

# St Joseph's School Temuka



SC Cross  
Country Team  
Alex Eastmead  
& Thomas  
Hewson



All the fun  
and learning  
in discovery



## Newsletter 20 June 2018 Issue 8



Catholic  
Conference  
in  
Wellington





Tena Koutou parents and friends of our school

Last week Brenna, Mellanie and I attended the Catholic Convention in Wellington, a gathering of eight hundred people committed to Catholic Education in New Zealand including clergy, BOT members, Principals and teachers, as well as management teams from the Catholic Education Office. We heard from an interesting mix of international and New Zealand speakers who challenged, entertained and motivated us to continue with our work in our school developing our students as young Catholics, learning about and living out the word of the Gospel in their daily lives. It was also wonderful to network with so many from other schools on the same path as us and feel a strong sense of belonging to a very committed community.

The call for us as a catholic school is be "intentional" about—

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Congratulations to all of our 25 students who took part in last week's South Canterbury cross country event, in true cross-country style through the mud and the rain. We are pleased with their perseverance in the conditions to complete the event with many outstanding results. Many thanks to all of our parents who ensured their children were well equipped for the day and for providing transport. Having such a large team representing our school shows a real growth in our school's overall achievement in this sport, only achieved with the support of parents with assisting their children in their training.

We look forward to students celebrating their learning this week in learning conferences with parents. It's a wonderful way for parents to see what progress students have made through the eyes of their child with extra information added by teachers if necessary.

Included in this newsletter is an incredible offer of Free Wi-Fi for families with no current broadband connection, supplied by Spark to enable students to complete homework tasks if Wi-Fi is not available. Please read the offer and approach the local library if you want to be part of this.

Noho ora mai,  
Bernie Leonard

#### Paid Union Meeting

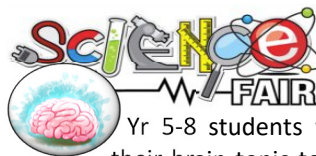


We have been advised that the next paid union meeting for all primary teachers is to be held of **FRIDAY 22 JUNE** at 2.00pm in Timaru. In order for all our teachers to attend this meeting **instruction time will finish on this day at 12.30pm**. We apologise that both this meeting and Student Led Conferences are on the same week but the time of the Union meeting is outside of our control.

#### Doing Your Bit

**Latisha Baird**—donating Roncalli school uniform items to school to pass on.

**Lance Puhirere**—donating wood for the tech shed.



Our biannual Science Fair will take place on **WEDNESDAY 4 JULY** in the hall from **5.00 – 6.00pm**.

Yr 5-8 students will present their own inquiry about their brain topic to all parents. Parents then vote for an exhibit in each age section with the prize winners announced at the end of the evening. We also have outside judges, senior students from Roncalli judging during the day.

One of the highlights of this event in previous years is how well parents engage with students listening intently about their learning so we look forward to seeing that happen again this year. Some students from Yr 1-3 may be asked to be in attendance to share their classes learning during the evening, teachers will notify parents about this.

#### SC Cross Country Results

On Thursday 14 June a group of 25 students went and represented the school at the South Canterbury Cross Country at Waihi School. Well done to all competitors who took part especially to the following students who got top 10 places.

**Darcy Attiridge 3rd**

**Ben Hunter Brady 6th**

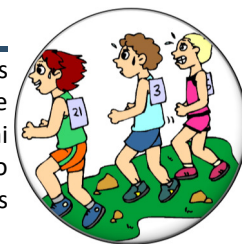
**Oscar Hewson 10th**

**Alex Eastmead**

**Oscar Hewson**

**Ben Hunter-Brady**

**2nd in year 6 boys team**



## MuftiMania



On **Friday 6 July** we have our Caritas (Catholic Social Justice Agency) Mufti Mania day with all funds raised going to Apifo'ou College in Nuku 'alofa which was severely damaged during Cyclone Gita in February. Students are welcome to dress their pyjamas in return for a gold coin donation. Our St Vinnies students will be serving hot chocolate and marshmallows at playtime to add to their project funds—50 cents for students who bring their own cup.

