



# ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2

TERM 1 | 28 FEBRUARY 2018

Hello, Kamusta, Bonjour, Guten Tag,  
Hallo, Ciao, Kon'nichiwa, Halēā,  
Nĩhãõ, Annyeonghaseyo, Ol., Sata srĩ  
akāla, Talofa, Helō, Hola, Vanakkam

## OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Ash Wednesday was celebrated at our school on the 14<sup>th</sup> February. The Juniors had a lovely celebration on the outdoor stage and the rest of the school celebrated at Mass. Father Bill encouraged us to take time to pray and to really think of others.



WELCOME TO WEEK 4 OF  
TERM 1. SCHOOL IS  
HUMMING ALONG NICELY. I  
SEE LOTS OF HAPPY CHILDREN  
– PARTICULARLY ON THE WAY  
TO THE SWIMMING POOL!

Mass on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Thank you to our teaching staff for supporting Ari and Sarah by attending the Mass.

Cardinal John Dew presented an inspirational homily at the Mass. A key message to our schools was based on a quote from Carl Jung - 'One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but **warmth** is the vital element for the growing and for the soul of the child.'

On a daily basis, I see the warmth, love, care, kindness and goodness our staff shows towards your children. It is not unusual for a staff member to be late into the staffroom for morning tea or lunch because they are putting the needs of our students before themselves. The growing of your child's soul is in good hands.

# WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

## Congratulations

Thank you Cyprian for sharing your amazing writing. You are really thinking about the best words you can use to capture your audience.

## Newsletter

We are discussing the possibility of sending out a newsletter every three weeks (instead of two). If you have a strong opinion regarding this suggestion, please email [office@stjosephsnelson.school.nz](mailto:office@stjosephsnelson.school.nz).

## Mufti Day

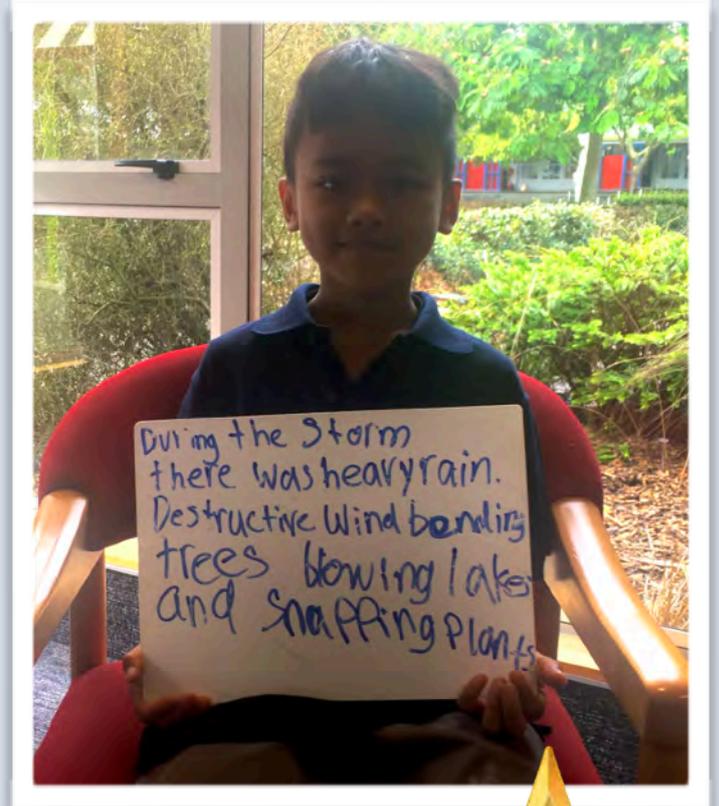
Please remember on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March** we have a mufti day in support of The Relay for Life. Mrs Colleen Nicholson is overseeing a team to take part in the relay on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March** at **Trafalgar Park (10am - 10pm)**.

## Weetbix Tryathalon

Best wishes to the students taking part in the Weetbix Tryathalon On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Thanks to the PTA for supporting the participants on the day.

## School Photos – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Remember to be in perfect school uniform for the school photos.



*Great Work  
Cyprian*



## Lower Middles Meet The Teacher

What a wonderful way to meet the teacher! Thank you parents for supporting this wonderful gathering and sharing of information and kai.



*Thanks to all who came*

## Inter-House Swimming Sports

In 2017, the councillors introduced an Inter House programme so that we could extend the sporting opportunities for all students at St Joseph's school. This programme endeavours to encourage healthy competition between houses, but also a sense of pride in belonging to and representing a house. We also want to encourage good sportsmanship and a sense of fair play. Every pupil at St Joseph's is actively encouraged to take part and represent their house team, with the emphasis being on everyone participating and working together.

In 2018 our first house event is Swimming sports for year 5-8. This event will take place at the school pool on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 starting after morning break at 11.15 am. A parents viewing area will be clearly marked for watching the swimming/event. It is advised parents are seated by 11.00am.

