



St Joseph's School Temuka Newsletter

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Big Day Out's



Yr 8 Leavers Dinner

Dear Parents

It seems only a short time ago that I was writing the last newsletter for 2018 and here we are again at the same stage for 2019. It is an interesting time to reflect back on the happenings of the past year with a lot of pride and satisfaction for what our students have achieved and experienced. Writing a comment on every students reports gives me a wonderful overview of their progress for the year as well as their personal talents and strengths, something I enjoy doing immensely. It is most satisfying to see not only their academic progress, but more importantly development in their key areas of being curiosity, engaged and motivated learners who have a strong values based on our special character.

The end of this year has been particularly busy with the ERO visit adding a lot more pressure at a hectic time of the year. We are delighted to read the emerging findings from this report and although the ERO scope is indeed very narrow, our reviewers were able to take the time to spend in classrooms and in our playground and talk with students to get know their viewpoint of learning at our school. This, of course is the most relevant data. We will not receive the draft report until mid/late February and will share with you once this has been finalised.

This week our students were able to move forward to next year and have a session with their teachers for 2020. This is done to ease the transition for students and to allow them to get to know their next years teachers a little. We were indeed fortunate that our two new staff, Anna Galbraith—aka Miss G, and Daniel Kelliher made themselves available for this time.

Next year we are shifting the senior classrooms around to better accommodate the Yr 7-8 in the larger space of Rm 2. However to avoid confusion Rm 2 of 2019 will be Rm 1, 2020 with Yr 7-8 students with Mrs Hyde and Rm 1 will become Rm 2 with Mr Kelliher and his Yr 6-7 group.

It was lovely to take some time out of the end of year rush to join with families and parishioners in singing some of the more traditional and some new Christmas Carols at our carol service. Thank you to all who supported this and Mrs Brookland and Mrs Sugrue for organising. We certainly enjoyed having some former students come back for this occasion as well.



I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support of our school in so many different ways including fruit helpers, road patrol supervisors, BBQ chefs, camp parents, sports coaches, Whanau with Kapa Haka, parent helpers in class, transport providers to events, FOSJ and all others who make our school community as strong as it is. We always enjoy the opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of so many people at our annual Strawberry shout last evening.

*I wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas celebrating this great time of Hope, Joy, Peace and love with those who mean the most to you. We look forward to seeing all students return to school on **TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY**.*

Ma te wa

Bernie Leonard

End of Year Ceremony

Our annual end of year prizegiving is to be held in the St Joseph's Hall at **6.30pm** on **MONDAY 16 DECEMBER** to which all students are expected to attend in uniform. The evening is a mixture of formalities and presentations by students along with the annual prizegiving and graduation of our Year 8 students. Students do not attend on Tuesday unless specifically asked to assist with clean up until 12.00pm.

Staffing



The BOT of delighted to have made the appointment of Anna Galbraith as our new Yr 4-5 teacher for 2020. Anna is a former pupil of our school, Temuka born and bred having returned from fourteen years teaching overseas after three years in NZ first. Anna brings many strengths to this position including being a leader in Maths teaching. We warmly welcome Anna to our team alongside Daniel for 2020.



As said in Week 4 newsletter Daniel Kelliher has been appointed as Yr 6-7 teacher in Rm 2. Daniel is a local from our parish with strong connections to our school. He is also Catholic and has been working at Grantlea Downs and Pleasant Point as Teacher Aide while completing his teaching qualifications.

2020 Staffing

Rm 2—(formerly Rm 1) Yr 6-7, Daniel Kelliher
Rm 1—(formerly Rm 2) Yr 7-8, Mrs Hyde, leader of the senior syndicate
Rm 3—Yr 4-5, Miss Galbraith to be known as Miss G.
Rm 4 – Y3, Miss McNamara
Rm 5—Yr 2 Mrs Bagrie, Mrs Swete on Friday and CRT release across all classes
Rm 6—Mrs Sugrue, Mrs Cartwright one day per week.
Mrs Sugrue syndicate leader and DP
Mrs Leonard—Principal, Director of Religious Studies, Tutor Teacher
Teacher Aide & Librarian—Mrs Ogg
Secretary—Mrs Johnston
Mrs Gebbie—Teacher Aide Rm 1
Mr Jones – Caretaker
Ms Duncan—Cleaner

Doing Your Bit

Kim & Sarah Young for delivering the mushroom compost for the new gardens outside Rm 7.