#### Meeting for our Filipino Parents

A reminder that we have the meeting for our Filipino parents at **5.30—7.00pm** on **TUESDAY 26 JUNE** to share information about the Filipino culture and how we can assist new families to transition into a new culture and way of life. Please send back the tear off slip from the letter you received telling us how many from your family will be attending.

#### Breaking News



At our Student Council meeting students have provided evidence of two thirds of students wanting tackle rugby at school. So from next week we will have tackle rugby at lunch times under the guidelines agreed to by the players with Mrs Leonard. Students must have sports shoes, change of top and a mouth guard.

Once students have agreed to the conditions for fair play they are then able to join in the lunchtime games.

Any parents who wish to assist umpiring lunch time games are most welcome.

## The Modern Parents Guide to Fortnite

Fortnite is the latest game craze to sweep the online gaming world and something we are witnessing the flow on affects at school. So we have researched some information for you as parents to help with your decision making with this at home.

### What is Fortnite Battle Royale?

The multiplayer 'Battle Royale' version involves up to 100 people playing against each other and is the version your child is probably playing or wanting to.

It is a shooter game (of a similar vein as Hunger Games) where players are dropped unarmed onto an island. There, they must make their way to 'houses', where they find weapons they then use to shoot and kill, they build structures and try to avoid the destructive storm that threatens all outside its safe zone. The last player standing after all else are killed is deemed the winner.

### What should my kids be aware of before playing Fortnite?

It has been described as highly addictive so you may need to enforce some time limits and keep out of bedrooms to avoid late night temptations! This will be needed to be even more stringently enforced when the mobile version arrives.

⇒ Be aware of how to block or report people if they are required to do so.

⇒ Don't pass on any personal information to online players.

Once again the very best way to determine if this is something you are Ok with your child playing, is to watch or even play yourself. That way you can help set boundaries from a place of understanding and have the right conversations about how you can manage any concerns.



**Colour Canter**  
Saturday 28 October



# Community Noticeboard

## Calendar

<b>Term 2</b>	<b>30 April—6 July</b>
18-21	Junior Reporting Week
22	School finish at 12.30pm for Staff Union Meeting
	Assembly Rm 1—11.45am
26	Filipino Info Session
27	Mass Rm 6
	BOT Meeting 7pm
1 July	First Communion
4	Science Fair 5-7pm
	Mass Rm 5
5	Yr 5-8 Oral Assessment
6	Assembly Rm 5&6—11.45am
	Caritas Mufti Day—Mufti Mania
	End of Term 2
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>23 July—28 Sept</b>
31 July	School Photos
2 Sept	School Mass
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>15 Oct—19 December</b>
11 Nov	School Mass
12-16 Nov	Yr 5—6 Camp
26-30 Nov	Yr 7—8 Camp
18 Dec	School Prizegiving
18 Dec	Last day of school for students

### Sausage Sizzle

\$2 per sausage or meat pattie to be placed in an envelope with your child's name, class and order written on the outside. Orders placed in the box at the office before school.

We need 2 parent helpers for each day please phone Sarah Young 021 778 659 if you can help.

25 June—Allister Tate  
2 July—Tania and Colin



### Altar Servers

24 June Ashleigh Blogg  
CJ Klimeck

1 July (First Communion)  
Hazelle & Nelly Tate

### Fruit In Schools Roster

**Monday:** Tamara Page  
**Tuesday:** Rose James  
**Wednesday:** Nic Charles  
**Thursday:** Rose James  
**Friday:** Kirsten Stevens



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### Geraldine Ukefest

"Ukefest Family Matinee 10am Saturday 21 July Geraldine High School Hall. The amazing One Man Band Shane McAlister from Wellington. A sing along, strum along tap dancing ukulele show and workshop. Join in - some loan ukes available or sit back and enjoy.  
Tickets \$5 at the door".

### Rhyth-Mix Singers

Presents Music to Warm the Heart  
Saturday 30 June 2pm Savage Club Hall  
Sunday 1 July 2pm St Mary's Anglican Church, Geraldine  
\$15.00 per ticket available from Fashion Focus, Highfield Mall or Louk NZ Clothing Ltd, Geraldine. Afternoon tea provided.



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