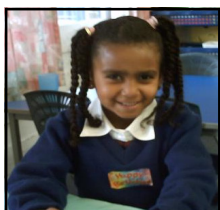


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WELCOME TO

Tegest Mengistie, who started in Room 4 this week. We hope she enjoys her time at St Joseph's.



SCHOOL MASS

Tomorrow the children will attend the parish Mass at 9.15am to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, this Sunday. Pentecost is the great feast day that commemorates the birth of the Church by the Holy Spirit descending upon the Apostles. Pentecost is held 50 days after Easter Sunday. Parents are most welcome to join us.



FIRST COMMUNION

We pray for the following students who are making their First Holy Communion on Sunday at the 10am Mass.



Joseph Avery, James Blackler, Matthew Bond, Henry Burrell, Caleb Conyers, Lachlan Duff, Michael Frame, Luke Gill, Jake

Harrison, Joseph Johnstone, Connor High, James Metzger, Benjamin Morgan, Jack Newsome, Angus Parkyn, Mathew Ryan, Kaiden Shaw, Thomas Weston, Jack Whiting, Rilee Barnett, Madeleine Brown, Isabella Brunel, Olivia Brunel, Hyeon Jeong Choi, Nadia Cisterna Baeza, Rose Cody, Isabella Crowther, Sophie Deam, Isabella Dredge, Isabella Ford, Sophie Glass, Hannah Kofoed, Jessica Le Poidevin, Lora Logan, Courtney Maynard and Cate McArthur.

Parents are reminded of a practice (approximately 45 minutes) at **5.30pm tomorrow, Friday**, in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to Chelon Bennett on the death of his grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family during this time.

Be the Change

O God

Your love is constant in our world of change.

*Be our light as we seek new pathways
for Catholic education.*

*Draw us close to you and to one another as we work to be
the change that will lift our world in joy and hope.*

*Help us to embrace the differences we will encounter as we
take on the challenge of daily living your Gospel.*

*We give thanks for all who support Catholic education and
we ask your blessing on our schools and our communities.*

Amen



Yesterday we celebrated a national Catholic Schools' Day. 66,000 students attend Catholic schools throughout New Zealand. Representatives from schools in the Christchurch Diocese (Canterbury and Westland) attended a special Mass in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament followed by morning tea. 18 of our students attended. We were extremely

proud of their reverence and exemplary behaviour during the morning's celebration. We were very proud of **Aynalem Mengistie** who read a prayer of the faithful in his own native language, **Josh Donnelly** who carried our school banner and **Grace Cody** who presented our school prayer candle to the altar.

Here at school, Mr Hayes and the students of Room 13 presented a beautiful liturgy acknowledging Catholic Schools' Day. We thank them for leading us in our own school's liturgical celebration.

After lunch a fun, tabloid sports event was organised by Mr Kane and the Year 8 students. All children were placed in vertical groups containing children from all levels of the school. Our Year 8 students were superb in their organisation and their pastoral care of the younger ones.

The day concluded with a large piece of cake to acknowledge the importance of the day.

We thank Robyn Cody who so generously baked a special cake to cater for our gluten free students.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS 2010 FOR 5 PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

Declaration of Parent Election Results

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

**Paula Brown, Cath McArthur,
Michael Schimanski, Peter de Gouw
and Ron van Herpt.**

*Wayne Jamieson, Returning Officer
Canterbury Education Services*

On behalf of the school and parish community, I extend my congratulations to the five elected parent representatives above. At the first meeting of the new board, Ron van Herpt was unanimously re-elected as Board Chair.

I offer my thanks to Katrina High for sharing her skills on our board during the last three years. Katrina was a member of our active property committee.

I also extend my thanks to Debbie Behrnes, Marisha Dorrance and Katrina High for so generously offering themselves for election.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES / PTA WORKING BEE

The BOT and PTA are holding a working bee this Saturday the 22nd May at 1pm to trim various trees around the back sports field and play areas. Several trees need to be pruned and thinned out, low hanging foliage lifted up and a small number of larger branches removed. A shredder is being hired but you will need to bring your own safety gear and a chain saw if you have one. If you can help, please contact Michael Schimanski on 021448150.

SCIENCE CLUB

Congratulations to **Woo Seok Choi** for completing his badge in Geology.

NORTH WEST MUSIC FESTIVAL

Our choir will be performing in the North West Music Festival at the Aurora Centre on **Tuesday 22 June**, at 7.30pm. Tickets (\$8.00) are available from our school office and can be purchased with eftpos, cash or cheque.

PMP HELPERS

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

Monday: Townshend Roder Rushton-Pearce
Tuesday: Howison Griffiths O'Sullivan

NEW PARENTS MORNING TEA

The P.T.A. will have a special morning tea for the parents of new children to our school. This will be held on **Wednesday 26 May at 10.30am in the Parish Centre**. New parents are most welcome to come along and socialize with other parents and staff.

FUN RUN

The PTA apologize for the delay with handing out the Fun Run prizes. We are still waiting on a few items from The Warehouse and will hope to have this rectified sometime next week.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We still have 10 or so books to sell, so if you are still wanting a book you can order one at the office. This years book is ready to use immediately and the 2009 book finishes on the 1st June. This fundraiser will end next week, so don't delay. If you're not sure, there is a sample book at the office for you to have a look through.

LUNCHES TOMOROW Sausages \$1.00.

Thank you to our helpers, **Chris Rietveld** and **Janine Brankin**.



St Joseph's Fair

Sunday 21 November 2010

**Remember to return your yellow form indicating
how you can help make our 2010 Fair a success.**

Any queries phone Linda 352 3314

COME AND SEE THE WEBB ELLIS CUP!

When: Thursday 20 May 2010

Time: 7am -9am

Where: Christchurch City Art Gallery

Bring your family along and take up this rare opportunity to have your photo taken with the cup. Meet some All Black greats while you wait and soak up the fun and excitement of the countdown to the Rugby World Cup 2011. (TVNZ will be there too!)

If you can, dress in the colours of your favourite international rugby team.



KIDSFEST

The **TV2 KidsFest** book has been distributed to families today. There are more available from the school office.