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WELCOME TO

Christian Gilbert, Lochie McLean, Jarrah Prentice and Finn O'Donnell who started in the New Entrants classes this week. We hope they enjoy their time at St Joseph's.



WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to school. We sincerely hope you have all enjoyed the holiday break and are well refreshed for a long, busy term of eleven weeks.

FUN RUN

Parents are welcome to attend the PTA Fun Run **tomorrow** commencing at 2.00 pm. Children are welcome to arrive at school in mufti sports clothing suitable for running.

Wonderful prizes have been organised by the PTA as incentives for the children for obtaining sponsors for their run.

Please return all forms and money to the school office as soon as possible even if your child didn't collect any sponsors.

STAFF NEWS

We would like to welcome our new staff member, Mr Tony Lamb, who will teach Year 7 in Room 14 from the beginning of next week. He will visit late tomorrow morning to introduce himself to the class.

PARKING

We are lucky to have such a long road for parents to park before and after school. The school has no parking facilities on site. There is a car park beside Room 8 for staff only, and of course the winner of the car park raffle **Mrs Pamela Robinson** for Term 2.

The parish car park is for parishioners attending mass and meetings and for parish staff. In the interests of maintaining our strong relationship with our parish church please refrain from using their car park before and after school. The Vagues Road footpath will be much safer without vehicles driving in and out of the parish and staff car parks during peak pedestrian traffic. Thank you for your support.

Peace Prayer

Lord God,
You made the world in all its beauty
You created us to love you and to love on another
We dream of an end to wars, we dream of peace.



We dream of an end to hatred,
To cruelty and division.
We dream of a golden age of
Respect for one another,
And for your creation.

Lord, help our dreams to become reality.



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMME

This term we begin by studying the Holy Spirit Strand, followed by the God Strand. As part of the Holy Spirit Strand we will celebrate Pentecost with a School Mass on Friday 21 May at 9.15 am.



We strongly encourage parents to support our Religious Education programme by discussing Religious Education homework and by filling out the comment box at the end of each strand. Please try and make a comment rather than just signing.

Please refer to the Family Whanau Book for guidance regarding the Strands and for help with parent comments.

Our value for this term is Service—Ratonga.

INTERNET SAFETY PARENT EVENING

Your child could be at risk from internet predators, identity thieves, cyber bullies, viruses and worse ... their own innocence. Learn about the internet and what you can do to protect your child in your own home.

Join us for a free internet safety presentation by Dean Stewart from Dean Computer Consulting, at the St Joseph's School Hall on **Thursday 6 May** at 7.30pm.

Contact for more information: dean@dcc.net.nz

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

We are grateful to those families who have currently paid their school accounts.

There is an opportunity for families to spread the cost throughout the year by arranging an automatic payment. Pauline, in the office, is happy to help set this up if required.

Alternatively, accounts can be paid by EFTPOS or internet banking. Our bank account number is: 03 0855 0335068 00 (Westpac Armagh Street).

We still have a few families that need to pay for the Year 7-8 camp at Wainui. As the school has paid all the costs, prompt payment would be appreciated, please.

PMP HELPERS

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

Monday 26 April: Popham Kofoed Brown

Tuesday 27 April: Fyall Roder Sherwood

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MORNING TEA HELP

Sunday 23rd May

It is customary for the families who celebrated First Holy Communion to prepare and serve morning tea and the children's breakfast the following year.

If your child celebrated this sacrament in 2009, we need your help! (Setting up halls, decorating, food and hot drink service, clean up etc.)

It is a lot of fun helping to make this special day memorable for the children and their families.

Please phone or text Eileen Mackie with your contact details (Ph. 3594 302 or 027 777 0822) if you can assist in any way.

SHARING IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST - First Communion

Parents are reminded of the meeting on **Tuesday 27th April, at 7.30pm** in the St Joseph's Parish Centre.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT—Friday 14th May, 7.30pm

In the **SCHOOL** hall.

Costs are \$5 per person and teams should consist of no more than 6 people.

Registrations can be made by contacting Jackie or Chris Andrews at 351 0617.

LUNCHES TOMORROW – BBQ Sausages - \$1.

Thank you to our helpers, **Jennie Burrell** and **Ali Metzger**

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Orders for these are going quickly. Please collect orders and payment from work mates, friends and family and return the orders to the school office.

ST BEDE'S COLLEGE Open Day—Wed 5 May

Guided tours of the grounds and facilities available between 9am and 2pm. Open night for parents at 7.30pm in the Performing Arts' Centre. Further enquiries phone 375 1871.

VILLA MARIA COLLEGE Open Day—Tue 4 May

Address to parents by the Principal in the Auditorium at 9.15am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm. Further enquiries phone 348 4165.

PAPANUI TOC H HARRIERS

Remember how **good** it feels to run?

If it's been a while, or it's something you'd love to get into, come running with **Papanui Toc H!!**

We offer great coaches, a supportive environment, and we produce *winners!*

You're never too old – call Mary Ann on 3542285 or go online to **papanuitoathletics.org.nz** and find out how **you** can get up and running.

My Trip To The Franz Josef Glacier

In the holidays I had an amazing experience ... I went to the Franz Josef glacier. My family and I departed from the camp site we were staying at and started the half hour walk to the glacier.

As I was walking I noticed many gushing waterfalls gushing down from the lush green cliffs surrounds us. Finally we arrived at the massive glacier. It looked like one gigantic clump of millions and millions of tiny diamonds. Pouring out from beneath the glacier was a powerful river of icy water. In the distance I could see tiny red dots that were tour groups braving out the slippery glacier.

Once we had finished marvelling at the wondrous glacier we headed back. It had been an awesome trip. Some day I hope to revisit the glacier so I can share a little bit of its magic again.

By Bianca Barbafiera