

Newsletter No. 12

29th October 2025

Athletics Sports Next Friday for Year 4-8 students

Kia ora koutou katoa e te whanau e hoa ma

I'm feeling grateful this morning working in beautiful South Canterbury and enjoying a still day! We need to keep the people of Jamaica in our prayers as they face an entirely different day in the Caribbean with Hurricane Melissa.

If you are looking for something to do on Friday at lunchtime, you could head over to St Mary's Church at 12pm where a group of our musical akonga will be performing. I know they would love to have your support, and Miss Goodie will be sure to have included items to appeal to everyone. St Mary's is just across the road from the Timaru Library, and this amazing resource is free to join. If you haven't taken your whanau recently, I'd suggest you are missing out.

Our awesome Year 7s are away on camp next week with Miss Williams and Mrs Simpson. I'm hoping to join them on Monday on what is sure to be an adventure. Camps remain an important part of our wider curriculum, and we will be seeking parent volunteers for next year's versions as this Term progresses. Please keep an eye out for messages. (Our Year 4 – Year 8 ākonga go on camp annually.)

Our annual Athletics Sports is also on next week (Friday 7 November). This event is for all Year 4 – 8 ākonga and will be a lot of fun with hopefully some great competition as well. A new initiative from the senior students is to encourage everyone to come dressed in their House colours. Obviously, whatever is worn needs to be suitable for a sports day and could range from a single item to a full costume. Spectators are welcome throughout the day and more details are in this panui/newsletter.

Ngā mihi Dave

Sacred Heart School Athletics Sports

Friday 7th November

Our annual Athletic Sports will run on Friday 7th of November for **Year 4-8 students.** Please see the important information below.

Where: Aorangi Athletics Track - Morgans Road.

Who:

Transport: Parents to drop children to the **track** at 8.45am.

Parents to collect children from the track at 2.30pm.

Bring: Students are to wear their uniform or items in their house colour, a

warm jacket, sunhat, sports shoes, sunscreen, food and a drink

bottle - (Please ensure all items are named).

Parent Helpers Needed

Please Click Here to complete our online form, if you are able to assist with helping run an activity during our Senior Athletics day.

Your help will be required from 8:45am until 2.30pm at the Morgans Road Athletics Track 🤩



Prayer for All Saints Day:

Holy Saints of God,

We join our prayers of praise to yours today.

With you, we sing of God's goodness, rejoice in God's mercy and celebrate God's incredible love.

Teach us to live as you lived: always thinking of others, always aware of our weaknesses, always rejoicing in God's gifts, always following Jesus.

Pray for us that we, too, may someday be among the Holy Saints of God.

Amen.



Faith Facts:

All Saints and All Souls.

The **Feast of All Saints** is celebrated on 1st November to honour all the saints known and unknown. This is followed on 2nd November by the **Feast of All Souls**. On this special day in the Liturgical Year we pray for those who have died, that they 'may rest in peace'. Perhaps you might like to visit your Parish church with your family members, light a candle and spend some time in prayer. Or take time out at home and have a special prayer time to remember those in your family who have died.

Confirmation Preparation Programme:

- Meeting for candidates on Sunday 2nd November at St. Thomas': 7-8pm.
- Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 8th November, at 6pm Mass.





Whole School Assemblies:

Friday 31st October: Room 11 will lead. Friday 14th November: Room 1 will lead.

Our Assemblies take place in Celtic Hall from 2.30pm.

Friday 9.15am Mass at the Basilica:

14th November: Rooms 5 and 11 will attend Mass.

Altar Servers Needed at the Basilica:

Serving at the altar is a very important service within the Parish. Any children who have made their First Communion can become altar servers.

Training is given, and it is a great way to become more involved in the life of the Church. If your child would be willing to give their time, please contact Simon Liddy:

sacredheartservers@proton.me

Currently we only have one student from Sacred Heart who is an Altar Server at the Basilica - thank you, Aljo!





Important Dates

3-5 November Year 7 Camp

7 November Sacred Heart School Athletics (Years 4-8)

10 November 9.15am Junior Athletics (at school – Years 0-3)

2 December School Mass
 9 December Year 8 Dinner
 11 December Prizegiving

12 December Fun Day (last day for 2025)

School Photo Orders

School photo orders have now been collected. If you are wanting to place a late order, you will need to do this directly through Kolourcare by emailing your order to kolourcare@xtra.co.nz

We expect that orders will be completed / received by the end of Week 7 or 8.



Washing machine to give away:

We have had a message from a family who has a perfectly working order washing machine to give away. Fisher & Paykel top loader. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Found items

We have managed to collect quite an array of found items in the Office this year. If you recognise anything in the photo below, please collect it from the Office. Any unclaimed items will be donated to St Vinnies.





Congratulations Ethan

Ethan sang really well at the Sun City country music awards in Nelson last weekend.



Congratulations JP

Congratulations to JP who competed in the Rugby League Global Games in Queenstown for the Riccarton Knights U12 team.

They placed 2nd in the competition, which was a national event!



Awesome work Beauden

Well done to Beauden for receiving "Referee of the Tournament" & "Peoples Choice Award" at the recent Rugby League Global Games in Queenstown.



Timaru Golf Club Junior Golf Programme



Led by certified instructor Mark Scott,
Skills @ Timaru Golf Club combines fun coaching sessions
with friendly competitions. It's perfect for beginners and
young golfers with some experience — all in a supportive
and encouraging environment.

Golf lessons start at 4pm with certified instructor Mark Scott. After your lesson, head out and play either 1 hole or up to 9 — it's up to you! Take part in our 10-week, 9-hole competition! Your best 5 rounds count. Overall and weekly prizes. Mixed tees. You can play from 4pm or after your lesson.

- Starts Tuesday 28th October 4pm @ Timaru Golf Club
- Ages 5 to 18
- Everyone is welcome
- Free to join
- Clubs available
- · Discounted green fees for parents/caregivers on the night
- With or without a handicap for competition
- Phone/text 0275188140 for more info





MarkScottGolf.com



Everyone Welcome

NOTRICKSLOTSOFTREATS!

31 OCTOBER 5.00-7.30PM ST ANDREW'S CHURCH GROUNDS WILSON ST

SPECIAL TREAT! THE LIGHT PARTY WILL BE OPEN TO PRESCHOOL/KINDY CHILDREN FROM 2-3PM - A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO BRING THEM ALONG TO THE BOUNCY CASTLES WITHOUT THE BIG KIDS IN THE WAY!

















Transition to High School

Parents and Caregivers Information Evening

Date: Thursday 6th November 2025

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Where: The Y on Sophia, 7-9 Sophia St, Timaru

RSVP: jo@ymcasc.org.nz



Topics:

Support for your students while at high school

The school

Buses

between primary and high school

Bring Your Own Device





With every successful sale of a school family home, your school receives valuable fundraising vouchers. Feel free to contact me for more information.

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