



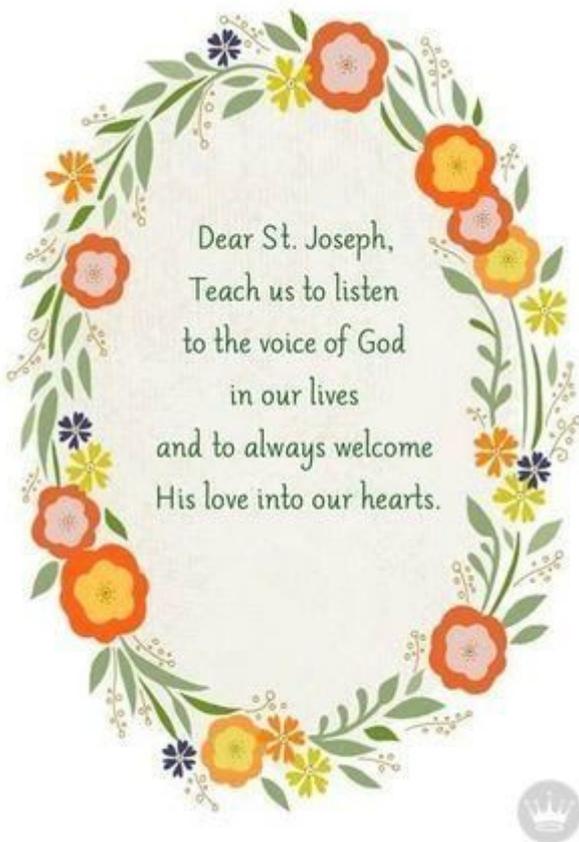
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Newsletter

2020/04

19 March 2020



*Happy St Joseph's Day.
This morning we gathered to
pray in our classes to
celebrate our patron saint's
feast day.*

*This afternoon we had
tabloid sports together.
Our senior student leaders
did an amazing job
organising these for the
students.*

COVID-19

Interesting times are upon us. As any new information comes out we are endeavouring to keep you informed. In the meantime we do have a plan to manage a pandemic and are carefully following Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education guidelines.

Advice from the Ministry has included the following:

Firstly, there's a simple rule here –

if students are unwell (whether or not their illness relates to COVID-19), they should stay at home.

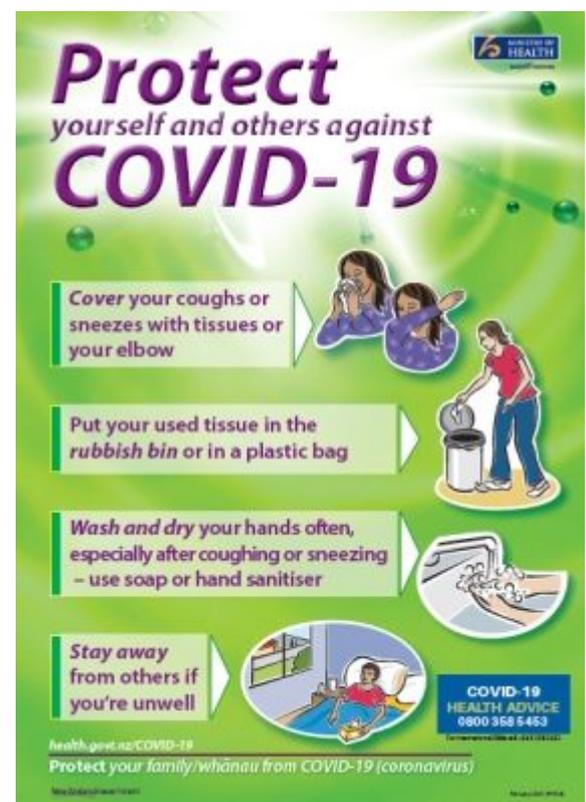
Students who are not unwell should continue to attend school.

It is however worth remembering that whilst we are seeing large-scale school shutdowns elsewhere in the world, in New Zealand, we still have no community transmission.

Consequently, any decisions about school closures will be made on a case by case basis. In the meantime, unless students are unwell themselves, then parents should keep sending them to schools and early learning centres as these environments continue to be safe and the best place for them to continue their learning.

Yesterday we provided advice about considerations and possible approaches to school assemblies. Some people have asked why assemblies are different to classroom situations. The simple answer is that assemblies are not always core to providing education, and could be reduced or rearranged without impacting on learning.

Remember that personal hygiene, and reducing unnecessary physical contact (eg. hugs, handshakes, hongi) are still the most important things to do to stop the spread of any virus.



