

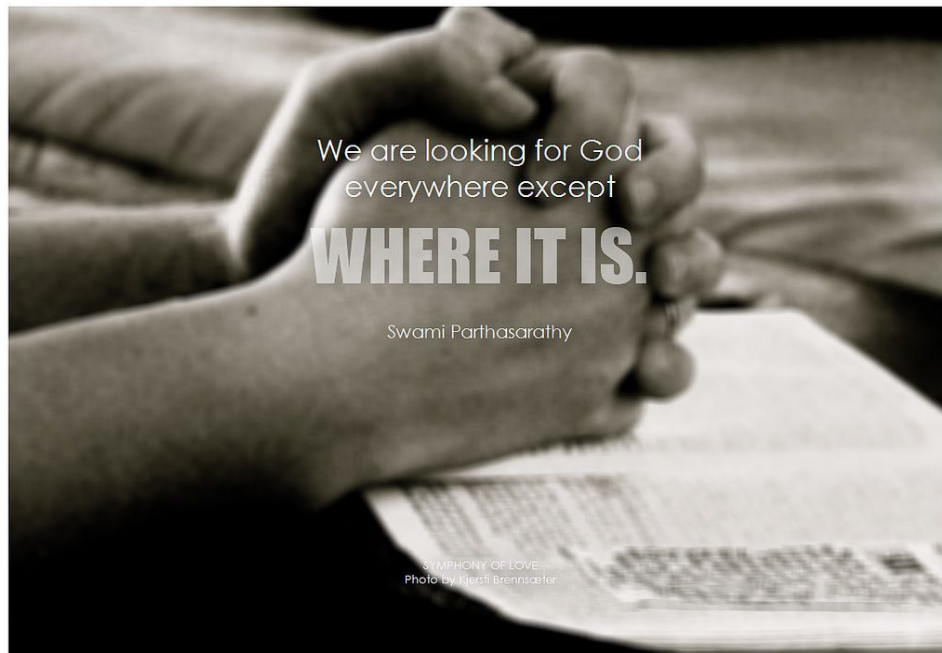
St Joseph's School
50 Kelvin Street
TIMARU



31 January 2019

Newsletter 2019/01

Mercy



**“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

Welcome Back

It was lovely to welcome everybody back yesterday all eager and enthusiastic for a great year in 2019.

Welcome to the new families that joined us at the beginning of 2018. We look forward to you becoming a part of our school community. We also welcome to our staff, Mrs Denise Medley as release teacher in Room 4.

Teachers and classes are preparing for their EOTC Camp experiences over the next 5 weeks.

Room 6 and 9 are away on camp in Week 3. Parents have been informed of camp meetings which will be held in the next week.

Next **Tuesday 5 February** you are all warmly invited to join the school community for a **Picnic on the Field between 5.30 - 7.00 pm**. The school community are providing lolly scrambles for the children and we will have sports equipment for some fun games as we gather together at the start of the year.

At **6.30 pm** we will open up all the classrooms and invite parents to visit their child/rens classes and meet the teachers. The children will be able to show you around and teachers will be available to answer any questions. We thought this might be a good way for everyone to meet each other and begin the journey together in 2019

Carmel Brosnahan-Pye
PRINCIPAL



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

Jordan Bensemman	Room 2
Norah Feely	Room 3
Nicholas Scully	Room 8
Marcus Bridson	Room 2
Charlie Roberts	Room 1
Patrick Feely	Room 4
Angel Hurst	Room 1

Camps and EOTC 2019

Camp dates are as follows –

Room 6	11 - 13 February	Camp Meeting 5.00 pm Tuesday 5 February
Room 7	27 Feb - 1 March	Camp Meeting 7.00 pm Tuesday 5 February
Room 9	12 - 15 February	Camp Meeting 5.00 pm Tuesday 5 February
Room 8	19 - 21 February	

Thanks to those parents who have put their names down to help at camp. For some classes we had more registrations than we are able to take and there needed to be a draw to select which parents could come. Teachers have contacted all of the parents who registered to advise them of the outcome of the draw.

EOTC Days

Room 4 Wednesday 20 - Friday 22 February

Room 3 Thursday 14 February (postponement - Friday 15 February)

Room 1 & 2 Wednesday 13 March

Room 5 Wednesday 27 February - Friday 1 March

URGENT

If you have not already done so, please complete the following form by **Friday 1 February 2019** 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 2019 year, please advise us without delay.

