

St Joseph's School  
50 Kelvin Street  
TIMARU



# Newsletter

## 9 September, 2021

**“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”**

Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful,  
so that I may never suspect or judge based on appearances,  
but instead look for what is beautiful in my neighbours.

Help me, that my ears may be merciful,  
so that I may respond to my neighbours' needs  
and not be indifferent to their troubles.

Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful,  
so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbour,  
but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful  
and filled with good deeds,  
so that I may do only good to my neighbours  
and take upon myself the more difficult tasks.

Help me, that my feet may be merciful,  
so that I may hurry to assist my neighbour,  
overcoming my own fatigue and weariness.  
My true rest is in the service of my neighbour.

Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful,  
so that I myself may feel all the pain of my neighbour.  
I will refuse my heart to no one.  
I will be sincere even with those who, I know,  
will take advantage of my kindness.  
And I will lock myself up in the most merciful heart of Jesus.  
May Your mercy, O Lord, rest upon me.

**Amen.**

Prayer from Caritas Social Justice Week Resources

### **Class Award Winners - Term 3**

<b>Room</b>	<b>Week 6</b>
1	Miller Smolinski
2	Olivia Adams
3	Oakley Mattingley
4	Mikayla Faltas
5	Isla de Joux
6	Jack Powell
7	Katelyn Valentine
8	Isla-Grace Geddes
9	Noah McErlain

## Board Report

Well, while it was expected and we were ready to go back into Lockdown again with the COVID-19 pandemic, it still certainly felt unexpected. This time we didn't have as much time to prepare for having the equipment from school with you, so that was a challenge. But... It worked and we are here again learning from home.

We were fortunate to have a board meeting on the night just before we went into lockdown, so we were able to be reassured of all the procedures that were in place. A big thank you to Trish McCambridge and Trisha Stubbings. I don't think they expected this when they said yes to filling in for Carmel's sabbatical. Thank you also to Carmel, for ensuring that they had everything they needed to set the wheels in motion, and being there for the collection of devices.

For the board, it is still business as usual and we continue with our governance and activities which may include "zoom" board meetings. Thank you to all the staff who have the added pressures of working either from home, with the added distractions that brings, and/or, from our school bubbles, with the added responsibility and stress that brings.

Thank you to all our parents and whanau who are continuing to support the children from home.

Please feel free to get in touch with me if you have any questions.

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## Faith Facts

### **Week 7**

**More on the Beatitudes** - Pope Francis said just as Christian saints have done so throughout the ages, Christ's followers today are called *"to confront the troubles and anxieties of our age with the spirit and love of Jesus."* New situations require new energy and a new commitment, he said, and then he offered an additional six beatitudes for modern Christians. Here is the first one...

*"Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart."*

### **Week 8**

Three more Beatitudes for the modern Christian, given to us by Pope Francis...

*"Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalized and show them their closeness."*

*"Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover him."*

*"Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home."*

## Assemblies Under Covid Level 2

For this week's assembly student leaders will be leading the prayers. For the Week 8 assembly, on Friday 17 September, Room 5 will lead the prayers. We will hold the assemblies in the morning. A limited number of students and staff will attend to allow for physical distancing in the hall. The assembly will be videoed, and the link shared that day with students and the parent community. We will review how we run assemblies each week and hopefully can welcome parents back soon.

## School Photos

Class, individual, and family photos will be taken on **Friday 10 September**. Students need to be well presented in the correct school uniform. A reminder of the correct uniform is below.

<b>GIRLS' WINTER</b>	<b>BOYS' WINTER</b>
School Tunic School Skirt (Year 7 & 8 only) White Blouse – long sleeve Optional white skivvy Maroon jersey White ankle socks or Navy blue tights Brown or black school shoes Hair ties in the school colours only, please.	Grey polo shirt – long sleeve Grey shorts Maroon jersey Grey socks with maroon and blue bands Brown or black school shoes

## Sacrament of Confirmation

The Confirmation Preparation Programme begins on **Sunday 19 September** with a combined Parent/Candidate meeting. Year Eight students who are baptised, will be invited to enroll. Prospective candidates will be emailed the enrolment form, which can be completed online. The Holy Family Parish will notify you if this meeting is able to take place.

## Year 7 & 8 HPV Immunisation Programme

These immunisations will now take place on **Thursday 23 September** in the school hall from 9.40am.

# St Joseph's Got Talent Heats

## [Entry Form](#)

Due to our lockdown auditions are to be done through a recorded video. Any students who are doing solo performances may like to submit their video/s before we are back at school, but all students will have until Friday 17 September to enter. In your video include your name/s, the Room/s you are in and what you will be doing.

Please email your recorded video to:

adrienne.oldfield@stjosephstimaru.school.nz

trisha.stubbings@stjosephstimaru.school.nz

cath.moore@stjosephstimaru.school.nz

Numbers for the audience on finals night, (Wednesday 29 September) will be determined by the Covid Alert level at that time.

Thank you,

Mrs Oldfield

## Science Fair

Room 8 & 9 students have been hard at work on their science fair projects over the past few weeks. Whilst the Sanford Science Fair has been postponed to a later date, students have continued to work on collecting and analysing their data. They have gone through a scientific process of choosing a question, creating a hypothesis, identifying variables, researching the background of their topic, creating an experiment procedure, conducting their testing, collecting and analysing data. Their final step will be to present their science fair project on a large board which is still currently at school. Once we are back at school their hard work will be presented on this board and we will have some form of communicating it with parents and other students once the alert levels have been confirmed. We are looking forward to seeing these presentations.