Student Success

SC Athletics Results

Jackson Robinson—2nd 70m Sprints, 3rd 200 Under 11,
2nd softball, 3rd in high jump, 2nd in ball throw, 1st in long jump
Tommy Hewson, Taine Nimo, Darcy Attridge &
Jackson Robinson— 4th in relay U11
Taine Nimo—2nd 800
Darcy Attridge—1st 800 SC record, 3rd U11 100m Sprint
Keita Frisby—2nd Softball throw
Rhiana Nimo—3rd High Jump
Kiwiana Frisby—1st High Jump



SC Cricket

Alex Eastmead has been selected for the Yr 7 SC Cricket representative team with a South Island tournament in the holidays in Timaru.

Term Dates

As part of the new teacher Collective Agreement we are able to have three teacher only days in 2020 that are not required to be made up. We will be using two of these dates to undertake Religious Education Diploma papers, a requirement from the Catholic Education Office for and the third for staff PD. As this would mean the school year finishing very early in 2020, we have added in two more teacher only days staggered throughout the year to give long weekends for families during which staff will undertake the review of the of current curriculum, a requirement from Ministry of Education for 2020.

School Dates for 2020

Term 1—Tuesday 4 February first day for students
Waitangi Day—Thursday 6 February
Teacher Only Day—Friday 7 February
End of term one—Wednesday 11 April
Teacher only Day—Thursday 9 April Holy Thursday (COL RE papers)
Teacher Only Day—Friday 29 May Queens Birthday (COL RE PAPERS)
Teacher Only Day—Friday 21 August
Teacher Only Day—Friday October 23 Labour Weekend

Vests

The BOT have amended the uniform policy to include compulsory vests, supplied by parents to be part of the compulsory uniform. This is because the Fonterra vests are no longer available free to school. Students are now asked to have their own YELLOW safety vest, as pictured that is NAMED and is to be worn to and from school daily as well as to events outside of school. Parents will be asked to take care of their own children's vests with washing and maintenance as this is too big a task for one person to do this all for 130 students.



Religious Education

St Mary Mackillop Value

Week 7

LISTEN TO GODS CALL

*Jesus is crowned as our KING
Jesus forgave the criminal on the cross beside him.*

*How do I forgive those who cause me hurt?
How do I show others I still care about them
even when they upset me?
It's hard, but it is what Jesus shows us how
to do.*

DOING OUR BIT

Week 8

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

*The season of Advent, our spiritual preparation for
Christmas begins.*

*We light the purple candle as a sign of HOPE.
What do I hope for in the Christmas season
beyond presents and holidays?
How can I be a "ray of hope" to my family
and friends?*

MAKING ROOM FOR ALL

What do you hope for, for our world?



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Photo Vatican Media

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*Pope Francis
Admirabile signum*

Stationery Lists

Today your child will bring home their required stationery list for the start of the 2020 school year. As part of the school donation scheme that our school is now part of, we cannot organise class packs at any specific retailer so you can purchase these wherever you are able. We have included photos of exactly the correct stationery needed, so we ask that you keep this safe to take with you when shopping for these items. Extra copies will be made available on the school website.

In many cases to avoid having to shop for items throughout the year we have asked for a number of some items that will be collected in by staff, named and distributed throughout the year when needed to make it easier for all.

