



Newsletter 10/01



This weekend we celebrate Waitangi Day. It is a day when we remember in a special way the country of Aotearoa/New Zealand.

It is a great time to give thanks for our country and to reflect on how we can work together in harmony as a school community.

Ma tini ma mano ka rapa te whai.

By many, by thousands, the work will be accomplished.

Many hands make light work.

Unity is strength.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you God for this land of Aotearoa,

our place of belonging

We thank you for the

sight of towering

mountain peaks,

rolling countryside,

chequered plains

multi-hued bush

We thank you

for the sound of Tui and Korimako

rushing mountain streams

gurgling braided rivers

waves pounding the shore

the silence of solitary places.

We thank you for the

smell of rain soaked forests

city gardens' perfumes

fresh frosted air

earth itself.

We thank you for the touch of soft moist

moss, sharp mountain rock,

smooth coastal stones

crisp leaf and snow

tender hand of friends and lovers

the heartbeat of all that lives

We thank you. Amen



Welcome back to the start of what I am sure is going to be another challenging but rewarding time for all. I would like to warmly welcome Mr Derek Vogel who will be teaching in Room 5 and also his wife Jane and children Heidi and Jessica to our school community. We also have several new families joining our school community this year and I'm sure that they will be made to feel welcome.

The beginning of the school year provides a good opportunity to reflect on the core beliefs that stand behind our school motto and are central to our school curriculum -

Enter to Learn - Live to Serve

At St Joseph's School we acknowledge that Catholic education is part of a life-long process leading to a full and rewarding life. We believe this will be achieved by -

- *fostering faith, hope and love*
- *promoting the dignity of each person within a caring community*
- *providing a rich and relevant learning environment*
- *helping individuals reach their potential*
- *encouraging interaction between family, school, parish and the wider community*
- *striving for excellence and celebrating success.*

We believe that these core beliefs sit alongside the Principles of the New Zealand Curriculum.

The Principles are -

High expectations; Treaty of Waitangi; Cultural Diversity; Inclusion; Learning to Learn; Community engagement; Coherence; Future focus.

"These principles (*and our core beliefs*) put students at the centre of teaching and learning."
(NZC)

Carmel Brosnahan-Pye
PRINCIPAL



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WELCOME

This year we start with a roll of 193 students and warmly welcome the following children who have joined our school community

Liam Batchelor (Room 8)
Emma Batchelor (Room 5)
Louise Goodwin (Room 8)
Daniel Goodwin (Room 5)
Nicholas Goodwin (Room 3)
Edward Heenan (Room 6)
Rosa Heenan (Room 3)
Heidi Vogel (Room 1)

and the following students who have started in Room 2 -

Jessica Vogel
Vincent Hall
Quinn Gard
Jack Wallace
Isla Young
Amy Regenvanu
Alysha Bradley

Classroom Organisation

Rm 2	NE/Yr 1	Mrs Jo Wakefield
Rm1	Yr 2 & 3	Mrs Megan Cahill
Rm3	Yr 3	Mrs Barb Fennessy & Mrs Sue King
Rm4	Yr 4	Mrs Trish McCambridge
Rm5	Yr 5	Mr Derek Vogel
Rm6	Yr 5 & 6	Mrs Cath Moore & Mrs Adrienne Oldfield
Rm7	Yr 7 & 8	Mrs Lorraine Frances- Rees
Rm8	Yr 7 & 8	Mr Jonathan Young

Reading Recovery/

R2 Release Mrs Shirlene Nossiter

R4 & 8 Release Mrs Angela Hide

Office Arrangements

Mrs Angela O'Reilly is in the office daily from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. If your child is unable to attend school, please let her know or leave a message on the answer phone. We also need to know a reason for the absence.

Please notify the office of any changes to personal details e.g. address, phone number or emergency contact number.



2010 Terms & Holiday

Term 1	Tuesday 2 February to Thursday 1 April
Term 2	Monday 19 April to Friday 2 July
Term 3	Monday 19 July to Friday 24 September
Term 4	Monday 11 October to Thursday 16 December

2010 - Holidays

Queen's Birthday	Monday 7 June
Labour Day	Monday 25 October
Teacher Only Day	Friday 22 October

School Newsletter

The newsletter is issued to your youngest child every 2nd Thursday.

Would you like to receive your newsletter by email? If so please send an email to Angela at office@stjoetim.school.nz and she will add you to the mailing list.

The newsletter is also available on the school website www.stjoetim.school.nz on the day of publication.

Uniform Matters

Please ensure that your children start the year wearing the correct uniform. All clothing (including underwear) should be clearly named. Please remember that it is school practice that students without sunhats will be required to remain in the shade area during Terms 1 and 4.

Prices for uniform are as follows -

Jerseys	\$55
Hats	\$12
Tunics	\$85
Polo Shirts	\$20
Socks	\$7

Maree Lowen will be available for uniform sales on a Thursday, both before and after school.

Student Extension Programmes

Mathematics Achievement Challenge

Primary Research Programme

Science Badge Award Scheme

Last year the school organised programmes to offer extension tasks for students within the school. It is hoped that there will be enough interest from families to run these again this year.