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

Student Safety

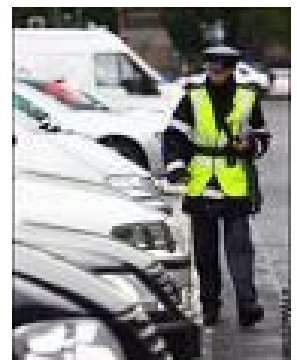
At the start of the school year it is timely to remind your children of the safe practice expected of them as they come and go to school. This particularly applies to those who bike. Also, if your child's routine method of leaving school changes, could you please let the class teacher know. For example, your child usually goes home on the bus, but is going to a friend's house etc. This will help sort out the confusion that sometimes arises.

In the interest of safety, we request that if you have to cross Kelvin Street, please only use the controlled crossing at the school gate. Because of traffic congestion, students have been told that is the only safe place to cross before and after school. It is important that parents model this safe action. Please do not park or stop on the dotted yellow lines and keep speed to a minimum as you pass the school gate.

Please also be aware that most car parks outside the school are for 5 minutes only and that this area is monitored on a regular basis by the Timaru District Council.

Thanks.

Your help in setting road safety practice is appreciated.



Uniform Matters

School Uniform Procedure

Please ensure that your children start the year wearing the correct uniform. All clothing (including underwear) should be clearly named. Please note that hair needs to be natural coloured and neat and hair below the collar needs to be tied up.

Please remember that it is school practice that students without sunhats will be required to remain in the shade area during Terms 1 and 4.

Prices for uniform are as follows –

Jerseys	\$60.00
Tunics	\$90.00
Senior Girls' Skirt	\$60.00
Sports Top	\$30.00
Boys' socks	\$8.00
Sunhats	\$18.00

Opening times for the School Uniform Cupboard is as follows – 8.30 - 9.00 am on Friday mornings.

If you have any urgent uniform needs then please contact Karen Grant on 021 2689665.

SCHOOL SHOES

Our [School Uniform Procedure](#) had a small amendment made to it late last year when shoes were changed to be *leather-look brown or black shoes*.

Sneakers are not school shoes.

Here are pictures of suitable shoes for school:



Cellphones at school

To ensure the safety of all students and staff if a parent has allowed a student to have a cellphone at school, they need to fill in the permission [form](#).

All cellphones must be handed into the class teacher at the start of the day (8.55am) and will be returned to them at the end of the school day.

Any student who brings a cellphone without permission or who does not hand it in during the day will have the cellphone confiscated and a parent will be expected to collect the cellphone.

Student Absences

Last year we noticed a significant increase in absences due to students being tired from the weekend's activities or for family holidays.



Irregular attendance is a major cause of learning difficulty.

Home and school must work together to ensure that each student attends school as often as possible.

If your child needs to be away from school because they are sick, have an appointment or need to be at a funeral, please phone the school and let us know as soon as possible.

If you know your son or daughter is going to be away for more than several days, you can talk to their teacher about whether they can take work away with them.

The following statement was reported on the Stuff website,
“Skipping class could put two years’ academic difference between students”,
said Katrina Casey, the Ministry of Education’s Head of Sector Enablement and Support.

*“Each time a child is absent there is a missed learning opportunity.
Children may find it hard to grasp later material if they miss out on foundation concepts.*

That in turn can lead to a child becoming demotivated.” she said.

HOLIDAYS AND ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TERMS 2019

Term 1	Wednesday 30 January	to	Friday 12 April
Term 2	Monday 29 April	to	Friday 5 July
Term 3	Monday 22 July	to	Friday 27 September
Term 4	Monday 14 October	to	Tuesday 17 December

ADDITIONAL HOLIDAYS

Schools will be closed in 2019 on Saturdays and Sundays and on the following holidays:

Waitangi Day	Wednesday 6 February	Term 1
Good Friday	Friday 19 April	Within school holidays
Easter Monday	Monday 22 April	Within school holidays
Easter Tuesday	Tuesday 23 April	Within school holidays
ANZAC Day	Thursday 25 April	Within school holidays
Queen's Birthday	Monday 3 June	Term 2
SC Anniversary Day	Monday 23 September	Term 3
Labour Day	Monday 28 October	Term 4

After School

Last year we noticed quite a build-up of students going straight to the playground after school while waiting to be picked up.