Changes due to COVID-19

Assemblies

Due to the number of people fitting into the hall for assembly we are unable to create a social distance between people **so for the rest of this term we are cancelling Friday assemblies.**

Class awards and the Mercy Shield will be presented in classes.

Water Fountains

We have decided to close the water fountains to manage contamination.

Please ensure your student has a bottle of water at school each day.

Year 7 & 8 Basketball

We have received the following from the Basketball Association:

*“ We would ask that schools **DISCOURAGE spectators and non-essential personnel** from attending games for at least the next 3 rounds”.*

- While we have approximately 120 people in attendance at each round of games that we have a “*Play and Go Away*” mindset - (this still means you have to do score bench though).
- We will no longer be supplying bibs for uniform clashes - please be mindful of who you are playing and if needed, bring your own bibs.
- Shaking hands after your game should be avoided - I don't believe anyone will be offended.

The Ministry of Health states “ the situation and our response to it is changing all the time” and as such SCBA will keep in touch on any changes in advice.

Class Award Winners

Room	Week 5	Week 6
1	Lennox Buckingham	Star Hurst
2	Cassie Compton	Owen Trotter
3	Charlie Roberts	Brylee Hayes
4	Yuri Vidal	Jacob Hills
5	Jacob Rosewall	CAMP
6	Finn Tupuola	Ryelan Richards
7	Freddy Jones	Daniel Heffernan
8	Ruben McHaffie	Peter Rooney
9	Lincoln Harris	Dylan Stewart
Terrific Behaviour	Carson Richards	Sonny Hamilton
Mercy Shield	Lewis Sugrue	Harry Boyce

Board of Trustees - Week 7 Term 1 Board News

Welcome to the first board report for 2020. The year is off to a flying start and there has been a lot happening.

COVID-19 is at the moment in the forefront of everyone's minds. We have a Pandemic Plan and are following ministry guidelines, which are being pushed out to both the board and the Principal on an almost daily basis. This is evolving at a much faster pace than anyone anticipated and we all have a very large role in preventing the spread of COVID-19 through:

- **Awareness** - know the symptoms and where to get good information
- **Vigilance** - stay away if you are ill
- **Good Hygiene** - hand washing and drying, good cough and sneeze etiquette will prevent spread of a range of ills as we move into cold and flu season.

This week we decided to go ahead with the Room 7 Camp after following ministry guidelines and ensuring the camp facilities met the guidelines and had procedures in place.

Our build of the new classrooms has started, which is exciting but does mean there are some compromises we have to make, especially around play areas, while the building contractors are onsite. We hope to have the build completed around Term 3 with the hope that we can continue with other phases of the building project in line with our master plan.

Our Strategic Planning for the next 3 years has started again. We are working away in the background on this and towards the end of the year we will survey parents around what you want for your children, and what we want our future St Joseph's children's learning to look like.

Our School Community Group have started with their planning again and are due to have their AGM this month. 2019 had some fantastic fundraisers, in particular, our community event - the Night Market. Thank you to co-chairs Rebecca Fennessy and Anna Bridson for your leadership and all the committee members who work tirelessly behind the scenes assisting in helping the Board get the resources needed for our school.

In 2019 the School Community Group provided the Board with a grant to purchase TVs for all rooms to replace our aging projectors, new furniture for Room 6, trestle tables for the hall, Lego for all the junior rooms and junior reading resources.

Pam Allan
CHAIRPERSON

South Canterbury Triathlon 2020

Congratulations to our students who represented us well at the South Canterbury triathlon this week. We are still awaiting results and will share these when we receive them.



Thank You McCain Foods

A huge thank you to McCain Foods for their generous donation of pizzas and wedges for the Room 8 & 9 Camps held recently. The food was delicious and much appreciated by all.



Teacher Only Day Thursday 9 April

A reminder that school will finish for the holidays on **Wednesday 8 April**. Our teachers will be joining together with the South Canterbury Catholic Schools Kahui Ako to complete a Religious Education Diploma paper.

Holy Week Paraliturgy

This is dependent on the COVID-19 situation. It was scheduled for 1.45pm on **Wednesday 8 April** in the hall. We will update closer to the time.

