



Newsletter 10/02



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

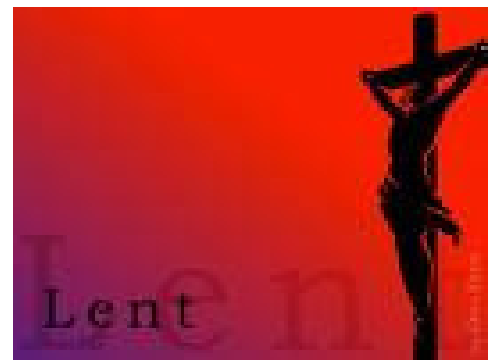
Give up gloom - enjoy the beauty that is all around you

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!



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Thank you to all those parents who took time to attend the parent information evenings held in the last few weeks for classes. We would value your feedback on the usefulness of these meetings and if there are other ways that would suit you to receive this important information about your child's class structure for the year. We know how busy you are and appreciate your input. If you have any thoughts please either email the office on office@stjoetim.school.nz, use the class wiki or talk to one of the staff.

National Standards

St Joseph's School is well prepared for any "changes" that National Standards may necessitate. There is already a comprehensive assessment programme followed using standardised tests such as PATs and the 6 year observation summary.

Despite headlines in the Timaru Herald around the National Standards the Board has not decided not to implement the National Standards. My comments to the journalist were that we were considering National Standards carefully. The concerns that the staff have centre on three areas in particular.

Firstly, the National Standards have not been trialled and as educators we do not know how these standards were arrived at.

Secondly, we believe we can make a difference to all students, however this will not necessarily be recognised by the standards. We have information that shows students who make significant progress, who however would continue to be described as 'below'. Also it may not show progress for students above. Have we made a difference or have they just sat at the same level? The data we collect, analyse and report to the Board now, does show these differences. We acknowledge that the way we report to parents needs to be clearer and this is something we are working on this year.

The third area of concern is that the research from overseas indicates that national standards, which inevitably leads to national testing, does not raise achievement.

Assessment Review

Over the last year the staff have been involved with a Professional Development programme called Assessment for Teaching and Learning. Last year the focus was on the teaching, learning and assessment of writing. During 2009 we began a review of how we report to students and parents about learning. This year the focus will be on developing this further through such things as Student Led Conferences and revision of reporting formats. As such you will no longer receive the RAD in it's existing format.

Your feedback on any changes will be welcomed as we progress throughout the year.

ICT Contract

The staff this year are beginning a three year contract of Professional Development on the use of ICT in teaching and learning. At various times during the next three years we will invite you to school to see the work that has been done. Also the use of wikis and web2 tools will all be things that your students will be talking about.

Carmel Brosnahan-Pye PRINCIPAL

Class Award Winners

Room	Week 1	Week 2
1	Toby Scannell	Heidi Vogel
2	Oliver Richards	Jack Wallace
3	Kathryn Cody	Matthew Gray
4	Gabriel King	Abigail Evans
5	Llewella Priest	Ben McKechnie
6	Penelope Livesey	John Woodall
7	Meg Wolfenbuttel	James O'Connor
8	Bridget Cody	Chris Hogg

Citizenship Shield

- George Duff

Feet First

Ava Young Matthew Gray

Terrific Tickets

Gabriel King Jayden Hide

School Procedures - Consultation

Attached to this newsletter are two school procedures within the Administration Policy that require consultation with the school community -

School Organisation - Pupil Placement and Promotion Procedure

and

School Uniform Procedure

Any feedback needs to be forwarded to the office by **Thursday 4 March**.



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Goal Setting Parent Interviews

Interviews are scheduled to be held on

**Monday 15 March and
Wednesday 17 March**



REMINDER – EARLY CLOSING
Classes will finish at 2:30pm on these two days. The bus will leave for its normal after school run at 2:40 pm.

School Newsletter

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

Would you also 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.



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.



School Community Group

We are looking for a celebrity speaker for our Term 2 Fundraiser - A Charity Auction. Do you know anyone of interest who might fit the bill?

If so, please ring Meg ☎ 688-8012

Coffee & Cake Time Again!

The School Community Group invites families of St Joseph's for morning tea at Robert Harris Café, following assembly on **Friday 26**

February

from 10:30 am.

This is a great opportunity for all the new families to come along for a "meet and greet".

Any queries to Tracey Talbot ☎ 686-1858



South Canterbury

Social Ballroom Dancing 2010

6 Week Beginners Course

Commencing 21 February

6:45 pm - 7:30 pm

Bookings: Ph 688 7070

Cost: \$48 per person, family concession available!



COME ALONG .. JOIN THE FUN!

Walking School Bus Reflector Vests

Many thanks to AMI for providing reflector vests for our walking school buses. It is greatly appreciated.



Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

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please phone 0800 43 53 66

St Patrick's College, Wellington 125th Jubilee 2010

The College will be celebrating this significant Jubilee Queen's Birthday Weekend 4 - 6 June 2010 and all Old Boys and families are warmly invited. Please visit the Jubilee Website for Registrations and information www.stpats125.org.nz or contact the Development Manager at PO Box 14022, Wellington 6022, development@stpats.school.nz

☎ 04 939 5416

Fun Aerobic Classes



125th Jubilee

Queen's Birthday Weekend 2010

WHERE: Baptist Church Hall
17 Wilson Street, Timaru

WHEN: Monday and Thursday
9:30 - 10:00 am

COST: \$2.00 per class

Mix or aerobic styles, fun and affordable!

Instructor: Sasha ☎ 684-0088 or 021 0715009

Coming Events

19 February	Assembly Prayers R3
23-26 February	Room 7 & 8 Camp
26 February	Assembly Prayers R4
5 March	Assembly Prayers R2