterbury Cross Country Championships. Details of this event will be sent out to these representatives in due course.

Teacher Celebrations - I would like to congratulate Miss Byers for becoming a fully registered teacher. Miss Byers started at St Joseph's School two years ago as a provisionally registered teacher. During that time she has become a very capable teacher who always puts the needs of her children first.

Congratulations to Ms Johns who recently completed her Masters degree. This is a huge achievement for a full time teacher and team leader. Ms John's Masters directly relates to learning in the classroom.

FROM THE DRS—Caitlin O'Sullivan

Confirmation - Congratulations to **Aaliyah Donaldson, Aimee Octaviano, Angus Dolan, Annabel Skinner, Aodhán Berry, Ben Gluyas, Charles Tamagushiku, George Robertson, Hanz Lopez, Janel Niala, Jayde Liang, Mark Lugtu, Mason Kenna, Matilda Maynard, Matthew Hoare, Oceana Harris, Queency Espinosa, Randall Young, Ryker Hope, Samantha Dolera, Samuel Thornley, Seyara De Silva, Subin Bae, Ynah Guiao** and **Zoe Silmaro** who were Confirmed on Sunday at the Pentecost Mass at St Andrew's Chapel.

First Holy Communion - Enrolments are now open for students in Year 4 and above. Please follow this link to the Parish website or come to the school office for an enrolment form. Enrolments for First Holy Communion close on the 11th June.

<https://christchurchnorth.org.nz/first-holy-communion-enrolment/>

Trinity Sunday

The Easter season concluded with Pentecost Sunday. We are now in **Ordinary Time**. The days in the Church calendar that are not included in the Seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter are called Ordinary Time; so that is the time from Pentecost to the Feast of Christ the King, and between the Epiphany and Ash Wednesday. The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green.



Caritas Challenge

Thank you for bringing your gold coin donations to support Caritas. The Young Vinnies leaders did a fantastic job leading the school in the Caritas Challenge last Friday. \$428 was raised and has been forwarded to Caritas for this challenge with another \$550 being forwarded from the Lenten Appeal.

Grandparents' Reading Time - We are starting a 'Grandparents' Reading Time' for some of our Kanuka team children and we are looking for volunteers. This would involve being available for a regular time-slot each week to listen to children read their books. Any reliable grandparent or retired person with time to spare would be welcome. You will not need to bring anything with you - just a smile and the time to listen. We would timetable a small group of children who would come and read with you individually in one of our quiet spaces. This would be the same group of children each week to make it easier to get to know each other. Parents, please feel free to pass this information on to any interested grandparents or retired person. Once we have a group of interested people, we will be in touch to arrange a suitable time for a short training. Please email gerardine.baxter@stjopapa.school.nz if you are interested.

St Joseph's School's Public Health Nurse



Holly Cummings is the allocated Public Health Nurse for St Joseph's School. She works within a

team of Public Health Nurses. They are all Registered Nurses with knowledge and experience in child and family health. They work with children and families where health and wellbeing concerns impact on their home and school lives.



Please contact Holly if you have any health concerns for your child. Her details are:
 Phone: 3836877 ext 99628 or 027 284 3397
 Email : holly.cummings@cdhb.health.nz

ANY MORE PHOTO ORDERS?- Final orders will be collected by Heritage tomorrow (Friday) morning.

HERO Reminders - Karen Burt

You will receive ONE form of notification when a Community Notice is published in Hero:

- If you download the Hero mobile app you will receive an in-app notification on your phone and no emails.
- If you log into Hero via a web browser you will receive an email notification.
- If you log in on a phone and a tablet, you will get in-app notifications to both devices. If you log out of one device (e.g. phone) you will continue to receive in-app notifications on the other device (e.g. tablet). If you log out of both mobile devices you will receive an email notification.

If you have logged into the Hero mobile app previously but are currently logged out on all of your devices you will receive an email notification. In all cases, the notification will direct you to log into Hero to view the full post. Hero truncates email notifications to show the first 800 characters of the post within the body of the email notification. By logging into Hero, you can view the full message, embedded documents, media, or links to download attachments.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!

PTA OPEN NIGHT

Drinks + Nibbles provided
 Come find out all about the PTA and also meet more parents of your school community

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 9TH JUNE
TIME: 7PM ONWARDS
PLACE: PAPANUI CLUB

Secondhand Uniform Store
Open every Friday
 8.30am - 9.10am
 2.45pm - 3.10pm
 Coffee van onsite every Friday 8.30am.

PTA LUNCHES
TOMORROW FRIDAY 28 May — Hot Dogs—\$2.00
 Thank you to our volunteers, Vicky & Brenda