If you are interested in any of these extension opportunities please read the attached notice and return the form to the school office.

Australasian Tests

We will also be offering the Australasian tests. Enrolment details for these will follow in a few weeks.

If you would like more information, please contact Mrs Brosnahan-Pye of Mr Young.

Student Safety

At the start of the school year it is timely to remind your children of the safe practice expected of them as they come and go to school. This particularly applies to those who bike. Also, if your child's routine method of leaving school changes, could you please let the class teacher know. For example, your child usually goes home on the bus, but is going to a friend's house etc. This will help sort out the confusion that sometimes arises.



In the interest of safety, we request that if you have to cross Kelvin Street, please only use the controlled crossing at the school gate. Because of traffic congestion, students have been told that is the only safe place to cross before and after school. It is important that parents model this safe action.

Please do not park or stop on the dotted yellow lines and keep speed to a minimum as you pass the school gate.

Please also be aware that most car parks outside the school are for 5 minutes only and that this area is monitored on a regular basis by the Timaru District Council.



Your help in setting road safety practice is appreciated.

Walking School Buses

Welcome to another year of walking to school. Both the walking buses are up and walking again and we have a suggestion that there may be a couple of families in the Grants Road area that are also going to walk to school.

The Walking Buses are for families who would like their children to get a great start to the day. We hear about students who are buzzing with energy when they arrive from their walk and it does seem that walking has positive spin offs in the classroom.

We are always looking for parents who would like to be involved with the buses as there are days when we can't be there. If you want to walk with us you are very welcome to do so.

If you are interested, please contact Ange Hide (☎686 2846) about the Pages Road Walking School Bus that now leaves from the corner of Morgans Road at 8:15 am.

For the Pages Road Walking Bus details, please contact Jonathan Young.



This year, walkers will have Feet First bus tickets and have them clicked on their arrival at school. Fifteen clicks will earn them 10 house points in the school house points competition.

Looking forward to seeing you on our walking buses this year.

School Buses

Town Bus

This year we require a list of regular users of the town bus. This is to assist the duty teacher and ensure the safety of students. Please advise the school office if your child/children regularly travel on the bus.

Country Buses

This year every student who uses the country buses is required to complete a registration form. This registration form will be available from the school office.

If you are interested, or think you are eligible please contact the office.

The country buses are now managed by a committee representing the schools involved. It is the intention of this group to have all the buses fitted with seatbelts over the next year. This is underway now. More information about this service will follow in the near future.

Syndicate Parent Meetings

Teachers in Room 7 & 8 will be outlining class programmes and camp preparations

Tonight at 5:30 pm

Teachers in Rooms 1 - 6 will be outlining class programmes and related matters in the week beginning

Monday 15 February

These meetings are designed to give you an overview of your child's classroom programmes, teacher expectations and class routines. This would be a great opportunity to meet and network with other parents.

All parents of the students in Rooms 1, 2 & 3 are invited to a meeting in the school library at 5:30 pm. Junior School organisation will be discussed and following this you will have time to meet your child's teacher in each classroom.

Monday 15 February

Rooms 1 - 3 (School Library) 5:30 pm

Room 1 5:45 pm

Room 2 5:45 pm

Room 3 5:45 pm

Room 4 6:00 pm

Room 5 6:30 pm

Room 6 7:00 pm

Goal Setting Interviews

Goal setting interviews are to be scheduled, the dates will be in the next newsletter.

Mobile Dental Clinic

The following changes have been made to how our students will access dental care.

- All school-age children will have their dental check-ups at school in a mobile dental unit that will visit the school once a year.
- Examinations, x-rays and preventative treatment such as fissure sealants and fluoride treatments will be available at school in the dental mobile.
- If a child is diagnosed to require other operative work such as fillings or extractions, an appointment will be arranged at the nearest Community Dental Clinic for treatment.
- Pre-schoolers will have their dental checks at the Community Clinic. Caregivers will be contacted when their pre-schooler is due for a check-up.
- Access to dental services for families will be improved, as a therapist will, during school terms, be in attendance at the Community Clinic.

The mobile dental clinic will be at St Joseph's School next week from Tuesday 9 February. We are the first school in the region to use the mobile unit. It is the intention that they will see 20 students per day but it may take longer initially as the therapists get used to working in the clinic. The clinic will be parked up beside Room 7.

School Community Group Meeting

WHEN: TONIGHT 4 February 2010

WHERE: School Staffroom

TIME: 7:30 pm

ALL WELCOME

First Communion Programme 2010

Commences on

Tuesday 23 February 2010.

If you wish to enrol your child, he or she needs to be baptized Catholic, aged 8 years and in Year 4 upwards.

Enrolment forms are available from either the school office or St Thomas' church foyer.



Room 8 Camp to the McKenzie Basin in Week 4

1. In Week 4 this term, Room 7 & 8 are going on an outdoor education trip to Mt Cook and the McKenzie Basin. We have enough of our own tents to sleep 30 students. We require several more tents to allow the whole syndicate to camp out overnight.



These tents should be quite sturdy as they are going to be used at Mt Cook and around Lake Ruataniwha this month. We will make every effort to take good care of your tents while we are away.

