

St Joseph's School Balclutha

Newsletter

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the School

On Sunday we celebrate Mother's Day in New Zealand. We would like to wish all our mothers in the school, parish and community a very Happy Mother's Day.

We pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all women who mother. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of partners, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen

*At the moment I am at home because I have tested positive for COVID. If you have any concerns please contact Mrs Mc Elrea at school. This is a good opportunity to remind everyone to test the children for COVID if they are feeling unwell. If someone tests positive in your household it is **Only that person** who has to isolate for 7 days. Other household contacts need to test for 5 days before they leave the house. **As long as you are negative you may come to school.** Please help us to keep everyone well at school.*

SUNDAY MASS

14 May

Altar Servers

Emily Budge and Polly McCrostie

Projector

Logan Murray



VALUE AWARDS

Do Your Bit

Briar Wainohu

Willow Beattie

Sarah Cameron

Prayer

Loving Father, As we follow the example of Christ, may each step along the way lead us closer to you.
Amen



Calendar of Events

Sunday 21 May

School Parish Mass

Tuesday 23 May

Rippa Rugby Yr 3 - Yr 4.

Friday 26 May

PTA cup of tea/coffee after school

Monday 29 May

Playhouse Theatre at school

Tuesday 30 May

Young Leaders Day in Dunedin Yr 8

Monday 5 June

Kings Birthday. School closed

Learning Together For Life
Ako Tahi Mo Te Oranga Tonutanga

Sports News

Just a reminder that Basketball for Year 5 - Year 8 is starting this Monday the 15th May at the Cross Recreation Centre. Thank you to Ben Cameron for volunteering to coach the team.

The Rippa Rugby tournament for Years 3 - 8 will commence on Tuesday 23 May, with a postponement date of Thursday 25 May at the Balclutha Showgrounds from 10am until 2:30pm, parents/caregivers are all welcome to come and support.
Thank you Fiona

A Message from the Board

The School Board met on Tuesday night. Term 1 student assessment data was shared. This is monitored each term and helps aid where the Board can spend targeted resources to improve outcomes for the children.

Each year we seek input from our community on different aspects of the school. At our meeting questions were finalised for our Religious Education self review which we will be sending home for you to complete. This is a great opportunity to involve your children in completing the review. From past experience they can be very helpful :)

We are very excited to support the staff's recommendation to provide \$20k worth of new modern furniture primarily for the school library. This will provide a versatile, attractive learning space for the children and staff to enjoy. As well as being used for various class activities, the learning centre will be accessible during play and lunch time. This will be of great benefit over the colder months of the year.

We are all looking forward to making (and eating) cheese rolls at the PTA's fundraiser next month.

Ben Cameron
Presiding Member Board of Trustees

School Parish Mass

This term's School Parish Mass is on Sunday 21 May at 10:30 in St Mary MacKillop Parish Church in Balclutha. All children are expected to attend this Mass. This is also the presentation day for those children who are making the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist this year. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at this Mass.

St Joseph's Friends and Family PTA

Cheese Roll Afternoon Tea

Friday 26 May at 3pm in the Staff Room

All welcome for a cheese roll or two
Demonstration on how to make them.

See you there

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