

St Joseph's School
50 Kelvin Street
TIMARU



1 November 2018

Newsletter

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Mercy



Today is All Saints Day, a holy day recognised by the Catholic Church. Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. None of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected ... the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness. To be a saint is to live in the spirit of the Beatitudes. May the example and prayers of the saints guide and sustain us at every stage of our life journey towards the Kingdom of heaven. May you be blessed by God with wisdom, joy and peace.

Welcome To Our School

We warmly welcome the following student who has joined our school community -

Jamela Lelina Room 5

Class Award Winners

Room	Week 1	Week 2
1	Lucas Townshend	Asha Lamont
2	Irene Thomas	Noah Valentine
3	Jack Powell	Isla Prue
4	Austin Laming	Finn Tupuola
5	Liam Bridson	Daisy Collins
6	Milli Humphris	Jenson Cook
7	Hannah Heffernan	Mikayla Grant
8	-	Amy Dunn
9	Shakira Smith	James Fennessy
Terrific Behaviour	-	Jordan Cormack
Mercy Shield	Dalton Todd	Alex Thian

Chess Team

Our Chess Team had a successful weekend at the National Chess Finals in Auckland over the weekend. They had two days of concentrated chess games and all had some success winning games and increasing their rankings. They also enjoyed some of the sights of Auckland, including a great day at Rainbow's End. Thanks to all those that supported the team in getting to Auckland and a huge thanks to Stu Piddington and Mel Fauth for



accompanying the team to Auckland and to Stu for all his organisation which made it all possible.

Coming Up in the Next Week

Next week we have **Top Teams** at school on Thursday morning for Rooms 4 - 9. Students wear **sports clothes (not school sports uniform) in their house colours** but need their uniform to change into as they may get wet.

We are looking forward to a great day at our **Athletic Sports** on **Friday 9 November**. Please make sure you have read all the information sent out and completed any forms needed. Students wear sports uniform, and will need sunhat and warm clothes in the event of changeable weather.

During the next few weeks, senior students are preparing for a *Ki O Rahi* tournament and Rooms 1 - 5 are learning about how to respond to emergencies from St John New Zealand..

A Message from our Teachers: Possible Strike Day

Thursday 15 November

New Zealand's principals and primary teachers have just voted about what to do to get government action on the current crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

They have therefore voted for an unprecedented second strike, to be held this month. There will be nationwide rolling strikes over a week, and our region will be striking on **Thursday 15 November**.

Mediation is starting on 5 November to try to reach some agreement and hopefully a positive outcome will be found. Our teachers regret the inconvenience we know this will cause, we feel we needed to send a clear message to the Government that we are standing strong for our students.

Children's education is already suffering because of the difficulty in recruiting teachers and relievers, and we must take bold steps to turn this around. The Government recently announced a \$5.5 billion surplus, so there is no reason to make our children wait while the situation deteriorates further.

Through our union, *NZEI Te Riu Roa*, we are asking for:

- smaller classes, so our students can get more one-on-one attention
- more resources and staffing to adequately support students with additional learning needs – this will benefit all students because teachers will be freed to spend more one-on-one time with every student
- a significant increase in teachers' salaries so that they are properly valued for their qualifications and responsibilities, and as a country we can recruit and retain teachers.

Jump Jam Competition

Today we were fortunate to have the creator of Jump Jam, Brett Fairweather visited the school and presented a demonstration of *Jump Jam* for our students. It was high energy and fun.



Athletic Sports: Friday 9

November

If you haven't already, please complete the parent help and transport home notices for [Rooms 1-3](#) and [Rooms 4 - 9](#) that were sent out recently. The success of the day does depend on how many helpers we get. There will be more information on timetables etc. sent out early next week.

Athletic Sports Practices

Rooms 1 - 5 Papatuanuku Syndicate

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2.15pm - 2.45pm

Please ensure students **wear their sports uniforms** to school on the practice days.

Room 6 - 9 Ranginui Syndicate

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

10.00am Room 7

11.00am Room 8

11.30am Room 9

12.00pm Room 6

Please ensure students have their sports uniform

Parking Courtesy Outside School

Our road patrol monitors have noticed some strange parking outside school and would like to remind you all about being mindful where you park when picking up students.

They have seen cars parked on yellow lines, parking over our neighbour's driveways and parking close to the corner, reducing visibility.

Also, please remember to use the official crossing rather than crossing further up Kelvin Street.

Beep mobile app

A few of our parents have taken up the opportunity to advise us of student absences through the Beep mobile app, it works extremely well and is easy and free for parents to use.

Search on *Beep school links* to access the app.

Check out this link for information about the [Beep](#) application that has been set up as part of our text, data and email communications with parents and caregivers.



Scholastic Book Club - Due in by Friday, 2 November

0800 266 525



**Scholastic Book Club orders are to be returned by
Week 3 - Friday 2 November 2018.**

A great chance to buy some Christmas presents.

Ali Talbot recently went on a Library Course called "Open The Book". They reinforced most strongly that the best way to help your child to learn to read and write is to READ ALOUD to them. There is nothing else to compare to that and children and adults alike love being read to!!!

Thanks again for your continued support. The school's reading resources benefit from every purchase made to Scholastic Book Clubs.

School Accounts

Statements for Term 4 will be emailed out soon to advise parents and caregivers of the balance of their account.

The ASB logo consists of the letters 'ASB' in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font, set against a black rectangular background.

Details of **the new school ASB bank account** will be on your statement and are as follows

123159 - 0129360 00

Please give your child's name as a reference.

Payment by cheque or cash can also be made to the school office. You may also prefer to pay by instalment e.g. weekly, fortnightly, monthly or on a term by term basis.

