

St Joseph's School Newsletter

6 May

Week 1 Term 2 2022

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the School,

In this week's Gospel we read about the Good Shepherd. At the time of Christ, a shepherd's job was to find food for the sheep in his care and protect them from harm. Jesus compared his care for us with the care shown by a good shepherd. He knows each one of us by name and, recognising his voice, we are to follow wherever he leads when we hear him calling. Over the past couple of years dealing with Covid-19 it was in the stiller, quiet times that I knew that God was able to get a word in. I learnt that if I really wanted to keep hearing my Shepherd's voice the first step I had to make was to listen. Imagine if the whole flock did that - how much better we would be. Follow the Good Shepherd into ways of truth and justice. Listen for wise words, Believe for a faith that cannot be shattered and be challenged to change your community with Love.



Sunday 8 May

Altar Server
Katie Murray
Sophie Cameron

Overhead
Astrid Murray

Prayer

*Loving Father,
Listen to the prayers
of your faithful flock
Unite us in your love
May we hear and
answer your call
Amen*

Welcome back to Term 2

I hope you managed to get some down time and rest during the school break. It is great to see all the children and staff back at school ready for another great term at St Joseph's.

Thank you to all the parents who came to interviews on Tuesday and Wednesday. It was great to catch up with everyone.



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Information for Term 2

Pie Warmer

Children can bring a hot lunch to be heated in the pie warmer in Term 2 and Term 3. These lunches must not be frozen and need to be wrapped and named in **Tin Foil or a heat proof cover or dish.**

Uniforms

Because of Covid-19 we still need to ventilate our rooms which means that the rooms can be a little cooler to what the children are accustomed to. In Term 2 and Term 3 children will be allowed to wear thermals under their uniforms and a beanie in the classroom. Please do not go out and buy new ones as they do not need to be in the school's colours.

Covid -19

Case numbers in the South are still high and Dr Michael Butchard, the medical officer of health for the Southern District Health Board has asked us to share this statement with you.

"When you leave your home, wearing a well-fitted mask when indoors is still one of the very best ways to protect yourself, your whanau, and those around you. The Southern DHB region currently has one of the highest rates of Covid-19 in NZ".

We ask that visitors to the school, including parents and whanau, wear a mask whenever they are on the school grounds.

We ask that children in Year 4 up continue to wear their masks until the numbers reduce a little more.

We will continue to keep all other health measures in place at school that we know will slow down the spread of Covid - 19.

As always thank you for your support.

PTA Meeting and AGM

There is a PTA meeting and AGM on Thursday 26 May at 7pm on Zoom. Please join in on this meeting. Rachel will send out a link.



Sports

A sports notice went home on Wednesday. Please make sure that you have seen this. If you have any questions please see Erica.

Could all sports tops that are not in use please be returned to school.

Lunches

Children can now order Friday lunches from Subway or Golds Bakery. Please put in orders by 9am. Children from the school will collect them at lunchtime.

