

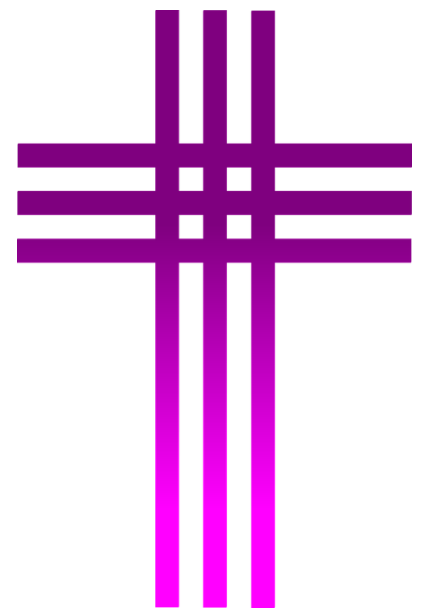


Newsletter 2019/04

14 March 2019

A Lenten Reflection

- Give up complaining - focus on gratitude*
- Give up pessimism - become an optimist*
- Give up harsh judgements - think kindly thoughts*
- Give up worry - trust Divine Providence*
- Give up discouragement - be full of hope*
- Give up bitterness - turn to forgiveness*
- Give up hatred - return good for evil*
- Give up negativism - be positive*
- Give up anger - be more patient*
- Give up pettiness - become mature*
- Give up gloom - enjoy the beauty that is all around you*
- Give up jealousy - pray for trust*
- Give up gossiping - control your tongue*
- Give up sin - turn to virtue*
- Give up giving up - hang in there!*



What a great place the world would be if we gave up all these things. Let's make an effort this Lent to focus on the positive influence we can be in the world.

Class Award Winners

Room	Week 5	Week 6
1	Olivia Trotter	Kian Banlaoi
2	Charlotte Wedlake	Harper Fraser
3	Otis Buckingham	Emily Kane
4	Jazmin Mackay	Leilah Adams
5	EOTC	Archie Lee
6	Liam Bridson	Charlie Macdonald
7	CAMP	Charlotte Munro
8	Thomas Lysaght	Hannah Macdonald
9	Maevi Fleming	Peter Rooney
Terrific Behaviour	Alexis Ferguson	Shakira Smith
Mercy Shield	Harry Bridson	Ana Clifford

St Joseph's Day Organisation

On Tuesday 19 March students will attend the 9.00am parish mass at St Thomas' Church, Mountainview Road. Students will need to be dropped off at the church between 8.40 and 8.50am please.

Students in Years 6, 7 and 8 who know the road rules well, and usually bike to school, are able to ride to the church. These students will be supervised as they ride back to school after the Mass.



In the afternoon our student leaders are organising tabloid sports for the school. Parents are welcome to attend.

Students are to wear the correct school uniform to Mass and bring house colour clothes, suitable for the tabloid sports, to change into at lunch time.

Swimming Sports - Final Notice

Tomorrow, **Friday 15 March**, all swimmers need to be at CBay by 8.55am ready for the first race at 9.15am. Sports Uniform to be worn.

Students will be transported by bus back to school at the conclusion, approximately 12.00 noon. Thank you to all the parent helpers. There will be a briefing will be at 9.00am.

Non-swimmers are to attend school as usual.

Police Competency Team (PCT)

The team of *Archie Jones, Karen McDonald, Pippa Nevin and Carter West* competed in the PCT Challenge today, finishing a creditable 4th with a time of 2.52. Excellent team work and skills was exhibited by our awesome team.

Information on Principal and Teacher Ongoing Industrial Action

In the week of 18 March, primary teachers and principals around the country who are NZEI Te Riu Roa members are heading to meetings to vote on whether to accept or reject the latest collective agreement offers from the government. They will also be voting on whether to take strike action should the offers be rejected.

Our teachers are attending meetings on Thursday 21 March. We are doing our best not to disrupt the learning of our students so classes will be doubled up at different times during the day to allow all our teachers to attend a meeting.

These meetings are a crucial part of the '*Kua Tae Te Wā - It's Time*' campaign. They are an opportunity for teachers and principals to come together to discuss the offer and decide next steps.

We want to ensure teaching is an attractive profession for people to join and stay in, and we have asked that the government provide for better staffing to reduce class sizes and give us more time to teach and time to lead.

The offers received are only minimally different from what was offered (and rejected) last year. At this stage the government has refused to increase the amount of money available.

Already, many schools are having to make sacrifices because of the difficulty in recruiting teachers and relievers, and we must take bold steps to turn this around. Our school has a very small number of relievers we can call on and it can be very difficult to find someone when a teacher is sick.

We really appreciate your continued support. If these offers are rejected, it is the voices of parents and the wider public that will be key to forcing the government to listen as we continue our campaign to ensure every child gets the best possible education.

For more information, please go to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/> or talk with your child's teacher.

New World Lunches - Discontinuation of Tuesday Lunches from Term 2

New World Timaru have advised that they will discontinue the Tuesday school lunch system at the end of Term 1 due to the decline in orders.



Sport South Canterbury - Have A Go Sports Day

Year 7 and 8 students will be involved in this day on **Friday 22 March** at the stadium. Details are outlined in this [link](#).

2019 Triennial Board of Trustees Elections Election Day - Friday 7 June 2019

The NZ School Trustees Association are working very hard to encourage parent and whanau participation on school boards in order to help shape and support the education of their children. To that end they are rolling out the *Korari Programme* for anyone interested in finding out about standing for the school board elections and having a say in the education of their children. We have linked the following resources for your information

1. **[Korari](#)**: A programme (workshop) that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees. NZSTA will be rolling out workshops in March/April this year.
2. **[Korari Form](#)**: NZSTA will support anyone who advises us they are interested in becoming a trustee, by way of the workshops, but also by providing access to our Learning Management Systems where online modules regarding school governance, student achievement etc. can be completed.