If you have smaller 3-4 person tents you would be happy for us to borrow please see Jonathan or Lorraine at school.

2. On the same trip we will be learning kayaking skills on Lake Ruataniwha. We have been promised a set of kayaks from Roncalli College and

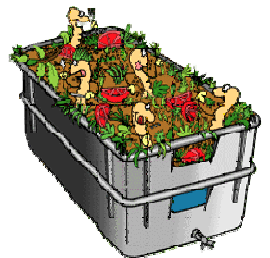


once again we will be needing several more to make sure we have enough. If you have a surf ski or closed kayak that you would be prepared to loan us, they would be greatly appreciated.

We will require life jackets for each of these boats as well. Once again, we are looking forward to hearing from you if you can assist us

Green Team

This year the school intends to continue the work we have begun with the Green Team. Please ask your children to bring home any uneaten food so we don't encourage waste. When children deposit food scraps for the worms they should be reminded that citrus waste like orange, mandarin peels and flesh are not good for the worms and this should go in the rubbish.



One suggestion is that you limit the amount of gladwrap wherever possible in lunches as this always seems to get into the food bins where it makes a mess in the worm farm. If you can use reusable containers, that is preferable. These containers will greatly help the Green Team workers when they sort the waste.

Thanks go to everyone who makes an effort to reuse, reduce or recycle waste from their school lunches. You might receive information from your child about becoming a Green Team worker at school. This is a very responsible job and we are very grateful for those willing children who volunteer for the tasks. This year there will be a more comprehensive training of the new Green Team workers during school time, indicating the importance we all place on this worthwhile endeavour.

Andrew Chinn Concert Monday 15 February

Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children. Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "Rainbow" and "Together As One" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia and New Zealand. Parents/parishioners are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun. There is no charge for adults.



The concert will take place at Oceanview Heights from 1:40 - 2:45 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Attendance Dues Payments

Please note that the accounts sent from the Parish Office for attendance dues should be paid to the Parish Office at St Thomas' Church, Mountainview Road, Timaru.

The Parish have requested that the accounts are not paid to the school office.

Hospice Wine and Food Festival

The School Community Group is running a stall at the Wine Festival this Saturday 6 February. They will be selling sausages, candy floss and drinks. Love to see you there to buy a sausage and support the school.



School Garage Sale

The garage sale is next Saturday 13 February at St Pat's Hall, corner of Browne Street and Craigie Avenue. Goods can be dropped off from 5:00 pm Friday night to the hall.



If this is unsuitable please contact Nic O'Driscoll ☎684 9893 or 027 684 9893 or Carmel Brosnahan-Pye at school.

Help is still needed on the day. Please contact Nic if you can assist.

Music Lessons with Peter McMullan

Piano and keyboard tuition with Peter McMullan start at school next week on

Wednesday 10 February

There are still vacancies available. If you are interested please phone the school office for Peter's contact details.



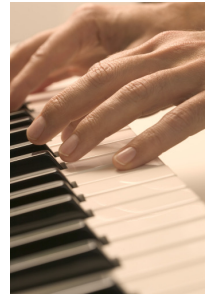
Jude's Yamaha Music School

FREE trial lesson available for 4-6 year olds on
4 February at 4:00 pm

Also a few vacancies for 2010 for individual or group lessons for 7 years to very old (never too old to start learning).

For Keyboard/Piano enquiries please phone Jude ☎684 9496 or 021 0521672 or email

judesymsch@xtra.co.nz



Highfield Gymnastic Club

A registration day is to be held on Wednesday 10 February from 4:00 pm onwards at their clubrooms, 92 Coonor Road, Timaru.

All welcome, come dressed for an informal session of gymnastics.

Please direct your enquiries to Pauline Hay
☎ 686 1681

Bric A Brac and Collectables Fair

Altrusa of Timaru are holding a Bric a Brac and Collectables Fair -

WHEN: Saturday 13 February 2010

WHERE: Timaru South School Hall

TIME: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

The money raised will go towards the Altrusa Scholarship Fund.

Appraisals/drink and food available & Vintage Car Display

Viking Futsal NZ Indoor Soccer

A funny name for a great game!

Junior League age 9-12 years starting on Wednesday 10 February 2010 at SBS Centre

Get together and form a team.

Those interested please contact Jenny Anderson
☎686 2017

Hip Hop Dance Workshop

This weekend 6 - 7 February and next weekend 13 - 14 February
\$10 for an hour.

Learn hip hop in a fun and energetic environment.

AGES 7 - 12 years 1:00 - 2:00 pm

AGES 13 and over 2:30 - 3:30 pm

WHERE: Woodlands Road
Methodist Church Hall

Any queries contact Nathan Butler

☎027 6321760 or 684 3256

Coming Events

5 February Assembly

Prayers R8

8 - 11 Feb Rooms 6, 7 & 8 Swimming

12 February Assembly

Prayers R6

15 & 16 Feb Rooms 6, 7 & 8 Swimming

17 February Ash Wednesday Parish Mass
Year 4 to 8

18 February Rooms 6, 7 & 8 Swimming