

St Joseph's School

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ST JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Feast of St Joseph's is celebrated each year on 19 March. As a school we will celebrate the day with a School Mass at 9.15am on Friday 19 March. After morning tea, all children will travel by bus to the Groynes, Johns Road, to enjoy some fun activities and will return to school by 3.00pm. Parents are most welcome to join us at both events.

The PTA will very kindly provide lunch for our children at the Groynes. Children will need their morning tea, appropriate mufti clothing (not school uniform) and footwear for walking and playing games, sunscreen, sunhat and a drink bottle.

We are grateful to our Parish for so generously offering to pay for the cost of the buses and to Hellers for their donation of sausages.

PARISH FAMILY MASS

Last Sunday's Family Mass was a wonderful celebration. To have so many of our school families attend the 10.00am Mass was extremely encouraging. Please keep in your prayers the children who are preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Communion.

As a school, it makes our role of teaching the Religious Education programme much easier if our children are active members worshipping at the Sunday Eucharist. Your support as parents is extremely appreciated.

ASSEMBLY LITURGY


Room 7 is leading the liturgy tomorrow at 11.50am in the hall. Parents of Room 7 children are most welcome to attend.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Best wishes to the St Joseph's School students participating in the Weetbix Tryathlon this Sunday.

"I tested you at the waters of Meribah."

(Psalm 81:7c)



Jesus, please continue to refine and purify us. Lord, we have been found wanting so many times. Have mercy on us and lead us by the hand into the provision you have prepared for us.

PTA AGM

Last Monday evening the PTA held its AGM. I would like to acknowledge the tremendous work the committee has achieved during the past year. Over \$22,000 was raised from a range of projects that secured new classroom furniture, an interactive whiteboard, heat pumps for Rooms 9-10 and assisted with the financing of the new Deputy Principal's Office to name a few of the major items.

The committee thanked and farewelled **Raeleen de Vries**, its chairperson of three years. Raeleen has done a magnificent job leading the team and she has also served eight years as a PTA member. Thank you Raeleen for sharing your time and talents so generously for the benefit of our school community.

It is not too late to join our active PTA. Please join us at the next meeting on **Monday 10 May** at 7.00pm

PMP HELPERS

Thank you to the following family volunteers on next week's PMP roster:

Monday 15 March:	King	Kofoed	Raines
Tuesday 16 March:	Bishop	Lysaght	Brady

PTA LUNCHES TOMORROW – Hot Dogs - \$2.

Thank you to our helpers, **Michelle Staples** and **Amanda Johnstone**.

CONGRATULATIONS

Following on from the Regional Canterbury Summer Junior Cricket Tournaments we congratulate **Edward Ziolo** (Year 8), who has been selected for the Canterbury Germon team to play against Canterbury Country, and **Jimmy Johnstone** (year 6) who has been selected for the Canterbury Bond team to play against South Canterbury.

Also congratulations to **Nicholas Munro** and **Harry Staples** for making the Regional Year 6 emerging cricket team.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

A flyer has been sent home today re this fundraiser. Envelopes for the Entertainment books will be sent home shortly. If you could return unwanted envelopes and orders, leaving the envelopes UNSEALED, asap. The new books arrive about mid May and they make a good Mothers Day gift. Add in whatever you think sounds good.



ST PATRICKS SCHOOL FAIR
Sunday 21 March, 11.30-3.30
Cnr Idris & Jeffreys Road
Wet or Fine



Come along and enjoy great Irish music, cakes, sweets, toys, white elephant, café, BBQ food, chocolate wheel, mini jeeps, pony rides, auction and lots more. We look forward to seeing you there.

CULTURE GALORE—Saturday 13 March
12.00pm to 4.00pm

Ray Blank Park, 66 Maidstone Road, Ilam.

Experience the world and celebrate cultural diversity! More than 50 different cultural performances and demonstrations, a huge variety of ethnic foods, art and crafts for sale and loads of fun activities for the whole family. Children's activities include a bouncy castle, ice skating, rock climbing and face painting. BYO rug or chairs and make a day of it. Limited parking is available.

St Joseph's School PTA Uniform Sale

On **Friday 26 March at 2.30 pm**, the PTA will be holding a second-hand uniform sale. If you would like the PTA to sell a uniform or part of a uniform on your behalf, please fill in the form below and leave the items in a plastic bag in the school office no later than **Friday 19 March**.

The PTA will take 25% commission on all items sold. You will be notified by phone to either pick up a cheque for sold items or to collect unsold ones shortly after the sale.

	Item (One per line)	Size	Price	This side PTA use only	
				Sold	Not Sold
A			\$	\$	
B			\$	\$	
C			\$	\$	
D			\$	\$	
E			\$	\$	
F			\$	\$	
By allowing the PTA to sell uniform items on my behalf, I understand that the PTA will take 25% commission on all items sold. The PTA will take care of your property but cannot be held responsible for any unforeseen circumstances such as fire or theft.			Total:	\$	
			Less 25%	\$	
			To pay:	\$	

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signed: _____