The form should be emailed to korari@nztsa.org.nz

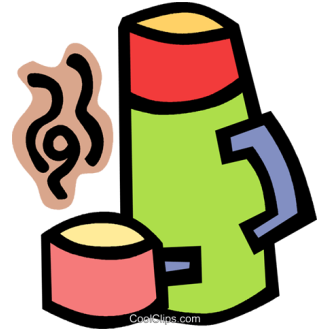
3. **[Community member guide to the role of the Board of Trustees](#)**: This explains a lot of commonly asked questions and information about being a trustee.

We hope you find the attached links useful. Our current Board Chairperson, Pam Allan is also more than happy to be contacted on 027 6845098 if you have any questions about becoming a board member.

Noodles

Students have recently been asking for boiling water to be added to noodles from the staffroom at lunch time. We have concerns about the safety of students moving around with boiling water and it does cause considerable disruption to staff at lunch time.

If students are having noodles,
please use a thermos.



School Community Group - Annual General Meeting



Get together with a fun bunch of parents to help share your ideas and contribute to our school community.

Come along to our

AGM

Supper and Drinks

Thursday 21st March, School Hall, 7.30pm

Now's your chance to see how it's done with plans taking shape for 2019.

You can contact Rebecca Fennessy 021633075, Anna Bridson 021336229,
or email stjosephs.schoolcommunitygroup@gmail.com

News Bytes of Faith

Monday 18 March - Friday 22 March

The New Zealand Church celebrates the Feast of St Patrick on 18 March this year as 17 March is a Sunday. St Patrick is a pivotal character in the history of the Irish Catholic Church, and where the Irish have gone, they've taken Patrick with them! Christchurch Diocese has five schools and several churches all called "St Patrick's"! Patrick was born somewhere in what we now call England or Wales but as a teenager was kidnapped and taken as a slave to Ireland where he had to look after animals. He was enslaved for 6 years before escaping and returning home. He then became a priest and returned to Ireland as a missionary. Eventually he became a bishop and it is a result of Patrick's work that Ireland became a very Catholic country.

Monday 25 March - Friday 5 April

How is your commitment for Lent going? Have you let yourself down at all? If so, it's ok. But it's important to start again, and try to keep to what you've committed to until Easter.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

GirlGuiding New Zealand

"GirlGuiding NZ is looking for fun, energetic leaders that will provide positive support to girls aged 5 – 17 years old while delivering exciting programmes once a week. Group meetings run for up to 2 hours once a week during school terms. We have developed an amazing programme that uses fun, adventure and friendship to build girls' confidence and life skills to help grow the next generation of female leaders. All support and training is provided by a dedicated team to help you do a great job. You can choose the age group you work with and you can take on a level of commitment that suits. You just need to bring drive and passion to empower girls and lead them towards a bright future!

If this sounds like you, find out more information here -

<https://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/leaders-volunteers>.

Alternatively, you can email Andrea on andrea.mcclean@girlguidingnz.org.nz to talk about the different options."



WHAT KIND OF
ADVENTURE
ARE YOU
LOOKING FOR?

South Canterbury Rugby - Gala Night

UNDER 11 & NEW UNDER 13 GRADE

KICKS OFF WITH A

GALA

NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 8 MAY

FROM 4.00 PM

ALPLINE ENERGY STADIUM

Turn up as a team or come along and we will put you in a team. Wear playing gear, gym shoes or boots. Competition starts 15th May continues every Wednesday night to the end of Term 2.

Give it a go in 2019 !



**SOUTH CANTERBURY
RUGBY**

Contact Caro for more details: 021399 465

Register TODAY
to secure your placement

2019 **Parenting Programmes**

The Incredible Years
Toddler Programme

Family Works will deliver the Incredible Years Toddler Programme in Timaru.

20 parents committed to attending is essential to ensure delivery of this incredible programme!

For parents of: children 1-3 years:

Beginning:
Thursday, 28 March to 27 June
9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Childcare provided if required

This 12 week programme will focus on practical step-by-step suggestions and support to help in handling the every day situations parents face
Sessions are held once a week for 3 hours
(excluding school holidays)

Family Works
PALLIATIVES SUPPORT
SOUTH CANTERBURY

To enrol or for further information call Liz
NOW at Family Works
03 688 5029 / 0274 688200
email: liz.munro@pssc.co.nz

VENUE: Family Works, 26 North Street, Timaru

www.pssc.org.nz/family-works

Free FW21z

FlipOut Timaru

The place for Parties, Fundraising, and General Flipping Out. We also have Ninja Classes - an after school activity where you learn to flip like a Ninja and practice tricks to impress your friends. A free trial is available to those who have not participated in the Ninja Programme before.



Playgroup is here on Thursdays and Fridays for pre-schoolers. Ask your teacher to bring you to FlipOut on a class treat day - we have great school discounts. Player of the Day Awards are available for sports teams. Mondays - Saturdays FlipOut between 6.00pm and 8.00pm for \$12.00. that is \$12 for 2 hours - Whoop Whoop!

For more information, phone us on 03 688 2807 or email timaru@flipout.co.nz

Thistle Football Club - Open Day

When: Sunday 24 March

Time: 2.00 - 4.00pm

Where: Anzac Square

All enquiries, please contact Julie 022 0281720