



St Joseph's School

TE KURA O HATO HOHEPA PAPANUI

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



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

Term 2 - Mixing it up at St Joseph's Papanui

I visited two more classrooms this week and saw some awesome investigations going on. In Ashby 2 students were making something special out of dough. The activity required the children to watch, read and follow instructions. All the fun started when they went back to their groups. This was followed by collaboration and discussion all designed to improve students oral language skills. It was a pleasure to witness.



Similarly, McAuley 3 were also engaged in a collaborative exercise during an Religious Studies lesson I visited. This time the children were working in pairs using the ipads and laptops to investigate the provocation provided by Mr McGuire. It was wonderful watching children problem solving in such a deliberate manner.

Health and Safety

St Joseph's School is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment for everyone. This can only be achieved if all members of our community work together. I believe that in order for this to happen we need to communicate clearly so that everyone understands the part they take to keep our children safe.

This week two flyers will be sent home to keep parents, grandparents and caregivers informed on two important issues. The first flyer relates to **Emergency Communication** and how the school will respond in the event of a large scale emergency. The second flyer relates to **Road Safety** and the ongoing issues we have with traffic congestion at the school gate.

Please read these documents carefully. Your cooperation with both issues will help us keep your children safe.

School Cross Country

A huge congratulations to all the students who participated in the school cross country. It is great to see the children giving it their best. A big congratulations to the lucky children who have qualified to represent the school at the North Zone cross country next week.

Global Youth Ambassador

A huge congratulations to Lucy Eccelton-Allen, Isla Martin-McKenzie, Isabella Sharp, Campbell Behrnes, Melissa Harnett, Natasha Sidnel and Emma Lamb who have been selected to be Global Youth Ambassadors. These lucky children will represent our school, our city and our country in China later this term. The group will be lead by Mr McGuire and Miss Gilligan who will also have a chance to work in a school in China.

It is my hope that St Joseph's School will be a Global Youth Ambassador Programme partner in years ahead. The programme provides children the opportunity to not only visit another country but also develop their skills as a global citizen as they work with other children from around the world. Further information about the 2019 programme will be shared during the Senior School open night that will be held early next term.

Homestay

The school will host a small group of Korean students for 4 weeks at the start of next term. We are looking for four families who would be willing to provide home stay for one or two students. The students will be 11-12 years of age. If you are interested, please contact the office. At this stage we are only looking for expressions of interest. There is no commitment at this point in time.

Reminders

Sunday 13 May	Ascension of the Lord
Monday 14 May	PTA Meeting
Wednesday 16 May	North Zone Cross Country
Friday 18 May	Senior Winter Sport Begins
Friday 18 May	Michael Mangan visit
Sunday 20 May	Pentecost
Tuesday 22 May	Board of Trustees meeting (5pm, Committee Room)
Wednesday 23 May	North Zone Cross Country
Friday 25 May	Hanrahan 1 Liturgy
Friday 25 May	School Dances
Sunday 27 May	Hanrahan 1 & Kealy 2 Mass (8.30am, St Gregory's Church)

PTA LUNCHES TOMORROW—BBQ SAUSAGES \$1.50

Thank you to our volunteers—Jo Bothwell and Kim Ric-Hansen

MOTHER'S DAY MASSES

We warmly invite ALL mothers to our Masses this weekend 12/13 May to celebrate Mother's Day.

There will be a special presentation and blessing offered to each mother during each of our four Masses. We are all invited to light a candle before or after Mass, in remembrance and thanksgiving for Mothers who have gone before us. May they rest in peace All are then invited to supper after the 6.00 pm Mass and morning tea after the 8.30 and 10.00 am Masses – please feel welcome to join us in the Parish Centre after these Masses. Mary, spiritual mother to us all - pray for us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesday 16th May 7.00 – 8.30 pm

Final Parent Meeting – **What to Expect on the First Holy Communion Day.** St Gregory's Parish Centre WS 10, 11 and 12 given out. (WS's 7,8,9 to be returned)

Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th May

Presentation of 'Our Father Prayer Card' and the last Holy Item for the Prayer Mats. At either the 6.00pm Saturday or 10.00 am Sunday Mass

SUNDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2018
11 AM TILL 2PM



IT'S A CARNIVAL

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, 4 Vagues Road, Papanui

This year's school fair will help to fund the following projects, creating the best environment for our children to learn in:

- Providing more shaded areas, especially where your children eat lunch and play at break times
- Increasing the number of drinking fountains around the school
- Relocating the senior playground to beside the middle playground, and extending the soft matting
- Installing a new school garden behind McAuley 3 & 4
- Installing junior football nets behind McAuley 1 & 2

As you can appreciate, these developments will cost a substantial amount of money, and in order for this fair to be a successful fundraiser, we need your help.

If you are able to donate a voucher, your time, sponsorship in any shape or form (we will advertise your business), a silent auction item (ideas include holiday houses, adventure trips, dinner vouchers, sports gear, wine, art works, fashion items, services such as babysitting or cooking a meal), please let Mel or Kim know.

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