

# St Joseph's School Newsletter



5<sup>th</sup> March – Week 5 – Term One 05/03/2010

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**Our School Vision: 'We want our children to learn, to grow and to live our faith by being the hands and voice of Jesus.'  
Our Virtue this term is Respect.**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome

We are half way through Term 1.....where does time go! Today's 'thought of the week' is very appropriate!

Your children will have informed you of the arrangements taking place on Sunday at the Parish/School Mass. Children taking part in singing, readings, prayers of the faithful etc are to sit at the front of the Church, by the piano, with Mrs Rush. Other students are to sit with their families. Children don't need to wear school uniform.

Please be seated by 9.50am.

There will be morning tea after Mass in the school grounds, **providing the weather is fine!** Please bring a small plate to share. We look forward to seeing you all.

School interviews take place next Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. If you requested an interview time, your child will have brought your time home to you.

Please remember school will finish at 2.10pm on **Tuesday and Wednesday** and you can collect your child at this time. Playground supervision will be given until 3pm. Buses will run at 3pm as usual.

Friday March 19<sup>th</sup> is St Joseph's Day. There will be Mass at 10am and a 'treat activity' for the children. More information nearer the time.

It was good to get the school swimming sports and county swimming sports over for another year. Congratulations to all the participants and a big thank you to the Parents who so willingly volunteered their time, we are grateful for your support!

Junior swimming week went well, there will be another week of tuition for Juniors in Term 4. Senior swimming tuition will be during Term 2 and 3.

Good luck to Year 7 & 8 students who are going sailing next week. We hope the weather stays warm and you all have a safe, happy time!

**Swine Flu:** This is a general reminder to be aware that we are coming into the 'flu' season. Please be vigilant with cleanliness, it is good practice to remind children to wash and dry their hands correctly and to cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing.

If you wish to read the Complaints Policy or Homework Policy we will be putting them up on our website, please check there.

As mentioned last newsletter Board of Trustee elections are being held in May. Shortly you will be receiving nomination papers in the post. Please give consideration to standing for the Board or nominating someone who is interested. For further information will be sent home next week.

## Music Lessons

If your child receives music lessons during school hours please send us a note regarding their times etc. This makes it easier on the teachers for lesson planning.

## St Bede's College

Anyone interested in sending their boys to St Bede's College next year please contact Cath Blacklow 308 6127.

## Netball Trials - Reminder

The following netball trials will take place next week at the College Courts, Middle Road.

For Yr 5-6 students, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

For Yr 7 & 8 students, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 5pm-6.30pm.

A third day may be requested by the selectors, if so, this will be Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Please phone Sarah Burdett for any enquiries. 308 1494.

School Bank Account  
12-3271-0205618-00

## COMING EVENTS

7<sup>th</sup> March: Parish / School Mass  
9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March: Interviews  
11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March: Sailing Y7/8  
17<sup>th</sup> March: St Patrick's Day  
19<sup>th</sup> March: St Joseph's Day  
25<sup>th</sup> March: BoT Meeting  
1<sup>st</sup> April: Holy Thursday (End of Term)  
2<sup>nd</sup> April: Good Friday.  
*Commencement of school holidays.*  
Term 2  
19<sup>th</sup> April: Term 2 begins  
21<sup>st</sup> April: School Photos  
26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April Senior Swimming  
Lunch break for full school 12 noon – 1pm for this week.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

### Time

Time is immeasurable.  
In different situations,  
time can be lengthened or  
shortened.

For those who await news,  
time is forever.

For those who are victims,  
time can be cruel.

For those who are young,  
time creates impatience.

For those separated from  
love,  
time is slow.

For those who bask in  
contentment,  
time is quick.

For those who suffer,  
time is drawn out.

For those living in  
expectation,  
time is anxious.

For those faced with  
decisions, time is precious.

For all those who live, time  
is a gift.

Time can humanise, restore,  
repair.

Our time is what God asks  
of us.

God has all the time in the  
world.

Do you?

## Home & School News

The Home & School Association are very busy organising the 'Step Toe Auction' taking place Saturday March 20 in the old school classrooms by the church. It will start at 10am. There are 2 categories of entry – **donated good** where all profits go to the school and **reserve good**, these are subject to a \$10 entry fee and a 10% selling fee. Please read the notice attached for more information on dropping goods off etc.

The Home & School would like any good quality Second Hand school uniforms you may have. These can be 'donated' to the school or 'sold on behalf'.

Please ensure clothing is **clean** and leave at the school office or phone Donna Collins 307 8840.

### Second Hand Uniform Shop.

The second hand uniform shop will have a sales table up on Tuesday 9th March and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March between 2pm and 3.30pm. You are welcome to buy at this time.

The Home and School have five Boys White shirts for hire, size 10 (3), size 8 (1) and size 6/7 (1). There is also one pair of size 1 gold shoes for Girls. There is a refundable fee of \$5 deposit when the shirts are returned.

### For Sale

One boys First Communion white shirt size 8/10 - \$25. This has only been worn twice for First Communions. Please phone Michelle Adams 308 2517 for more information.

Home and School are again organising 'Sausage Sizzles' every Friday during Terms 2 and 3. This is a most successful fundraiser and also gives the children a 'warm' lunch on cold days!

The cost of a sausage, slice of bread and sauce is \$1.50 each.

We are again asking for volunteers to man the BBQ and prepare the food. If you can spare 1 ½ hrs on a Friday at lunchtime (11.30am-1pm) your time would be greatly appreciated!

Please complete the form below and return it to the school office.

Thank you.

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### Reply Slip - Sausage Sizzle during Terms 2 & 3

I can help with the Friday BBQ

I can help during BOTH Terms  Yes

I can only help during Term 2  Yes / No

I can only help during Term 3  Yes / No

Name.....Please print

Phone No:.....

## Community Notices

### Mt Hutt Seasons Ski Passes

Applications for Mt Hutt Seasons Ski passes are available at the school office. A special deal for this season is being offered. The offer is valid until 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010. Please ask at the office if you wish to have a form.

*Port FM.* are offering free internet for one year, free installation of wireless broadband and free laptop. To be in to win log onto [www.wirelessweb.co.nz](http://www.wirelessweb.co.nz) for more information or listen to Port FM between 10am -2pm weekdays.

*Music Lessons.* Drums, guitar, learn to read music. Private tuition or teach at schools. Contact Rob Zipfel 027 315 8657 or 307 2176.

*PGG Wrightson* and Ballance Agri-Nutrients are offering schools a fundraising opportunity through 'God Star' give back promotions. Any farmer who purchases selected Ballance fertiliser from PGG Wrightson between 01.03.2010 and 31.05.2010 will be able to enter their school of choice into a draw to win one of 4 HP computers. Also \$2 cash on every tonne sold will go to the school.

*Federation Farmers* are holding a Farm Day Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March. 23 farms across NZ will be open. Check out the website [www.farmday.org.nz](http://www.farmday.org.nz) for more information.

*Allenton Hockey Club* – Player Registration – (All grades) Tuesday 16 March – 3.30 – 5pm at the Domain Pavilion (Walnut Ave) or phone Sandra Clarke 308 9958. Annual General Meeting – Thursday 18 March, 7.30pm at Domain pavilion. All members urged to attend.

*Mid Canterbury Hockey Assoc* – Kiwi Hockey players 5yrs and up. Commencing 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> March. Venue: Derlen Bakery Park- turf. Time: 3.45pm-4.45pm. Fee-\$5 to be paid with registration on 15<sup>th</sup> March. Equipment provided.