

Swimming starts on Monday – bring named togs and towels

Kia ora koutou katoa e te Whanau

It seems the world is full of conflict and change at the moment, and at times like this it can be good to focus on the things we can influence for better, rather than those that are out of our control. Last Monday, as part of the Teacher Only day, staff worked with an outside facilitator to refine and develop a clear set of expectations for 'how' we operate as a school community. This work was fully based on our HEART/ charism values to ensure we remain faithful to our Founders' intentions over time. Further in this panui/newsletter is the summarised version and we invite your thoughts and [feedback](#).

Many of our ākonga/students are involved in sport and this is something we highly value. As a district, I believe South Canterbury is blessed with excellent facilities that help our children stay active and social. The current development of the Stadium on Morgan's Road is an improvement that takes this a giant step further. Did you know that the new facility will have 11 indoor courts – that's a complete game changer from the 3 we currently have! If you would like to see what it will look like by April next year, scan this QR code and you'll be treated to a short 'fly through' video.



Attendance – this remains a focus. 64 students are currently sitting on 100% attendance (including the two who had 100% attendance last year too!). In line with our mandated attendance plan, if your child exceeds 5, 10, or 15 days away for the Term, we are required to take various actions. Please do not stress about this as there are often genuine reasons for absences and if you are unsure, you are invited to talk to our Office team to clarify.

Ngā mihi

Dave



Lent Prayer:

E te Atua Aroha, Loving God,

Thank you for your forgiving heart. We are sorry for when we judge ourselves and others unfairly.

Pour your love and mercy into our hearts so that it overflows to our sisters and brothers. Āmene. (Caritas NZ)



Faith Facts - Praying in Lent.

The season of Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God. During Lent we are called to reflect on the pattern of our daily lives, experience sorrow for the things we have done or failed to do, and to pray more deeply.

Friday 9.15am Mass at the Basilica:

20th March: Rooms 5 & 11 will attend Mass.

27th March: Rooms 8 & 2 will attend Mass.

Holy Week Mass Times:

Holy Thursday	7pm at St. Thomas' Church.
Good Friday	10am - Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart Basilica. 3pm - The Passion, at Sacred Heart Basilica.
Easter Saturday Vigil	8pm at Sacred Heart Basilica.
Easter Sunday	9am at Sacred Heart Basilica. 10.30am at St. Thomas' Church (No 5pm Mass).



Caritas Coin Trail:

Thank you so much for your generous donations for our coin trail on Tuesday. We raised \$450.00 for the Caritas NZ Lent Appeal.

Easter Raffle:

Easter will soon be here; we would appreciate donations of Easter chocolate or goodies for the Easter Raffle, which will be drawn on Tuesday 31st March.

Donations can be left at the School Office. Tickets are On sale before and after school each day, at the bell tower near our main gate (50 cents per ticket).



Easter Egg Donations needed

We would greatly appreciate donations of Easter Eggs for the Easter Raffle from ALL FAMILIES.

Easter goodies can be left at the School Office.
Thank you for your support with this fundraiser.