We are not able to supervise the playground, and sports practices are often underway.

If your child is being picked up later than the usual time, they need to wait **in the shade area** so that we can ensure their safety.

2019 Triennial Board of Trustees Elections Election Day - Friday 7 June 2019

The NZ School Trustees Association are working very hard to encourage parent and whanau participation on school boards in order to help shape and support the education of their children. To that end they are rolling out the *Korari Programme* for anyone interested in finding out about standing for the school board elections and having a say in the education of their children. We have linked the following resources for your information

1. **Korari:** A programme (workshop) that provide you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees.
NZSTA will rolling out workshops in March/April this year.
2. **Korari Form:** NZSTA will support anyone who advises us they are interested in becoming a trustee, by way of the workshops but also providing access to our Learning Management Systems where online modules regarding school governance, student achievement etc. can be completed.
The form should be emailed to korari@nztsa.org.nz
3. **Community member guide to the role of the board of trustees:** This explains a lot of commonly asked questions and information about being a trustee.

We hope you find the attached links useful. Our current Board Chairperson, Pam Allan is also more than happy to be contacted on 027 6845098 if you have any questions about becoming a board member.

First Communion Programme

Begins **Wednesday 27 February 2019** at 7.30 pm,
St Thomas' Lounge.

Enrolment forms will be sent by email to eligible families, plus copies are available from the school office and church porches. Enrolment forms need to be into the parish office by

Wednesday 20 February 2019.



School Community Group Morning Tea

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

WHEN: 2nd Thursday of the month (excluding school holidays)

WHERE: School Hall from 9:00 am

Pre-school children are most welcome, a toy box is provided!

A great way to meet people at your school

Waitangi Day

Next Wednesday 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.

Found

The garage door opener pictured here was found outside school yesterday. Is it yours???

If so, please collect it from the school office.



News Bytes of Faith

Monday 4 February - Friday 8 February

Wednesday is Waitangi Day, the day which marks Aotearoa's foundation as a bicultural nation. It commemorates the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi between the Maori chiefs of New Zealand with the British Crown on 6 February 1840. The Catholic faith was brought to New Zealand by Jean Baptiste Pompallier SM, a bishop from Lyons, France in 1838, before the treaty was signed. Pompallier celebrated the first Mass in New Zealand on 13 January 1838 at the home of Thomas and Mary Poynton at Totara Point. Bishop Pompallier was appointed the first Bishop of Auckland in 1848, a post which he held until 1869. He died in Puteaux, France in 1871. In 2002 his remains were returned to New Zealand and buried under the altar of St Mary's Church, Motu.

Monday 11 February - Friday 15 February

Thursday is Valentine's Day - or shall we say **Saint Valentine's Day**???. He is believed to have lived in the 3rd century AD (between 200 and 300 AD) and was a martyr. A martyr is someone who dies rather than deny or give up their faith. Until 325 AD, when the Roman Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity, it was illegal to be a Christian in the Roman empire. Hundreds of thousands of Christians were martyred for the faith, sometimes as a form of entertainment in the colosseum in Rome. St Valentine shares his feast day with two brothers, Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius. In 1980, Pope John Paul II declared Cyril and

Methodius as co-patron saints of Europe, together with St Benedict of Nursia.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mrs A's Music School

Students of all ages sing or play their way to something special

♪ Students are taught by experienced musicians at school or in our studios at 22 College Rd Timaru.



♪ Individual or Group Lessons: Singing; Piano; Guitar; Bass; Recorder; Ukulele, Violin and Theory.

♪ Contact: Jannette Aldridge 027 6864877
jannette@mrsasmusicschool.co.nz

St Thomas' Mainly Music Help Required

St Thomas' Mainly Music are looking for volunteers (weekly or casual) to help make tea/coffee, sandwiches etc. or to help welcome families on their arrival to Mainly Music, and to help the team leader hand out props etc. to the children that attend.



How much fun
can you take?

Volunteering for Mainly Music is extremely rewarding and the volunteers thoroughly enjoy it as this reaches out to our wonderful community and supports families. Involvement provides delight and promotes acceptance and growth.

If you are unable to commit weekly, there is an option to help on a casual basis.

Mainly Music will be starting on **Tuesday 19 February at 9.30 am** at St Thomas' Church and will continue every Tuesday during the school terms.

Please contact Rose on 027 4313579 if you are interested in volunteering or if you have any queries.