

TERM 1 - No. 9 ~ 31 March 2010

WELCOME TO Benjamin Cisterna-Baeza and Lucy Portland who started in Room 1 this week. We hope they enjoy their time at St Joseph's.



STAFF NEWS

As a school community, we are saddened that Mrs Binnie is needing to take an indefinite period of sick leave. She has been determined to complete the term for the children's sake despite her ill health. We have been most fortunate to have experienced Mrs Binnie's excellent, dedicated teaching over many years. Her attention to detail, the high achievement levels of the children she has taught, and the mutual respect that is so evident in the classes she has taught, have all been appreciated by so many children, parents and staff.

We sincerely hope and pray that Mrs Binnie's health improves during this break from full time teaching as she reassesses her future. On behalf of the school community, we offer Mrs Binnie our sincere thanks and best wishes. May God bless her and her family.

I have asked Mrs Erin Kreft to teach Room 15 for the remainder of the year instead of teaching a Year 7 class as initially planned. She is an experienced teacher at this level, well-known to the children, and will lead the Year 5-6 syndicate in Mrs Binnie's absence.

I wish to offer my sincere thanks to Mr Gerry Kelly who completes his fixed term position as teacher of Room 14 tomorrow. We were fortunate to have had his experience as a specialist intermediate and secondary school teacher for term one. I thank him for his dedicated teaching of our senior students in Room 14 and we wish him well in his retirement.

We are currently in the process of interviewing applicants for the vacant Year 7 position. It is hoped that the successful candidate will be confirmed by Thursday to inform the parents and students of Rm 14.

END OF TERM

Despite the short nine week term, it has been extremely busy. Thank you for your support in so many different ways during the term. We look forward to seeing the children ready for action on Monday 19 April.

HAPPY EASTER

On behalf of the staff I wish you a happy and Holy Easter. May the peace and joy of the Easter Season be with you and your family.

As a family please make every effort to celebrate the most important week in the Church's year by attending the following parish celebrations. This will then complement the work being done in your child's Religious Education class.

Holy Thursday, 7.30 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper- St Gregory's Church

Good Friday, 10.00am

Stations of the Cross at both churches

Good Friday, 3.00 pm

Passion of Our Lord -St Joseph's Church

Holy Saturday, 8.00 pm

The Easter Vigil St Joseph's Church

(No 6pm Mass at St Gregory's)

Easter Sunday 7.00 am, St Gregory's Church

8.30 am and 10.00 am, St Joseph's Church

(No 5pm Mass)

Holy Week

Holy Thursday

The Church calls the time from today to Easter, the Sacred Triduum - the period of three days when we celebrate the events of Christ's life that changed the course of history and eternity. Today we remember and celebrate where the mystery and the prayer of the Mass came from - The Last Supper.

Good Friday

On this day Christ became the 'Paschal Sacrifice'.



There is no Mass today, but we read the Passion again, venerate the Cross, pray for the world and share in Holy Communion. To call his death and resurrection the 'Paschal Mystery' requires an Old Testament understanding of the Bible and of Jewish history prior to Jesus' birth.

Easter Sunday - The Resurrection

Christ yesterday and today - The beginning and the end - The Alpha and Omega - All times belong to him and all the ages - To him be glory and power through every age and for ever. Amen.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Every three years elections are held nationwide to elect trustees who will represent the parent community on each schools' Board of Trustees.

The board comprises five elected parent representatives, an elected representative from staff, the principal, and in Catholic schools, four representatives appointed by the bishop to ensure the special Catholic character is preserved and enhanced. One of those appointees is Fr Simon.

The role for a trustee who is elected as a parent representative is to give a parent's perspective on issues discussed at a board meeting. The role of the board is one of governance, while the day to day management of the school is the role of the principal and senior staff.

Nominations will close on **Thursday 23 April**, the election will be held on Friday 7 May and results will be declared on Thursday 13 May. We offer our best wishes to those parents considering standing for the board.

If any parent has not received an election nomination form or wishes to check the electoral roll please ask at the school office.

BREAD AND WATER DAY

Yesterday, all children participated in a 'Bread and Water Day.' A total of \$360.60 was raised and will be forwarded to Caritas for the Lenten appeal.

SWIMMING RESULTS

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed in the Christchurch Primary School Swimming Championships last Thursday.

Particular congratulations to:

Anneliese Caddick 9th 12 yr girls Backstroke
Tyler McKendry 10th 12yr boys Freestyle
Cameron Bartlett 10th 11yr boys Breaststroke
and to our 11yr old mixed relay team (**Cameron Bartlett, Rachael Cleeve, Megan Calder** and **Jacob van Peer**) who finished 5th.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday 27 March, **Tomo Dorrance's** Elmwood Gold Tennis team won the Boys 10's Divison 1 at the Canterbury Tennis Junior Interclub Finals 2009/2010. Well done Tomo.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

For those grandparents booking flights, this year's special day will be held on **Friday 19 November**.

PRE-SCHOOL MUSIC

Pre-school Music and Movement classes in the St Joseph's Parish Centre will start again on Monday 19th April after the school holidays. For more information call Jody on 027-2260729.

TERM TWO EVENTS

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| 19 April | - Start of Term 2 |
| 20 April | - Board of Trustees meeting |
| 23 April | - PTA Fun Run |
| 30 April | - School Cross Country |
| 3 May | - Visiting performance for Y0—Y6 |
| 6 May | - Parent Mtg—Internet Safety |
| 7 May | - School Photos |
| | - BOT Election Day |
| | - School Dances |
| 10 May | - PTA Mtg |
| 12 May | - North Zone Cross Country |
| 14 May | - El Grego performances in Hall |
| 16 May | - Ascension Sunday |
| 18 May | - Board of Trustees meeting |
| 19 May | - Catholic Schools Day |
| 23 May | - First Holy Communion |
| 25 May | - ICAS—Computer Skills |
| 26 May | - PTA morning tea for new parents |
| 7 June | - Queens Birthday—school closed |
| 9 June | - ICAS—Science |
| | - Primary Schools Cross Country |
| 14 June | - PTA Mtg |
| 15 June | - Board of Trustees Mtg |
| 22 June | - ICAS—Spelling and Writing |
| 2 July | - End of Term 2 |
| | - Mufti Mania Day |

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

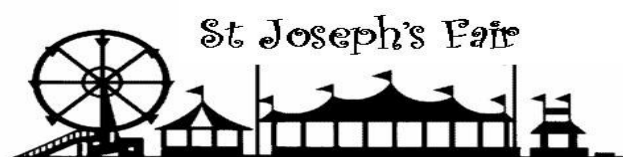
All remaining items and payment can be picked up from the school before the holidays. Any clothing remaining on the 23 April will be donated to the PTA clothing pool. Thank you for your support.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Orders for these are going quickly. Please feel free to use the holidays to collect orders and payment from work mates, friends and family and, to avoid disappointment, return the orders to school asap after the holidays.

FUN RUN—Friday 23 April

The PTA will be running the School "Fun Run" again this year. Sponsorship forms have been distributed to all children in the hope that children will arrange sponsors during the holiday break. As in the past there are many wonderful gift incentives for the children participating.



Put this date on your calendar!!

Sunday 21 November 2010

**IT'S BACK - The St Josephs Fair extravaganza ...
watch out for more details about how you can
help!! Look for the flyer early in term 2!**