



Newsletter 19/18

Mercy



For Christians, the weeks leading up to Christmas are known as Advent.

For many people around the world it is a time for preparation for Christmas – buying and cooking food for family celebrations and shopping for gifts.

In New Zealand it also means summer holidays, the beach and no school! But for some, Christmas is not always a joyous time to come together with family and celebrate over wonderful food and gifts.

During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but we also check in to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when He comes again.



God of Love,

Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.

He is a sign of your love.

Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,

As we wait and prepare for his coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.

Amen

The end of term and another school year is racing towards us so it is good to take time this Advent to reflect on the successes and to think about what we can do better in 2019.

The next few weeks are busy with end of year events. Students reports will go home with students on **Friday 14 December**. The reports will have student learning tasks as evidence with the report. We are trialling a new report so we would appreciate any feedback. Teachers and students have put a lot of work into reflecting on the year and the progress each student has made in their learning.

Carmel Brosnahan-Pye
PRINCIPAL



We warmly welcome the following student who has joined our school community -

Mikayla Faltas Room 2

Class Award Winners

Room	Week 5	Week 6
1	Nixon Harris	Kian Banlaoi
2	Brylee Hayes	Louisa Kane
3	Lucia Howey	Veronica Faltas
4	Pippa Hartnett	Jordan Black
5	Shayden Cockburn	Daniel Heffernan
6	Ella Gallagher	Max Munro
7	Isobela-Jaide Gray	Olivia Passos-O'Brien
8	Chloe Venmore	Nico Lee
9	Julia Munro	Riley Cook
Terrific Behaviour	-	-
Mercy Shield	Archie Lee	Jack Powell

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Report

Another year has flown by just like that and we are starting to prepare for 2019! The board would like to thank Carmel, the teachers, support staff, parents/whanau for their dedication and support this year.

This next year, as we reported last term, we will again fund an extra teacher to keep our classroom numbers smaller which we believe makes a significant difference to our children's education. Our roll continues to grow so we are in the process of negotiating with the Diocese around our space issues.

The students have been planning and presenting to the board their ideas for the EnviroSchools area, this is starting to look really good and we look forward to seeing their ideas come to fruition.

Our next big project, in conjunction with the School Community Group is to look at a structure to cover the outdoor areas in the middle school block where the bags are currently kept. The timeline for this is very dependent on acquiring some further funds but we would certainly hope that this is completed in 2019.

Finally, can I please encourage parents and whanau to download the BEEP app which streamlines the way we are sending out text messages. This integrates with our student management system and is more cost effective than the current text messages. There will still be text messages but the more parents that download the app, the more cost effective this will be for the school.

Pam Allan
CHAIRPERSON

School End of Year Mass

WHEN: Friday 14 December 2018
TIME: 12.15 pm
WHERE: St Thomas' Church

Please join us for this special occasion as we celebrate our 2018 school year and acknowledge our Year 8 students as they leave for high school.

Advent Food Drive

We invite all families to contribute non-perishable food items for our annual Advent Food Drive. Christmas food items are especially appropriate.

Donations can be brought to school from **Friday 30 November until Thursday 13 December** and add to “food mountains” in the classrooms.

This food will be part of the offertory procession at the End of Year Mass on **Friday 14 December**, and will be distributed by members of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Christmas food hampers to our poor and needy.

This is a great opportunity to demonstrate love in action. We are hoping for the usual generous response.

Advent blessings

Thank you

TRISH McCAMBRIDGE

Final Assembly

This will be held on Tuesday **18 December at 12.00 pm** and will be an opportunity for our Year 8 students to share memories of their time at St Joseph’s and to recognise their contribution to the school. At the end of the assembly at 12.30 pm students will be free to go home as this will be the end of the school year.

Leadership Assembly

Friday 7 December

This will be the final Leadership Assembly of the year. All welcome as we recognise the leadership and service work of our students.

First Communion Programme

Begins **Wednesday 27 February 2019**

at 7.30 pm, St Thomas’ Lounge.

