



Welcome Back Newsletter 2021/00



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to another event filled year at St Joseph's School. We are looking forward to welcoming your student/s back to school on **Wednesday 3 February**.

On Wednesday 3 February at 9:05 am we will begin the school year by praying together in the school hall. You are most welcome to join us.

All classrooms will be open to visit and meet the teachers at the **Picnic on the Field** on **Wednesday 10 February**.

CLASSROOM ORGANISATION

Room 1	NE/Year 1	Mrs Megan Cahill	megan.cahill@stjosephstimaru.school.nz
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Camps & EOTC 2021

Camp dates 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 February- Friday 19 February

Parent Helpers will have received a confirmation email at the end of last year. Thanks to all those who put their names down to help, we couldn't do it without you.

EOTC Days

Room 4	Wednesday 17 February - Friday - 19 February
Room 3	Monday 1 March Postponement Tuesday 2 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.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open on **Monday 1 February** between **9.30 am - 11.30 pm** for anyone needing uniform.

Our [full uniform list](#) is linked here.

A reminder about our uniform includes shoes - black or brown leather look - no white or other colours, not made of canvas etc. Here is an example of leather-look shoes.



PAPERLESS NEWSLETTER AND NOTICES

The school operates a paperless newsletter and notices system. A text alert system is used for absences, event notices and newsletters. Under this system you will receive a text when the newsletter is uploaded to the website. Please let us know if you are not receiving these texts. It is important that we have up-to-date contact details for you. We have recently changed to a new school management system which includes the text alert system. There may be a few teething problems so please let us know of any issues with receiving messages. More information on this will follow in later newsletters.

You will also receive a text if your child is absent with no explanation.

TERM OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS

Mrs Angela O'Reilly angela.oreilly@stjosephstimaru.school.nz is in the office daily from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Mrs Karen Grant karen.grant@stjosephstimaru.school.nz is in the office on Monday and Thursday between 9.00am -12:00.

If your child is unable to attend school, please leave a message on the absence line on the answer phone.

It is important that **the reason for the absence is included in the message** as we are required to record this information for the Ministry of Education.

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.



PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Just a gentle reminder to be mindful when parking, especially around the use of the taxi and disabled park on Pages Road.

These need to be kept free at all times so that they are available for those who need them.



Our entrance can become very congested at times and it is helpful if we all work together to make it a safe place. It was great last year to have so many students choosing to come to school actively including via our walking school bus.

Please use the official crossing outside school and model road safety to our students.

COVID19 Update

New Zealand remains at Alert Level 1 and everyone is doing the right thing to prevent the spread of COVID-19, so we're pleased to say it's business as usual.

With over 100,000 people coming back to New Zealand through managed isolation facilities, our very low number of community cases is a reflection of the quality of work by the managed isolation staff and health authorities. Overall, 1.5 million people have now been tested.

Unfortunately, we have to expect COVID cases to emerge but we can be reassured by the speed, breadth and depth of the health response. We continue to have a large amount of control over how we can prevent the spread of COVID.

For our school we will:

- display QR code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App
- keep our visitor register, attendance register and timetables up to date
- be monitoring for illness and asking anyone who is unwell to remain at home, or to go home
- encourage people with relevant symptoms to seek medical advice through Healthline or their GP and get tested for COVID if recommended to do so
- reinforce the importance of good hand washing and drying
- reinforce a good cough and sneeze etiquette.

I can reassure you that we will continue to regularly clean all parts of our school. I look forward to seeing all the happy faces returning next Wednesday.

Enjoy the last few days without school lunches to make.

Mā te Atua koutou katoa e tiaki, e manaaki.
May God protect and care for you all.

Carmel Brosnahan-Pye
PRINCIPAL