St Patrick's Day Fun





SACRED HEART - expectations

	Inside	Outside	Assembly
<p>H Help Others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We help others with their learning and support them when they are stuck. We notice when someone is struggling and offer help. We speak and act in ways that encourage others. We work together so everyone can succeed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We help anyone who is hurt, upset, lost or unhappy. We include others in our play and support them when needed. We find a duty teacher or leader if someone needs help. We pack away sports gear when we are finished to help everyone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We show happiness for others' successes
<p>E Everyone Matters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We include others and help everyone feel safe and welcome. We take turns to speak and listen respectfully to each other's opinions. We are kind and supportive through our words and actions. We make sure everyone has a voice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We include everyone in games, especially those who are new or on their own. We use kind words and actions, so everyone feels respected and safe. We take turns, listen and play fairly. We look out for others on the playground equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We listen to the speaker We clap to acknowledge people's success We sit quietly
<p>A Aspire to Make a Difference</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We role model positive behaviour and help others by doing the right thing. We stay curious—asking questions, finding answers and noticing what needs to be done. We follow instructions and help care for our environment. We tidy up and help without being asked. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We role model positive behaviour in our play and choices. We look for positive actions in others and encourage them. We notice what needs to be done and help keep the playground tidy. We make sure everyone feels included and supported. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We sing all waiata
<p>R Respect</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We listen respectfully, take turns to talk and use quiet, kind voices. We value others' ideas, opinions and personal space. We look after our classroom and equipment. We choose a growth mindset and treat others with respect through our actions and words. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We care for sports equipment and the playground environment. We follow the rules and play fairly so everyone can enjoy the game. We respect personal space and listen to each other. We wear our sunhats in Terms 1 and 4. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We walk quietly into and out of the assembly We show respect for the national anthem by the way we stand and the way we sing
<p>T Take God's Love with You</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We treat others the way we would like to be treated. We try our best and keep a positive attitude. We welcome others and contribute to our community. We respect ourselves, others and the environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We use kind hands, feet and words. We show forgiveness by saying sorry and giving others another chance. We treat others with kindness, so everyone feels safe. We help create a positive, caring playground community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We receive awards gratefully and graciously

(Created March 2026 with input from students, staff, whanau and based on our Founders' core values.)

Sacred Heart / St Joseph's Combined Swimming Sports 2026 Results

Swimming Champs

9 Boys

1st Bronson Monaghan
2nd Corban Rooney
3rd Frankie Dolan

9 Girls

1st Sophie Thornley
2nd = Charlotte Foster
Dhyaani Surti

10 Boys

1st Joshua Craig

10 Girls

1st Andreita Marin-Buizu

11 Boys

1st Hugh McKay-Harding

11 Girls

1st Jessica Monaghan
2nd Madeleine O'Keeffe

12+ Boys

1st Beauden Rooney
2nd Tyler Winter-Davis
3rd Zion Bloomfield

Swimming Trophies

Boys – Beauden Rooney
Girls – Jessica Monaghan

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
R18
\$40 PER PERSON
DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

WILD WEST
HOLY SMOKE
HOLY HOE-DOWN
of the year
28 MARCH 2026
★
Caroline Bay Hall, Timaru

Brought to you by the St Joseph's School Timaru Community Group

HOLY HOE DOWN EVENT

A major fundraiser for St Joseph's School, Timaru.

When: Saturday 28 March 2026 from 7pm

Where: Celtic Hall (updated venue)

Band: Smashbox

Cost: \$40 pp includes supper, band, auction

This promises to be a great night out raising money for school resources.

Use this link for ticket details and purchases: [Holy Hoe Down Event](#)

Any questions, please email: office@stjosephstimaru.school.nz

Parents/caregivers most welcome to come and look at our butterfly garden





St Pats Junior Netball Club - Change of date year 7/8 Trials
Year 7/8 trials will take place on Tuesday 24 March at the Roncalli
College Turf, 3.30pm - 5pm.

These will be closed trials - only players to be present.

Please remember a water bottle and wear appropriate clothing and
sneakers. Any queries or if a player is unable to make the trial,
please email the club at stpatsjnr@gmail.com

TIMARU HARLEQUINS
The Mighty Quins

SPECIAL OFFER
FREE

- ✓ T-shirt
- ✓ Mouth guard
- ✓ Team photo
- ✓ Rugby Ball

Games start Term 2

Want to play rugby?

Junior registrations open now

1. Scan QR code to register online with Rugby Xplorer

2. Register in person at 34 Church St:

- 10am-12pm March 1st
- 5-7pm March 5th
- 9am-11am March 7th

OR

\$50 per player
\$25 for each sibling

Northern Hearts Football 2026 Registrations

We still have a few spots available in
Football Teams.

If your child is keen to play football for
Northern Hearts, this season you can find
all the details on our Facebook page -
Northern Hearts AFC Juniors - or
contact us on nheartsjuniors@hotmail.com.