Enrolment forms will be sent by email to eligible families, plus copies are available from the school office and church porches. Enrolment forms need to be into the parish office by

Wednesday 20 February 2019.



St Patrick's Junior Netball Club - Update

The merging of Sacred Heart and St Joseph's netball clubs is well underway with our new club - St Patrick's Junior Netball Club having held three committee meetings over the past three months.

Amanda O'Brien is the chairperson of the committee with Michelle Laming the secretary and Stacey Scott in charge of finances. Other committee members are Gina Simpson, Carmel Brosnahan-Pye, David Armstrong, Jeanna Munro, Fiona Russell, Vicky Skudder, Amy Darling, and Peter Cockburn.

Netball South Canterbury representatives Deborah Crawford and Sarah Harvey are also helping during this transition phase.

Early in March 2019 there will be a registration session for players and their parents to attend. This will be a chance to not only register your netball player/s but also to see what the committee has planned and how you can support the new club.

Netball will not start until the beginning of Term 2 2019 but there is still plenty to do before the first whistle.

A Facebook page has been set up - look for St Pat's Junior Netball Club and like the page to add it to your newsfeed.

If you have any questions please contact a committee member or the chairperson (amanda.obrien@stjosephstimaru.school.nz).

Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

Monday 17 December at 10.40 am

We would like to invite our parents who have helped in any way during the year e.g. classroom parent helps, sports day helpers, EOTC helpers, class trip helpers, PMP etc. to join us in the hall for morning tea on **Monday 17 December at 10.40 am**.



Mufti Day

Thursday 6 December

Funds raised from the Term 4 Mufti Day will be donated to [MissioNZ](#)



Christmas Concert and Afternoon Tea

Room 8 from St Joseph's School, Timaru would like to invite parents and grandparents of our school community to a Christmas concert, which includes singing and dancing, followed by afternoon tea.

When Wednesday 12 December 2018

Where St Joseph's School Hall

Time 1.30pm until 2.45pm

Please RSVP by Friday 7 December to Monica

(monicam@stjosephstimaru.school.nz) or Prachi

(prachis@stjosephstimaru.school.nz)

orring our school office 688-1376.

This concert and afternoon tea is part of our volunteering for Term 4 and we would love you to join us.

Fundraising Fair

Thank you for your generosity in providing items to sell, and spending money for child/children to support the Recycling Fair and Room 8 games.

The event was a great success, raising \$1029.00.

Your generous support means Papatuanuku students can action their plans for the wilderness area.

Christmas Liturgical Celebrations

Two opportunities for children to participate in liturgical presentations of the Christmas event are provided at St Thomas' Church -

- the Vigil Pageant at 7.00pm on Christmas Eve
- the Christmas Play at 10.30am on Christmas Day

Please contact [Fr Brian](#) if your child/children are available to be part of either of these special events.

Beep mobile app

download it and save time!

A few of our parents have taken up the opportunity to advise us of student absences through the Beep mobile app, it works extremely well and is easy and free for parents to use. Parents can enter absences here and the school will be notified.

Search on *Beep school links* to access the app. Check out this link for information about the [Beep](#) application that has been set up as part of our text, data and email communications with parents and caregivers.



School Accounts

A final statement for the year will be emailed out soon to advise parents and caregivers of the balance of their account.



Details of **school ASB bank account** will be on your statement and are as follows -

123159 - 0129360 00

Please give your child's name as a reference.

Payment by cheque or cash can also be made to the school office. You may also prefer to pay by instalment e.g. weekly, fortnightly, monthly or on a term by term basis.

Thank you to those parents who have already paid in full and to those who have set up on-going automatic payments.

