

St Joseph's School

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Newsletter

St Joseph's School Board of Trustee's Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Caregivers, Staff, Children and Parish
Community,

"As Christians and Catholics, we are called to be visibly present to others in our workplaces, clubs, schools and communities."
(Bishop Steve, "With Hearts Burning" Module #2) What is most important is the way we treat the least of Christ's Brothers and Sisters. What we do for them, we do for Christ. By our care for them we reveal that our profession of faith at Mass is more than just words. Let us strive to show Christ's love this Christmas and into 2018.



Thank you

To everyone who has supported the school during the year, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks. The smooth running of school events, cultural events, trips, fundraising, working bees, etc. can only be achieved because of the willingness of parents, caregivers and extended families.

Staffing

Special thanks to our teachers, administration staff, support staff, caretaker and cleaner who have worked extremely hard throughout the year.

Mrs Frances Gillard, Mrs Donna Rutherford, Miss Ashleigh Ennor and Miss Teal Gray have accepted exciting new challenges, as they move to continue their teaching careers. We thank them for their time at St Joseph's and wish them all the best.

In 2018 we welcome 2 new teachers; Mrs Kerry Horan and Miss Ashlee McPherson who will bring lots of expertise and enthusiasm to our school.

Towards the end of term 1 2018, we will be opening a second New Entrant classroom, which helps to maintain small class numbers throughout the school.

Parent Fundraising Committee

As always, we as a school, are indebted to the hard working and enthusiastic PFC. Their commitment to our school, students and parents is outstanding. Numerous successful fund raisers have been held, e.g. selling protein bars, scrap metal, etc. These contributions have resulted in direct support of activities in the classroom, library and grounds. Support meals have been appreciated by many and is an example of Christian service in action. We look forward to the PFC's continued support of our children and school community in 2018.

Students/ Families Leaving

Every year we farewell students and families from the school. We hope that St Joseph's School has been able to meet the needs and aspirations that you had for your children and that the school will be remembered with affection in the future. Thank you for your contribution to the life of the school, throughout your time at St Joseph's.

Parish Community

Many thanks to our Parish Community, ably led by Fathers JeLo and Fernando, whose prayerful and practical support we truly appreciate.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees have worked diligently behind the scenes, fulfilling their Governance obligations. One of the key areas of focus was the due diligence investigating Collaborative Learning Techniques, teaching styles and Innovative Learning Environments. As mentioned in the November BOT newsletter, collaborative information and feedback meetings will be held early in the New Year to keep everyone up to date with the progress.

I will tender my resignation from the BOT early next year, as our youngest child will have completed Year 8. Our family have been involved with St Joseph's school for 25 years. In that time we have made many friends and grown alongside our children. As we await the birth of our first Grandchild in March, who knows if we are actually only having a pause from our involvement with St Joseph's.

On behalf of the BOT, may I extend our best wishes for the festive season. May the love of Christ that flows through us at this Christmas time, be with us always.

**Ma te Wairua Tapu o te Atua tatou, me nga motu
Katoa ao Aotearoa e hipoki ki tona
Wairua aroha, ki tona wairua marie.**

**May God's Holy Spirit, who is present in this land and in the
people of New Zealand, surround us all with love and peace.
Merry Christmas.**

Barbara Marneth-Rust
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Board of Trustees Chairperson