Swimming Sports Results 2020

Overall House Swimming Sports 2020 Competition

1. Catherine 163
2. Mercy 154
3. Fennell 142
4. MacKillop 138

Open 100m Freestyle Boys

1. Ethan Venmore 10 years
2. Sam McNaught Temuka 12 years
3. Daniel Heffernan 9 years

Open 100m Freestyle Girls

1. Hannah Heffernan 11 years
2. Karen McDonald 12 years
3. Ruby McNaught Temuka 10 years

Open Medley 3x Boys

1. Ethan Venmore 10 years
2. Sam McNaught Temuka 12 years
3. Oscar Lee 10 years

Open 3x Medley Girls

1. Ruby McNaught Temuka 10 years
2. Caelyn Morrison PP 11 years
3. Mikayla Grant 11 years

Open 4x Medley Open

1. Sam McNaught Temuka 12 years
2. Ethan Venmore 10 years
3. Hannah Heffernan 12 years

Boys 9y 50m Freestyle

1. Daniel Heffernan
2. Freddy Jones
3. Will Murphy PP

Boys 10y 50m Freestyle

1. Ethan Venmore **New Record** 41.66 seconds
2. Oscar Lee
3. Damon Morrison PP

Boys 11y 50m Freestyle

1. Dalton Todd
2. Peter Rooney
3. Fletcher McCall PP

Boys 12y 50m Freestyle

1. Sam McNaught Temuka **New Record** 38.94 seconds
2. Flynn Brookland
3. James Fennessy

Girls 9y 50m Freestyle

1. Lucy Walsh PP
2. Leah Geary PP
3. Milly McCone

Girls 10y 50m Freestyle

1. Ruby McNaught Temuka
2. Eve Andrews PP
3. Ruby Laming

Girls 11y 50m Freestyle

1. Hannah Heffernan **New Record** 38.14 seconds
2. Neela Came Arowhenua
3. Caelyn Morrison PP

Girls 12y 50m Freestyle

1. Karen McDonald
2. Ella Laming
3. Julia Munro

Boys 9y 25m Freestyle

1. Will Murphy PP
2. Freddy Jones
3. Leon McDonald

Boys 10y 25m Freestyle

1. Ethan Venmore **New Record** 17.35 seconds
2. Oscar Lee
3. Damon Morrison PP

Community Notices

Waimataitai Holiday Programme

The forthcoming holiday programme (should they remain open) will now only be available to students attending Waimataitai School.



This is due to a need to be proactive in preventing the further spread of illness, in any small way they can, by social distancing for children from multi schools.

Should the situation improve prior to the Holiday Programme, they will advise of any updates to this decision.

Waimataitai Skids trust you will understand the need to take this step and look forward to continuing to work with you by offering care going forward.

TERRACYCLE - A Recycling Fundraising Option

Terracycle offer various options of Recycling as a fundraiser -

One of our school parents, *Rachael O'Reilly* is happy to make up individual boxes and collect and send the recycled products away.



Our school has already received donations from Terracycle for the collection of coffee capsules.

The following items are suitable for this recycling project - *Suckies, gladwrap, coffee capsules, pens, and toothpaste tubes.* Follow the [Terracycle Link](#) for more information.

**There is no need to sign up,
our school is already registered.**

No MASH Today

Mon 13 Apr

Easter MONDAY

No MASH today due to the public holiday- so enjoy an extra day at home!

Flip Out

Tue 14 Apr

Flip, Jump and Bounce! It's time to become little ninjas today at Flip Out! Remember, don't forget your socks. \$15 Trip Fee.

MASH Bake Off

Wed 15 Apr

Are you ready to get hands on, and create some delicious treats in a MASH styled Bake Off?

Te Ana Museum

Thu 16 Apr

Get your creative streaks ready, today we're off to the museum to do some weaving, rock painting, and so much more! \$10 Trip Fee.

Around The World

Fri 17 Apr

We're exploring loads of different amazing countries and cultures today. Think language, food, clothes- the works!

Magical Monday

Mon 20 Apr

Get your wands ready for today's magical day at MASH! You will even learn some tricks to go home and show your family!

Movie Max Movies

Tue 21 Apr

We're off to check out the latest flick today at Movie Max. \$13 Trip Fee

ANZAC Celebrations

Wed 22 Apr

A day to remember and a day to be proud! We are going to be creating all things ANZAC, including baking poppy cookies.

