



St Joe's

The little school with a big heart

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*Our school is for the child and learning
In a Catholic context, we will provide a safe and stimulating learning
environment where the uniqueness of each child is recognised*

Dear Parents

***Nga mihi o te wa kia koe me te whanau –
Greetings to you and your family***

**WELCOME EVERYONE TO TERM ONE of an exciting
2011 year planned at St Joseph's Cathedral School.**

It was a pleasure to see children returning to school on Tuesday looking refreshed and relaxed after their holiday break. It seems that everyone has a happy story to tell and cheerful memories to share.

The Board of Trustees and staff extend a warm welcome to all families as we commence a new school year. We would like to particularly acknowledge families who have joined our school for the first time. We trust that your children will settle in quickly and have many enjoyable and stimulating experiences during their time with us.

We warmly welcome Mrs Wendy Friel to our school. An experienced teacher Wendy will be providing teaching support in a wide range of areas across the school.

We also welcome the following new children and their families to our school community:

- Room 1 Greer Ferguson
- Room 3 Irene Simeti
- Room 4 Dararidh Lu
- Room 5 Jayben Tohill, John Sayson
- Room 6 Kannha Lu, Roannas Ung, Braedon Jansen





We hope you all enjoy your time at St Joseph's Cathedral School!

The start of a school year can be both an exciting and challenging time for everyone. A new class, a new teacher or for some starting a new school, can often have parents and children a bit worried or unsure of what to do or where to go. Our staff understand these concerns and are ready to help anyone who needs support particularly at this busy time of the year. Research clearly indicates that learning is most effective when both home and school form a strong partnership that respects the skills, interests and integrity of each party.

School Organisation

Room 1	Year 1	Mrs Sarah Peeters
Room 2	Year 1 / 2	Mrs Jamie Gordon
Room 3	Year 2 / 3	Mrs Mary Fahey
Room 4	Year 3 / 4	Mrs Annette O'Mahony – Director of Religious Studies
Room 5	Year 4 / 5	Mr Richard Duffy – Deputy Principal
Room 6	Year 5 / 6	Mrs Coral Sheppard
Itinerant Teacher		Mrs Wendy Friel
School Secretary		Mrs Lyn Andrews
Reading Recovery Teacher		Mrs Mary Carter
Teacher Aide		Mrs Jo Clough
Classroom Release Teacher		Mrs Anna Bowen
School Chaplain		Father John Harrison

We also warmly welcome our third year teacher trainees who have already started their three week posting and will be working within their respective classrooms throughout this year: Hannah King - Room 1, Emma Bell – Room 2, Thomas Moore - Room 4, Rebecca McMillan - Room 5 and Kate Hutton – Room 6.

Thank You Parents for assisting your child / children in wearing the correct school uniform. The children look smart, proud and ready for a new year of active thinking and learning. A gentle reminder to have articles of clothing **clearly named** please, particularly school jerseys and jackets.

School Uniform Term 1 and 4

<u>Girls</u>	White blouse (short sleeve) Catholic School pinafore Royal blue regulation jersey (named) Short white socks	<u>Boys</u>	Grey shorts Grey shirt (short sleeve) Royal blue regulation jersey (named) Short grey socks
<u>Footwear</u> - Black school shoes – not gym shoes . Black / Brown sandals optional			

Please note that hair ties and head bands must be navy blue. Hair below collar length must be tied back at all times.

Often there are second hand items of clothing available for purchase. Please see Mary Fahey in Room 3.

By wearing the correct school uniform we are instilling in the children a sense of pride within themselves and in their school. We appreciate your efforts in encouraging all children to be clean, tidy and well presented at all times.

Sunhats As part of our uniform and Sun Smart policy, the school sunhat needs to be worn in Terms 1 and 4. Keeping our children safe from the sun is particularly important given our high level of exposure to ultraviolet radiation. Hats can be purchased from the office at \$12.

Stationery Booklists Once again we have brought in stationery for sale to the children. Our prices match those presently available at the various retailers. When payment is made we ask that cash / cheque be enclosed in a named envelope, with cheques payable to the school. In anticipation, we thank you for your co-operation.

Information Update With a new school year and possibly changed circumstances, we ask that you complete one family information sheet that is attached to this newsletter and return it to school as soon as possible. Thank you for dealing with this matter. If you would like the newsletter e-mailed to you please let us know your details.

Lunch Orders On **Mondays** we have Smart Lunches available for you to order. Each standard lunch consists of two sandwiches filled with a variety of fillings i.e. vegemite and cheese or lettuce and luncheon/sauce, cheese and pineapple, a pudding in a tub, a piece of fruit and a biscuit/bun. Variety to the lunch includes fruit jelly, low fat pizza and mousetraps. These cost \$3.00 or \$4.00 (with 2 extra sandwiches). They are made and delivered fresh each Monday. We also have pies \$1.40 on a Monday.

Every Friday lunch time, thanks to our parent helpers, we have barbeque sausages and ice blocks for sale. Sausages are \$1.50, Ice blocks \$1.00.

If you are able to provide help on a roster basis on a Friday, either counting money and cooking sausages or giving out ice blocks, could you please contact Philippa O'Neill on 453-0293 or a staff member, so that your name can be put on a roster. Pre schoolers can come along. If we have a good list of helpers you usually only have to do it once or twice a term. We do appreciate your assistance in this area, as do the children enjoying their Friday lunch.

Please write the child's full name, room number, and order on an envelope with money enclosed. These can be left in the white container in the office before school.

Portfolios We hope you found these informative. Could you please return your child / children's portfolio from last year so that these can be added to during this year. Thank you.

Coming Events

Friday 4 February	12.15pm	Room 3 leading Shared Prayer
Tuesday 8 February	7.30pm	Board of Trustees meeting
Wednesday 9 February	6pm	School Mass at school followed by BBQ

Happy Birthday for February: 2nd Philomena Talalima, 5th Sylvie Brosnahan, 6th Ella MacGillivray, 7th Elliot Chamberlain, 26th Ben Lucas

Our January birthdays were: 1st Juliette Lucas, 2nd Dararidh Lu, 7th Kayleigh Wright, 8th, Gabriel Gallagher, 9th A J Keable, 10th Jacob Bardwell, 12th Anya Parnell, 18th Patrick Craft, 19th Emma Burnside, 22nd Joseph Enright, 23rd Lucy Smillie

Attached to today's newsletter:

- 📎 School Information Update form that needs to be completed and returned
- 📎 Permission Form for Education Outside the Classroom activities
- 📎 Notice re School Mass followed by BBQ.

**This weekend we celebrate Waitangi Day.
Let us pray:**

*We thank you God for this land of Aotearoa/New Zealand
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 Korimoko.

*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. 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 heart beat of all that lives.*

*May we treasure this wondrous place, the gift of peace and freedom
May we live in harmony with all around us.
Amen.*

Happy 2011 to you all

Ngâ mihi nui
With best wishes
Michelle Bednarek-Burrow