

St Joseph's School
50 Kelvin Street
TIMARU



Mercy



Newsletter

4 February 2021

**“Creator God,
Thank you for the gift of
this new year
Help us to find you in every
day, every hour,
Every minute of the year ahead of us.
Amen**



This weekend we celebrate Waitangi Day. It is the day we remember in a special way the country of Aotearoa New Zealand.

It is a great time to give thanks for our country and to reflect on how we can work together in harmony as a school community.

Ma tini ma mano ka rapa te whai
By many, by thousands, the work will be accomplished.
Many hands make light work.
Unity is strength.



It was lovely to welcome everyone back on Wednesday, all eager and enthusiastic for a great year in 2021. The first day back started well with prayers on the theme of "Let your light shine". Each of us has gifts and talents that we can share with others and let our light shine. When we use our gifts and let our light shine, we give honour and praise to God.

We also were reminded of our school's Mercy Gospel values of respect, compassion, charity, justice service and hospitality.

We welcomed our new teacher Mrs Trisha Stubbing and our new students and their families.

We start the year full of hope for a more normal school year than last year. We look forward to seeing you all at our welcome back picnic .

Carmel Brosnahan-Pye
PRINCIPAL

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL - PICNIC ON THE FIELD

Wednesday 10 February 5.30 - 7.00pm

We invite all families to gather as a community at the start of the year. Bring along your tea/picnic/takeaways.



We will have sports gear ready for a game of cricket etc. and a lolly scramble and other fun. It will also be a chance to visit your child's new class and meet their teachers.



We warmly welcome the following students who have joined our school community -

Fergus Laming	Room 1
Pranil Hari	Room 2
Beauden Tubb	Room 1
Cushla Crossman	Room 1
Lexi Dennison	Room 1
Harvey Hood	Room 3
Juno Phiskie	Room 6

Class FaceBook Pages

Each class has a class FaceBook page which is used by teachers to share learning and short notices relating to the class.

Please click on your child's link and ask to join these private groups.

Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5
Room 6	Room 7	Room 8	Room 9	School Page

Camp/EOTC Information

Parent Meetings- before or after picnic

Room 4 Wednesday 10th February 7pm

Room 6 Wednesday 10th February 5pm

Room 7 Wednesday 10th February 5pm

Room 8 Wednesday 10th February 7pm

Dates

The dates for camps in 2021 are as follows:

Room 6 Monday 22 - Wednesday 24 February

Room 7 Wednesday 24- Friday 26 February

Room 8 Wednesday 24 - Friday 26 February

Room 9 Tuesday 16- Friday 19 February

Camp Costs

Under the donations scheme which our school has opted into, schools can continue to ask for donations for overnight school camps if they are part of the core learning programme (curriculum). Such a request is for a donation. Families and whānau can choose to pay the donation in full, in part or not at all.

Without parent contributions it would be difficult to provide camp experiences as we do now. Parents can either pay in full or have the option of paying these off with regular payments during the year.

Costs for 2020 Camps

Room 6 \$200

Room 7 \$190

Room 8 \$175

Room 9 \$240

Room 5 \$40

EOTC Days

Room 4	Wednesday 17 February - Friday 19 February
Room 3	Monday 1 March
Room 1 & 2	Wednesday 3 March Postponement Wednesday 10 March
Room 5	Wednesday 3 March- Friday 5 March

More information about the EOTC days will be sent home soon.

Please complete the following form by **Friday 5 February 2021** for **EACH** of your children.

[Education Outside the Classroom \(EOTC\) Consent, Contract and Health Form \(CCH\) Form.](#)

It is crucial that we have information that is accurate and complete.

If there are any further changes throughout the 2021 year, please advise us without delay.

This information is needed to complete planning for camps and EOTC days.

Year 7&8 Technology: Important Changes 2021

Year 7&8 Technology at Roncalli College will be on Wednesday mornings from 9am-10.40am in 2021. A bus will leave St Joseph's School at 8.45am on Wednesdays. Students will need to be at school by 8.30am on Wednesdays. If it is easier to drop your child directly at Roncalli please fill in this form as we need to have an accurate bus roll to mark each week. All students are bused back to school at the end of Technology. This will start next Wednesday morning. Students need to take their devices on the first day .

[Form for students who are being dropped off at Roncalli](#)

Student Phones at School - Parent Permission

Please complete the form below if, for some reason, your child needs to bring a cellphone to school for after school use. Any student who brings a cellphone without permission, or who does not hand it in during the day, will have the cell phone confiscated and a parent will be expected to collect the cellphone.