School Picnic

On **Monday 16 December** we are having an end of year picnic in the domain from 11.30am—1.30pm, to which all parents are invited. Students will be playing games then follow with a free swim at 1.30—2.30pm. Students are to bring a picnic lunch. Students are to wear MUFTI for this, so their uniforms are clean for the annual prizegiving in the evening.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property at school including a vast array of lunchboxes along with at least a box of shoes. If these are not claimed by Friday, we will put them out on Monday for people to help themselves as we struggle to find storage space.

Christmas Float

Thank you to our staff for setting up the float for the Temuka Parade and all of our students who took part in this, also our senior girls for giving out the lollies. Special thanks to Charlotte Bowan for the use of her trailer and Sugrue's for the use of their vehicle.

Laptops

Bob, our computer technician, has mentioned in case anyone is still looking for a laptop for their child the price on the HP Stream Pro 11.6 has been extended to end of February next year (\$480 incl GST or \$520 with sleeve and mouse). Bob can now do a later model of the ASUS Vivobook—now it's the W203MA model 64GB storage 4GB RAM and including sleeve and wireless mouse for \$480 including GST.

BYOD is an expectation but not compulsory.

CALENDAR

Term 4

16

17

14 October—17 December

Prizegiving

Picnic in domain 11.30am—2.30pm

Pack up half day of school

2020

Term 1

Tuesday 4 February—School starts for all students

Thursday 6 Feb

7

21

9 April

10 April

13

25

4 February—9 April

Waitangi Day

Teacher Only Day

Top Teams

Teacher Only Day

Easter Friday

Easter Monday

Anzac Day

Term 2

29 May

1 June

28 April—3 July

Teacher Only Day

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Term 3

21 August

28 September

20 July—25 September

Teacher Only Day

SC Anniversary Day

Term 4

23 October

26 October

12 October—17 December

Teacher Only Day

Labour Day Holiday

ROSTERS

Altar Servers

15 Dec:	Ruby & Sam McNaught
22 Dec:	Kerri O'Rafferty & TBC
24 Dec	Christmas Eve: TBC
29 Dec:	Lily Holm & Jennifer Schenk
4 Jan 2020 (Saturday):	Ashleigh Blogg, Bridget Moffitt
12 Jan:	Taylah Maguire, & TBC
19 Jan:	Ruby & Sam McNaught
26 Jan:	Ashleigh Blogg, Jennifer Schenk
1 Feb	(Saturday) Hazelle & Korall Tate



Assembly Certificates

Principal's Award

Abbey Sutherland—Outstanding creative solutions to an environmental issue.

Eli Reuben—Outstanding commitment to special character through Altar Service.

Mary MacKillop Awards

Lily Holm—For her kind and caring approach to everyone in the school.

Indy Hopkinson—For sharing the good word and encouraging others to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Olly Renwick—For thinking and doing what Jesus would do.

Aradia Duff—For showing Jesus's words in her actions.

Room 1

Hazelle Tate— Her independent work she shared towards her speech.

Grace Moffitt— For acknowledging and fixing situations that occur around her.

Room 2

Keita Frisby—For an amazing speech about her culture and T Reo.

Darcy Attridge—For persevering with his oral assessment.

Room 3

Ace Suyat—For his support with others during camp activities.

Kruize Nolan—For stepping out of his comfort zone during camp.

Room 4

Arabell Ewart-Jones—Overcoming challenges and pushing herself out of her comfort zone.

Grayson Gillies—For being a caring and supportive team member on the Year 4 camp.

Room 5

Carter Baird—For being a fantastic mathematician.

Jaxon Perham—For being a spelling whizz in Room 5 .

Room 6

Billie Reuben—For a great start to School.

Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/ email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the year (closed from 25th December to 6th January).

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- ♦ Woolston Clinic, 11 Hopkins Street, Woolston
- ♦ Hillmorton Clinic, Hillmorton Hospital, Sylvan Street,
- ♦ Ashburton Clinic, 38 Elizabeth Street, Ashburton

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.45am and 3.00pm for school-age and preschool children requiring treatment.

If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please:

call 0800 846 983 or email comm dental@cdhb.health.nz



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