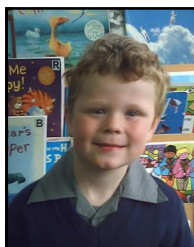


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WELCOME

Welcome **Hamish Patrick**, who started in the Room 3 this week. We hope he enjoys his time at St Joseph's School.



REPORTING TO PARENTS

Last week's sessions with parents, teachers and children appeared to be very successful. This year we trialled having Year 3-8 students present during this first reporting phase for teachers to share current assessments and set realistic goals for the learner. Having the learner as part of this process is extremely important so that all are hearing the same message and all focused on moving in the same direction. I have already received some very positive feedback on the presence of the children at these meetings.

If your child was present at the interview I would be grateful if you could complete a brief online survey to provide us with your feedback. There is a link to this survey on the home page of the school website — www.stjopapa.school.nz (top right hand corner). Your feedback is important to us.

LOST PROPERTY

We managed to return a large number of clothing items from the lost property pool last Friday. To assist us in future, please ensure all clothing items are named.

The lost property collection is currently housed in the entrance foyer of the school hall.

SCHOOL POOL

The school pool will close on Sunday evening, 21 March. Please return pool cards to the school office for your refund. I wish to acknowledge the wonderful work by our caretaker, **Robert Manning** for his excellent management of the pool.



Dear Joseph, there are so many reasons why I can talk to you with love and confidence. You loved and cared for both Jesus and Mary. Look on me and care for me with the same tenderness you had for them. Help me to develop your qualities so that I may be a true disciple of your Son, Jesus.

You worked hard and were faithful in all things. Help me to live each day fully and to do my best. Bless my family and my friends. Make our homes happy and faith filled. Amen

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 tomorrow. 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 the Mass and also at the Groynes. Parents are welcome to drive their children home from the Groynes. However, we ask that you inform the classroom teacher so that all children can be accounted for.

The PTA will very kindly provide lunch for our children tomorrow. 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.

In Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Izzy Salisbury on the recent death of her Grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family at this time.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following who received School Merit Certificates at our assembly last week: **Shaun Lane, Annabelle Rushton-Pearce, Louis Wylaars, Katie Pritchard, Conor Forster, Ethan Agomaa, Lottie Heywood, Angus McEwan, Conor Fyall, Chloe Brady, Zac Barnett, Julia Tansey, Anna Hooker, Will McKeown, Jade McGregor, Lewis Meates, Elliot Caddick, Scott Tansey, Julia Burrell, Ben Blackler, Lachlan Bartlett, Anneliese Caddick, Jack Bryant, Laura Morris, Cindy Kwon, Cameron Bartlett, Liam Hill, Hyeon Jeong Choi, Matthew Bond, Lora Logan, Tomo Dorrance and Elizabeth Wylaars**

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Rachael Cleeve** who was second in the Surf and Beach relays at the recent Canterbury Surf Championships. Rachael then competed at the South Island Championships and was placed 3rd in the Tube rescue. Well done, Rachael.

CANTERBURY TRIATHLON

This event will now take place next week on **Tuesday 23 March** at the same time and venue. We wish the following triathletes well for the Primary School Canterbury Championships.

Angus Parkyn, Jack Newsome, Courtney Maynard, Rose Cody, Grace Cody, Navajo Prentice Conrad Smith, James Johnstone, Cameron Bartlett, Jacob van Peer, Rachael Cleeve, Megan Calder, Kate Barclay, Alex de Vries, Nathan Arscott and Tyler McKendry.

CANTERBURY SWIMMING

We congratulate the following swimmers who will represent our zone at the Canterbury Swimming Championships at QEII on **Thursday 25 March**:

Grace Cody, Cameron Bartlett, Jacob van Peer, William Ecroyd-Caddick, Rachael Cleeve, Tyler McKendry, Nathan Arscott, Breanna Crowther, Brooke Harris, Lachie Bartlett, Anneliese Caddick, Emily Brown and Liam McArthur.

NETBALL Under 12 Years

A group of Year 7 girls need two additional players to form a team for the Saturday competition. If you would like to join us please give Katie Stewart a ring on 3523 188.

PMP HELPERS

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

Monday 22 March

Meates (Neve)
Meates (Amelia)
Popham

Tuesday 23 March

Roder
Raines
King

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We are still awaiting the order forms etc for this fundraiser. However, in the meantime you can start collecting orders from friends, families and work colleagues.

A flyer has been sent home today re this fundraiser.

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 which was attached to last week's newsletter and leave the items in a plastic bag in the school office. The PTA will take 25% commission on all items sold.

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.



Competitors from last Sunday's Weetbix Tryathlon