HOLIDAYS AND ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TERMS 2019

Term 1	Wednesday 30 January	to	Friday 12 April
Term 2	Monday 29 April	to	Friday 5 July
Term 3	Monday 22 July	to	Friday 27 September
Term 4	Monday 14 October	to	Tuesday 17 December

ADDITIONAL HOLIDAYS

Schools will be closed in 2019 on Saturdays and Sundays and on the following holidays:

Waitangi Day	Wednesday 6 February	Term 1
Good Friday	Friday 19 April	Within school holidays
Easter Monday	Monday 22 April	Within school holidays
Easter Tuesday	Tuesday 23 April	Within school holidays
ANZAC Day	Thursday 25 April	Within school holidays
Queen's Birthday	Monday 3 June	Term 2
SC Anniversary Day	Monday 23 September	Term 3
Labour Day	Monday 28 October	Term 4

News Bytes of Faith

Monday 26 November - Friday 30 November

This coming Sunday we will be celebrating the first Sunday of the [Advent Season](#). Advent is a season of hope, expectancy and, particularly the last nine days, preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. The Advent colour is violet. Priests have the option of using a rose vestment on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. Click on the link in this faith fact to find out more!

Monday 3 December - Friday 7 December

On Saturday 8 December, the Church celebrates the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Who does the Immaculate Conception refer to?**

There is a popular idea that it refers to Jesus' conception by the Virgin Mary. **It doesn't!** Instead, it refers to the special way in which the Virgin Mary herself was conceived. People often get the Immaculate Conception, the Annunciation and The Assumption all mixed up. Not any more! This simple video clip explains some things you need to [know about Mary](#).

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Planning Your Holidays & Leave? Timaru's Active Kids Holiday Programmes are here to help.

Active Kids is an affordable holiday option that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills & offsite visits for children aged 5-13 years
Full day (8.30-5) and **half day** (8.30-12) options available from as little as \$15 per session.

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

21-25 January 2019

The Southern Trust Events Centre,
Morgan's Road, Timaru



We would like to thank all our Active Kids families for their support throughout 2018 & wish you all an active & enjoyable Christmas and New Year break.

Full details and to register on line go to www.sportcanterbury.org.nz
or contact Sport Canterbury: phone 03 686 0751
Limited Spaces available – **Registrations close Monday 14th January 2019**



TIMARU DISTRICT LIBRARIES

CHRISTMAS

STORYTIME

& CRAFT

FRIDAY DECEMBER 21



TIMARU CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

2:30PM TO 3:30PM

☀️ PLEASE BOOK!

TEMUKA LIBRARY

GERALDINE LIBRARY

10:30AM TO 11:30AM

☀️ *Don't forget to book for the Children's Library session on
6877498 or email anita.dawson@timdc.govt.nz*

Aidan Theatre's Pantomime

Every year our Christmas Pantomime is a much loved and enjoyed tradition for many families around South Canterbury. This year we are performing "Camelot", made up of a talented cast of many young people.

ADAN THEATRE 29 LATER STREET, TIMARU
ULTIMATE SINGING, REVENUE, ADVENTURE @ADAN.CO.NZ

HISTORY BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT!

Camelot THE PANTO

Fun for ALL the family

WRITTEN BY BEN CROOKER

BOOK NOW LIMITED SEASON

DIRECTOR ALICE SOLLIS & MUSICAL DIRECTOR MEGAN HOLDEN

December 14th - 24th

Book at Newmans MusicWorks
117 Stafford St, Timaru
03 688 5597

Cash only Nibble Nook & Merchandise before and after show - **NO Eftpos**
Please stay and chat to the cast and take photos with your favourite characters.

Rebekah Frame
Nell

Abraham
Hix
Laughalot

Shardous Wynen
Connie Clatterbottom

Jess Young
Merlin

Stefanie Crawford
Queen Mum

Imogen Young
TeddyBear

Zoe MacClure
Guinevere

Luke Flobb
Arthur

Under 5yrs	\$ 5
13yrs & under	\$15
Students & Seniors (ID)	\$17
Adults	\$20

Performance Day at Mrs A's



mrs A's
music school



Performance Day *at Mrs A's*

Saturday December 15th 2018
Trinity Church Hall, College Rd
Concerts: 1 p.m. 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Admission to all three concerts:
Adults \$5 Children \$2
Family Price \$15

All Funds go to the Music Scholarship Trust
– helping students in 2019

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*Thanks to Westpac for supporting our students to sing
and play their way to something special.*