*Parents are invited to support, join in and wear their children's house colours.*

To ensure the event runs smoothly we will be needing a number of parent helpers. Please email [Nathan.baxter@stjosephsnelson.school.nz](mailto:Nathan.baxter@stjosephsnelson.school.nz) if you are interested in supporting this event.

## PTA AGM

Thank you to all who attended last night - was great to see some new parents and returning parents. For those that would like to see the minutes they will be loaded onto the school website over the next few days under the PTA heading, there will also be a link from Facebook.

We have set some dates for our exciting year ahead:

- Children's Disco - **Friday 25th May**
- John Parsons on Internet Safety - he is excellent and I strongly encourage all parents to attend (students will be during the day and adults 7pm) - **Friday 8th June**
- Mothers Day Movie - date **to be confirmed** possibly 17th May just confirming with theatre
- Kids Movie night - **Friday 3 August (we thought we would speak to a local restaurant to put on dinner for the parents - if parents are keen)**
- GALA (we will need lots of help leading up to this - start saving your second hand goods) - **Sunday 4th November.**
- Working Bee - date to be confirmed but we need to paint the pool (remember people, do not paint yourselves into the middle) and sort out under the hall.

*Irene and the PTA*

# A WORD FROM FATHER BILL



Fr Bill has begun visiting classes and sitting in for prayers on Tuesday mornings.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Tuesday evening this week we began preparation for First Reconciliation with a Parent Evening in the Meeting Room at St Mary's in Nelson. Thank you to those who attended. All families have a copy of the timeline.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

will be celebrated on Palm Sunday afternoon 25 March 2pm at St Mary's Church in Nelson.

## RITE 2 RECONCILIATION SERVICE

for the Parishes of the Holy Family and Our Lady of the Bays will take place at St Francis of Assisi Church in Stoke Wed 21 March 7pm.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be prayed in St Mary's Church on some Friday evenings during Lent. Watch the parish newsletter for more details.

## NGAWHATU GRAVES BLESSING

Sun 18 March 2pm is the annual pilgrimage up to bless the Ngawhatu Graves. This was the site of the original orphanage in Stoke.

The walk begins at the top of Ngawhatu Road where the Ngawhatu hospital used to be.

## KEEP SMILING!

*Cheers and prayers*  
*Fr Bill*



17 March 2018

# RELAY FOR LIFE

*Nelson*

SATURDAY 17 MARCH 10am - 10pm  
Trafalgar Park, Nelson

Dress up as a superhero, in purple or in green  
for St Patrick's day when you come to support  
& donate to the St Joseph's Team!  
PRIZES for the best dressed!



FUNDRAISING FOR THE NELSON CANCER SOCIETY

## WHAT TO EXPECT AT A RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT



**6** The **Closing Ceremony** takes place at 9.45pm. Teams walk the last lap together, celebrating their fundraising success and impact in the community.

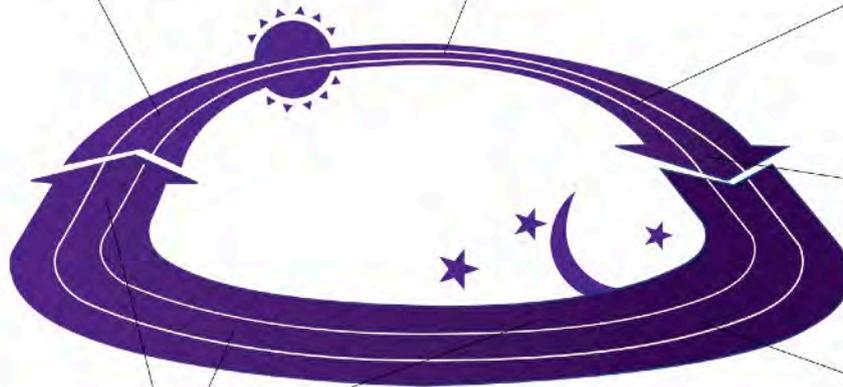
**1** Relay For Life teams, supporters, survivors and carers are welcomed in the **Opening Ceremony at 10am.**

**2** Relay For Life starts with the **Survivor and Carer Lap.** We celebrate cancer survivors and carers, who walk the first lap as our guests of honour.

**3** Next, all **Relay For Life teams** are invited onto the track.

**4** After dark, the **Candlelight Ceremony** take place at 9pm. This is a time to remember loved ones who have passed away or who are living with cancer.

**5** Teams continue to walk throughout the day. **Activities and entertainment** keep everyone energised.



"We are hoping to get our school community behind us and make it a wonderful shared day. Families can contribute by giving a donation by either clicking on [this link](#) or by coming along on the day. They can walk with their children around the track and come and support the team at our gazebo. The candlelight ceremony in the evening is a real highlight too. We plan that each class will decorate a candle bag and they can buy bags on the day if they would like to remember a special person."

*Colleen Nicholson, St Joseph's Relay For Life Co-ordinator*

# JUNIOR SYNDICATE NEWS

We celebrated Shrove Tuesday in the Juniors by making and eating pancakes. After that we had a pancake race, the teachers had a race too!