[Parent Permission Form - Students bringing phones](#)

Room 4 - 8 Devices at School

Please ensure that devices come to school daily and are charged overnight if your child owns their own device.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 17 February 2021

Students in Rooms 5-9 will attend the 9am Parish Mass at St Thomas's Church, Mountainview Road. Students need to be dropped at the Church between 8.45am and 8.55am (supervision before 8.45am will not be available). Further information will be shared closer to the date.

Rooms 1-4 will lead a liturgy, with distribution of the ashes, in the Hall at 9.05am.

You are welcome to join us for either of these Ash Wednesday events.

First Communion Programme 2021

Begins Tuesday 2 March, 7.30pm

St Thomas' Lounge.

Enrolment forms have been sent by email to eligible families. Copies are also available from the Sacred

Heart Basilica Porch and St Thomas' Church Foyer.

Enrolment forms need to be into the parish office by

Wednesday, 17 February 2021.



School Community Group Morning Tea

Your School Community Group hosts a Coffee Group morning tea for all Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers.

WHEN: Tuesday 9 February 2021

WHERE: School Hall from 9.45am -10am

Preschool children are most welcome, a toy box is provided!

A great way to meet people at your school

Walking School Bus

Park Lane Walking School Bus 2021

Starting Tuesday 8th February



With all the lovely summer weather we've been having, now is definitely the ideal time to try out the Park Lane walking school bus.



We leave from the footpath outside 6 Park Lane at 8:05 am Monday to Friday (weather dependent).

We then make our way to school, picking up walkers on the way, arriving at the school gates at approximately 8:30 am.

An adult walker accompanies the group. All participants are required to wear hi-viz vests (these can be supplied).

Year 5 and above are deemed sensible and safe to walk ahead if desired.

We always welcome more children and would love more adults to join our roster.

Please contact Penny Compton on 027 492 1664 if you:

- can offer some time as a walker;
- would like your name to be added to our cancellation list for wet days.

Dental Van

The dental van will be at school for the first 2 weeks completing the checks started at the end of 2020.

Holy Family Parish Survey

The Holy Family Parish council are keen to understand and encourage Mass attendance at our weekend Masses. To understand our parishioners thoughts a survey has been created.

Please take a few minutes to complete this.

If you have any questions, or feedback, please contact Penny Compton, Holy Family Parish council member on 027 492 1664.

[Holy Family Parish Survey](#)

Community Notices

Timaru School of Music

Enrolment days

Wednesday February 10 & 17
Oceanview Heights School Hall
3.30 – 5.30pm
Government funded tuition

Classes Available

Guitar, Ukulele, Recorder, Flute, Clarinet, Cornet, Trumpet, Trombone, Violin, Suzuki
Violin, Cello.

One-off fee of \$40 per year

Hire instruments available.

timaruschoolofmusic@gmail.com



mrs A's
music school

MUSIC LESSONS

Release the Music in you!



🎵 Singing; Piano; Guitar; Bass; Drums; Recorder; Ukulele; and Theory

🎵 Students are taught by experienced musicians in our studio at 22 College Road Timaru or at some schools where possible

Contact: Jannette Aldridge 027 686 4877
jannette@mrsasmusicschool.co.nz

GROUP LESSONS
(3-6 students)
\$120.75 per term

INDIVIDUAL LESSONS
\$235.75 per term

The Kids Can Do Tryathlon

Sunday 14th February

Ages 7-13years

CBay Aquatic center.

Registration from 9am. Lower C Bay
Carpark

Start 10am

Distances:

7 - 9 years = 3 widths swim, 1km run,
2.5km bike

10 - 13 years = 2 lengths swim, 1.5km
run, 4.5km bike

Swim in Outdoor 50m pool. Click on
hyperlinks for course maps

Online Registrations now open or enter
on the day (cash only)

Individuals \$10

TEENAGE YEARS 12-18



Build a great family team and have fun along the way!

Over six fun, practical and inspirational sessions, a trained facilitator will guide you through topics including:

- The importance of aroha and connection
- Different parenting styles
- Discipline and boundaries
- Understanding your child's big emotions
- And lots more!

Cost: \$75 per person or \$110 per couple

However, if you're unable to contribute in this way, we'd still love you to join us. Get in touch and we'll get you booked in.

Time: 7:00pm

Date: Tuesdays, 16 Feb - 23 Mar

Venue: Gleniti Baptist Church

Address: 58 Gleniti Rd, Timaru

For more information contact

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