Swimming

Thu 23 Apr

Splash, Dive, Kick and Float! It's swim time! Be sure not to forget to pack your togs and a towel! \$5 Trip Fee

Awesome Autumn Party

Fri 24 Apr

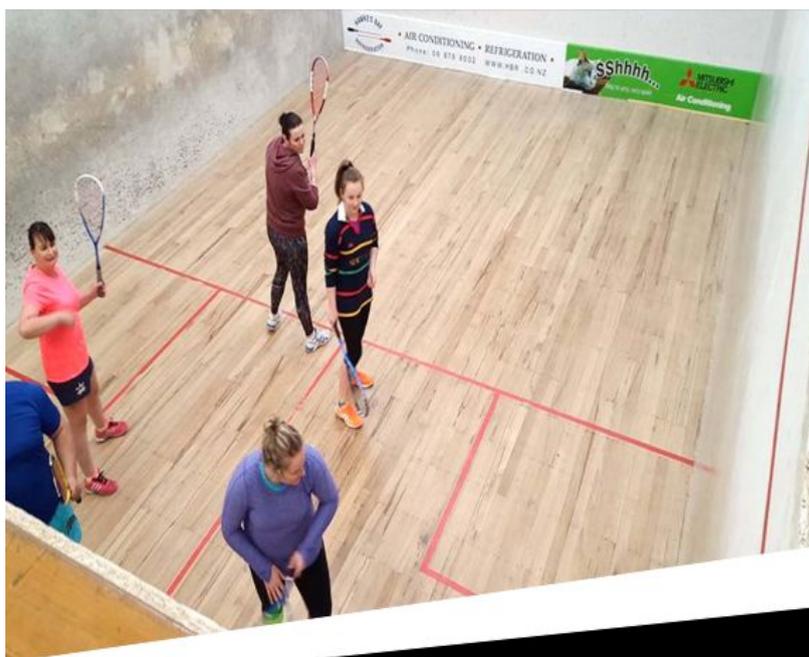
The leaves are falling, and we are partying! All things Autumn today for our MASH party. Don't forget to bring a plate for the shared lunch.

For more information call
03 3669408 or email us at info@mashkids.co.nz

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Squash for WOMEN

Coaches: Bridget Scott & Linda Kenny
Mondays; from 5.30 – 7.00pm
Timaru Squash Club, Brunswick Street, Timaru

For Women who would like to give squash a go.

*Make new friendships, have fun, learn a new sport or improve your skills.
Bridget and Linda will be able to help you.
Equipment supplied. Wear non-marking shoes.*

Contacts: **Bridget 0274878761**

Linda 0274248504

Start Date: **Monday 16th March**

Programme: **4 Weeks**

Cost: **\$40.00**

sporty.co.nz/timarusquash

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Molly G - Guitar Lessons

Hey!!

All keen Musicians, Singers and Songwriters!

My name is Molly G and I'm looking for more enthusiastic music students to pass my knowledge and skills to in Guitar, Banjo, Singing, and even Song Writing!

I've been performing across NZ and in parts of Australia for 8 years now and have had some amazing opportunities and experiences within this time.

2014 - NZ Entertainer of the Year

2016 - Pat McMinn New Zealand Rising Star Award

2017 - Selected to represent NZ at the World Championships of Performing Arts in Los Angeles, California where I won -

World Championship Instrumentalist (Banjo)

Three gold medals

Two silvers

One Bronze

for both songwriting and singing.

2017 Graduated at the Tamworth Senior Country Music Academy

2018 Intermediate NZ MLT Gold Guitar Winner

2019 Young New Zealander of the Year nominee and excellence award recipient

I am so passionate about what I do! And I'm really excited about sharing my knowledge with some keen children and possibly late starting adults.

If you are interested, please message me for details on 027 2709891





How much fun can you take?

- Enjoy 30 minutes of music with your preschool child.
- Meet and chat with others in the same season of life.
- Your child will delight in the play time after the music session.
- You'll enjoy food and drink together.



We'd love you to join us.

Tuesdays, 9.30am, during school terms, St Thomas' Church.
Cost: \$3 per child/\$5 per family.
Queries to Rose 027 431 3579.



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Timaru Thistle Football Club - *'Have a Go' and Registration Day*



Timaru Thistle Football club is having a junior 'have a go' and registration day!

For new junior players, come along and try out some drills and skills and have a kick around to see if you want to have a go at soccer this season. If you are a returning junior player, come along and we can take care of your registration that day also.

When: Sunday 29th March 2020

Time: 2pm

Where: Anzac Square (beside Century Pool)

There will be fun for the kids and all of the information for the parents/caregivers that you will need for the season.

For any queries about the day, please contact Rebecca on 0276843153. Also 'Like' the Timaru Thistle AFC Facebook page to stay up to date with all of the club information.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR DRINK BOTTLE!

South Canterbury Mountainbike Club - Kids Race

WHERE: Kids' Track in the Scenic Reserve, look for the MTB race signs

WHEN: Sunday 29 March 2020

TIME: Sign up from 11.15am, race starts at 12.00pm

Suitable for ages 2 - 12 years

Kids ride as many laps as they want around the track in 30 minutes.

\$2.00 entry fee and every child receives a chocolate fish at the end.