Thank you to those parents who have already paid in full and to those who have set up on-going automatic payments.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Friday 16 November 2018

**8.30am – 9.00am &
3.00pm – 3.30pm**



If you have any uniform you would be happy to donate, please drop it into the marked box outside the uniform closet prior to Wednesday, 14 November.

All funds raised from the Uniform Sale will be donated by the School Community Group toward an Archgola for outside Rooms 5 and 7.

News Bytes of Faith

Monday 29 October - Friday 2 November

Did you know that the Diocesan website has an [archives section](#)? There is lots of really interesting information on the site. One resource of special interest in all about the [Bishops of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch](#). It is a great read so take the time to have a look at it.

Monday 5 November - Friday 9 November

What is Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration? Perpetual Adoration is where Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament, is exposed in a monstrance, on an altar, in a particular church or chapel, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including right through the night. This practice of Perpetual Adoration has developed greatly over the last century. Pope Benedict XVI, in his Apostolic Exhortation on the Eucharist recommended Bishops “*to set aside specific churches for perpetual adoration*”.

[Do we have specific churches set aside for perpetual adoration here in Christchurch? YES WE DO!](#)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

mainly music

We are in the process of setting up *mainly music* sessions at St Thomas' Church, Timaru for pre-schoolers and their caregivers.

We hope to start these sessions every Tuesday at 9.30am from February 2019.

In the meantime, we need to have a practice session and this will take place on Tuesday 30 October at 10.00am where we will have a music session followed by morning tea for the children and their caregivers.

We are looking for Mum's/Dad's/Grandparent's and their pre-schoolers to kindly attend this session to enable us to have a practice session and then we hope to get the go ahead after the session to start our weekly sessions at St. Thomas' Church in February 2019.

If you are interested, could you please contact Rose on 027 4313579.

The practice session on Tuesday 30 October is free and will be a fun morning.





Roncalli Sports and Community Centre

Support for a Better Community

Roncalli Sports & Community Centre Official Launch Evening

Thursday 8 November 6:30-8:00pm
College Gymnasium



MC for the evening is John McBeth, former St Patricks pupil and sports commentator

Complimentary refreshments provided

Learn more about this exciting new multifunctional centre
and how you can support our vision for the College

RSVP to office@roncalli.school.nz by Monday 5 November 2018

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BOOK YOUR 2018 CHRISTMAS PARTY

DRAMA LEAGUE PRESENTS



BLACKADDER GOES FORTH



a two course meal and a show too
OLD CHAP!

EPISODES 5 & 6

Written by Richard Curtis & Ben Elton



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SHOW DATES: November 8-24th

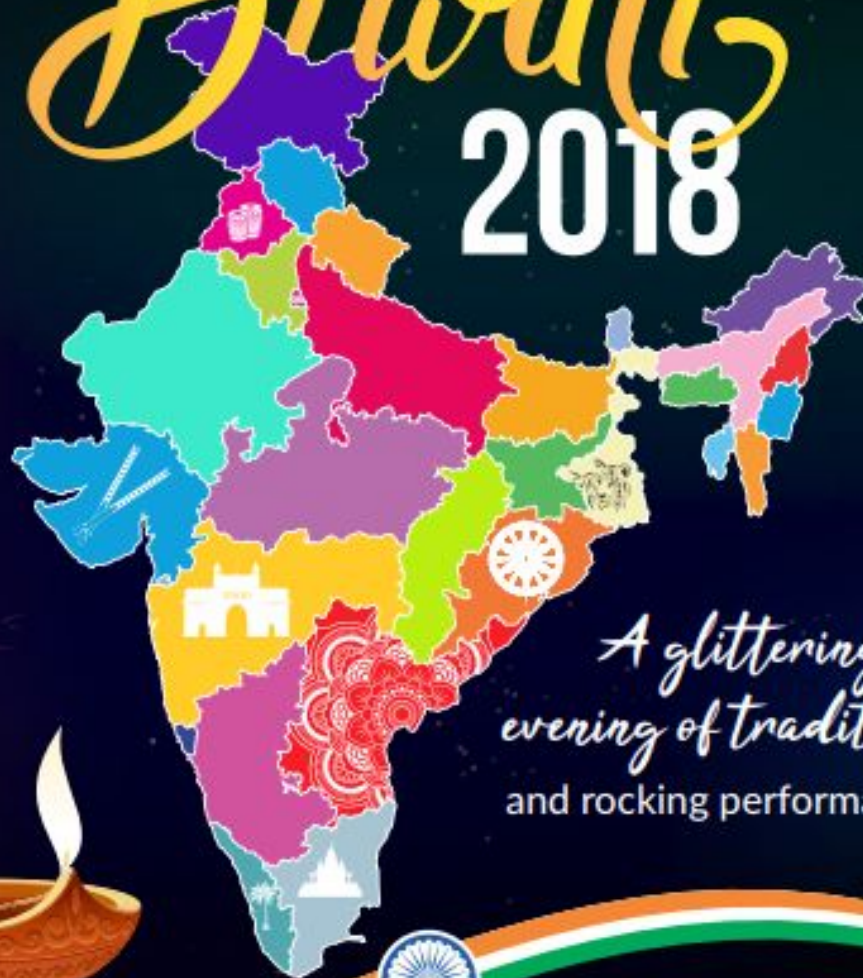


South Canterbury Indian Cultural Society

PRESENTS

Diwali

2018



A glittering evening of traditional and rocking performances!



Delicious Indian meal included!

DATE: Saturday 10th November 2018 **AT** 5.30pm – 9pm

VENUE: SBS Event Centre (Aoraki Park) - Morgans Rd, Timaru

TICKETS: Adults \$20 | Children (5 - 12 years) \$10 | Under 5's Free

Tickets available from (NO DOOR SALES!)

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