Miss Scannell & Ms Stubbings

## Alert Level 2 Update

*Kia ora koutou*

Following the announcement from the Prime Minister that we will move to Alert Level 2 we have outlined below what that means at St Joseph's School. School will be open for all students from 8.30am Thursday the 8th of September. Just a reminder that while everyone is onsite at Alert Level 2, we must adhere to key health measures including:

asking all parents to **drop and go and pick up** from outside the school gate;

if you need to come onsite, please go to the office to report in. If you have New Entrant students, teachers will meet you at the gate for the next 3 days.

maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette;

staying away if sick;

keeping the appropriate physical distance from others;

daily cleaning and disinfecting of our high touch surfaces;

displaying QR code posters at our entrances with all visitors required to download the NZ COVID Tracer App and use it if they come onsite or provide their details;

keeping a visitor register for anyone who cannot use the app and for other visitors who come onsite for a period of time.

Decisions will be made about events depending on how long we are at Alert Level 2.

Your child does not need to wear a face covering while at school however, we will of course support them should they choose to do so. Students aged 12 and over are strongly encouraged to do so by the Director General of Health.

Assemblies will be created and videoed online at this time.

For those of you who might be finding things more difficult than usual, a reminder that there is a large range of support available for businesses and the community. We encourage you to go to [covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz) for more information, or get in touch and we will help you to find the information and support you need.

As I've said before, we can do this if we work together and be kind.

*Mā te Atua koutou katoa e tiaki, e manaaki.*

*May God protect and care for you all.*

Trish McCambridge  
Trisha Stubbings

## Returning to School

It is positive and exciting that we are able to welcome students back to school while following the Covid 19 Level 2 guidelines. Transitioning back to school in a relaxed, reflective way will help allay possible fears and anxieties.

The following Six Steps, which supported Lockdown life, will also help students and their families return to school with optimism and hope.

1. **Connect** - talk and listen to each other, build relationships with those around you.
2. **Give** - your time, your words, your presence; do something nice for your family, neighbours or friends.
3. **Take Notice** - be aware and curious.
4. **Keep Learning** - embrace new experiences, see opportunities, surprise yourself.
5. **Be Active** - do what you can; enjoy what you do; move your mood.
6. **Practise Gratitude** - as you wake each morning, and before you sleep at night, recall 3 things from your life/day that you are grateful for.

Kia Tau Te rangimarie ki runga i a tatou.

Let there be peace over each of us.

Trish McCambridge  
Acting Principal.

## COVID Vaccinations

[Please find attached an update from the Board regarding Covid Vaccinations.](#)

**From the School Community Group (SCG)**

**What's news?**

- ❖ Sav in a bun has been CANCELLED for the remainder of the term
- ❖ Ethel & Bethel Bingo fundraiser has been postponed to March 2022, for those who had already purchased a ticket will be contacted via email



**Don't forget:**

- SCG Meeting 7pm Thursday 16th September, at the school hall
- St Joseph's Night Market Friday 5th November

## Community Notices

### Celtic Cricket Club Kids Cricket

JAB Registration days

Wednesday 15 September 5pm to 6pm and Saturday 18 September 10am to 11am at the Celtic clubrooms on Craigie Ave. Subs payable at registration.

Contact: Ants 0272294336

### MASH Health & Safety Guidelines in Level 2

If your child attends the MASH after school programme please familiarise yourself with the attached guidelines.

[Mash Alert Level 2 H & S](#)

### Wai-iti Tennis Club

Wai-iti Tennis Club invites you to have-a-go at our Open days on Saturday the 18th and 25th September. We are a Tennis NZ registered club for Tennis Hot Shots. Juniors of all levels are welcome from 10:00am-11:30am. Assessments can be made regarding their Tennis level - beginner or competitive interclub. Drop-in and have a go! Parents are welcome too!! We are located at West End Park - parking access off Maltby Avenue.

Visit our website for more information regarding times and subs

([www.sporty.co.nz/waiititennis](http://www.sporty.co.nz/waiititennis)) or phone/text Matt on 027 684 4071 or email us on [waiiti.tennis@gmail.com](mailto:waiiti.tennis@gmail.com)



Do from home

# Fun Free Coding Activity

**Live  
online tutor  
help**

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**Duration**

1 hour

**What is learnt?**

Website & game creation  
Real coding languages

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**Details:**

- Internet required
- All ability levels catered to

**FREE**

**9-14**  
years of age

**SIGN UP AT [CODINGNZ.COM/SIGNUP](https://codingnz.com/signup)**



**Arowhenua Whānau Services**

## Important Covid-19 Vaccination



Now offering Vaccinations to Māori  
and Whānau over 16

**FOR APPOINTMENTS**

Please call 03 6155180

Text 0274076211

Email: [reception@aws.health.nz](mailto:reception@aws.health.nz)

# *Celtic Softball*

*invites you to*

## *Have A Go Day 2021*

### *Martins Field*

*18A College Road*

## *EVERYONE WELCOME*

*Juniors - Ages 5-18 11am*

*Seniors - Trials and Registrations 2pm*

## *September 19<sup>th</sup> 2021*

**REGISTRATIONS**

**FUN FUN FUN**

**TRIALS**

*Need more information,  
please email:*

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*Text 027 425 2135*