We celebrated Ash Wednesday on the stage with Father Bill. Here are some stories Room 1 wrote stories about Ash Wednesday.



'I went to the stage for Ash Wednesday.' *Charlie*



'I went to the stage to get a cross on my head.' *Wiremu*



'I got a cross on my head.' *Ivy*



Thank you to our Year 5 and 6 students who helped Fr Bill to distribute the ashes.



## *Junior Welcome Liturgy*

The syndicate got together to welcome new families and the new year on Thursday. We were justly proud of our young year two's who lead the readings and the beautiful singing that filled the church.



## LOWER MIDDLE'S NEWS

Our four classes joined together for a hui, inviting families to come and get to know the school, the teachers, teacher aides and each other. Children welcomed their families and began with prayers spoken in some of the many languages we have in our school. Gremlins got into the speaker system, but the sun shone and we changed the programme. Families mingled and introduced themselves, and enjoyed the delicious shared food. Children presented their teachers and talked about what and how they learn in the LM. It made a great start to our year and we feel very lucky to be part of such a welcoming, supportive community.



# INTERMEDIATE UPDATE

The Intermediate syndicate was privileged to have Catherine Halstead from St John come and teach some first aid. We learned how to bandage cuts, how to assess the situation in an emergency, how put someone in the recovery position and how to help someone who goes into anaphylaxis by administering an epipen. These are some pretty useful life skills to have !



Last Friday our Christian Service Leaders joined with 65 other students from Catholic Schools from the top of the South. They spent the day at St Peter Chanel looking at leadership roles and supporting our Catholic character within our school. Our students stood out as a committed and collaborative group who show great responsibility in this role. Well done team!





The Intermediate students are very lucky to have Mrs Baillie join the teaching team and sharing her many talents. Here the students are preparing for their Visual Pepeha's by learning about the colour wheel, tinting and shading and pencil work.



# KAPA HAKA

The Kapa Haka group got together for the first time on Friday. So lovely to have such a large and enthusiastic group! Plus some super new teachers to help us. We're looking forward to lots of fun and learning together this year.



## OUR NEW TEACHERS

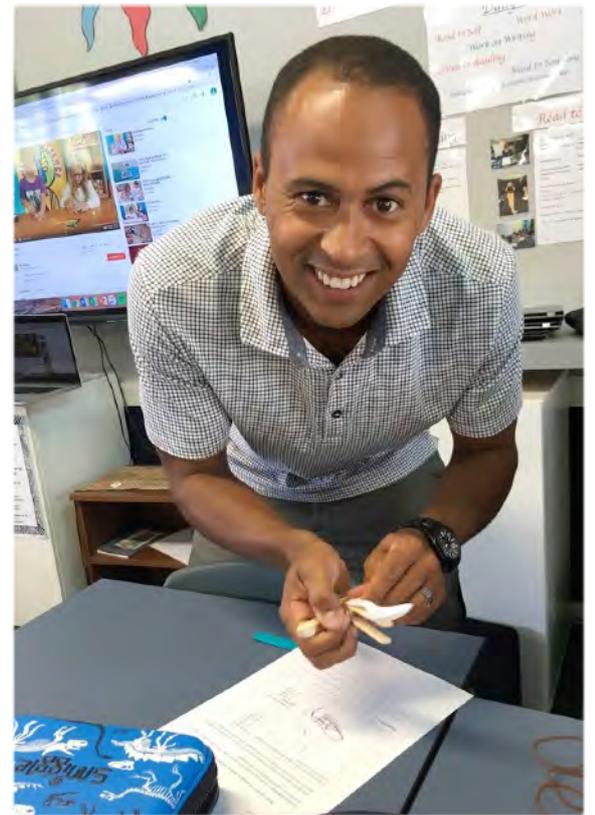
*Mr Sardella*

One of our lovely, new teachers, Mr Sardella in the Lower Middle Syndicate. Bringing lots of new energy and skills to our school. We are so lucky!



*Mr Baxter*

Another of our lovely, new teachers, Mr Baxter - taking health and P.E. with Room 1. Lucky us! Looking forward to our Junior Tabloid Sports, coming up soon...



*Matua Chris*

Matua Chris in the Upper Middle Syndicate, another of our lovely, new teachers, bringing lots of positive energy and skills to our school. Here he is taking Science and teaching the students about fulcrums and making catapults. Lucky children!



## A REFLECTION FROM MRS G

Lenten words from Pope Francis on fasting:

Fast from hurting words ... and say kind words

Fast from sadness .... and be filled with gratitude

Fast from anger .... and be filled with patience

Fast from pessimism ... and be filled with hope

Fast from worries ... and have trust in God

Fast from complaints ... and contemplate simplicity

Fast from pressures ... and be prayerful

Fast from bitterness ... and be compassionate to others

Fast from grudges ... and be reconciled

Fast from words ... and be silent so you can listen.

*Mā te Atua tātou katoa e manaaki, May God keep us all in His care.*

*Mrs G*