Ages 5/6yrs (this includes 5 year olds
turning 6yrs this year) to 13yrs.
(Birth year from 2019/20- 2014)

Registrations need to be completed by the
Friday 27th of March.

Host by: Nicole Mueller
Founder of NM Wellness

LIVE EVENT

YOUR CHILD'S BRAIN: WHAT EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW

Empowering Parents with
Science-Backed Insights
for Growing Minds

FREE!

Register Here

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
info@nmwellness.co.nz



20.03.2026

FROM 10.00 - 11.00AM

LIFE CHURCH TIMARU

134 MORGANS ROAD

Water, tea and small snacks provided.
Please note kids are welcome but you will
need to supervise them. Small corner with
drawing option and baby toys.
Limited seating. Please register with the
provided QR Code.
Proudly supported by Kidstuff Timaru.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- Why many children today have an Omega-3 imbalance
- Practical nutrition, gut health and lifestyle strategies
- How screen habits and fatty acids influence brain development
- Optional finger-prick test to explore your child's Omega-3 balance



TIMARU DISTRICT LIBRARIES

UNDER THE BIG TOP

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
7TH – 17TH APRIL 2026

**Check out our website and Facebook for
more details.**

Holiday programme calendars out soon!



mrs A's
music school

BUS BAND



- We have all the equipment and instruments on board. You get to experience Keyboards, Ukelele, Guitar, Bass, Drums and Singing. You can try a few instruments before you settle on one.
- It's in school time, Primary school students pop out of class for 30 minutes per week and for the first few terms in a group minimum 3 maximum 6.
- As students become more competent it will be time to advance to one to one lessons at the studio after school.

Igniting musical passion and fun

GROUP LESSONS

INSTRUMENTS PROVIDED

VARIETY OF GENRES



PRE ENROL AT

www.mrsasmusicschool.co.nz/enrol



11TH OF APRIL 2026

Entries Open at 12pm on the 1st of March 2026
& Close on the 4th of April 2026



BEST CARD OF 36 HOLES

ENTRANTS CATEGORIES

Open (16+ years)
Junior (8 to 16 yrs)

COURSE LOCATION

The Shearers Quarters Mini Golf &
The Caroline Bay Mini Golf Course

ENTRY FEE: ADULTS \$25, JUNIOR \$15

SC MINI GOLF CHAMPS

WINNER - Flights & Accommodation for the NZ Champs +
WIN - A share of over \$2,000 in prizes



SCAN TO REGISTER

Online registration only.
Bank deposit is required



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A **Disney** MUSICAL REVUE

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Value Village
10am - 6pm Monday to Friday
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27-29 March
@ **REGENT THEATRE,**
WAIMATE

Tickets only \$25

Parkside Grove

Pūhihi Room
Pūhihi celebrates the magic of this special stage of growth: Soft, strong and full of potential. Just like the seeds of a dandelion floating into the world.

Kakano Room
Pūpūia te kakano kia puawai. Nurture the seed and it will blossom.

OPEN DAYS!

MONDAY 16TH MARCH
WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH
THURSDAY 2ND APRIL
10:30AM-11:30AM

We are excited to invite whānau to visit our centre, explore our beautiful revamped learning spaces and learn about our new before school programme!

Come and meet our kaiako, see our centre in action and imagine how our space could support you, your tamariki and whānau!

manager@parksidegrove.co.nz ☎ 03 688 5591 📍 17 Aynsley Street, Parkside, Timaru

APRIL HOLIDAYS

6th - 17th April



BOOK NOW:
kats.aimyplus.com

<p>MONDAY 6th</p> <p>CLOSED EASTER MONDAY</p> 	<p>TUESDAY 7th</p> <p>IT'S ALL ABOUT ART</p> <p>Lets get crazy creating works of art with.</p> 	<p>WEDNESDAY 8th</p> <p>SUPER HERO DAY</p> <p>Be it SpiderMan or your favorite sports player come dressed as them today.</p> 	<p>THURSDAY 9th</p> <p>BAKING DAY</p> <p>What might we bake today... lolliecake, muffins, scones???</p> 	<p>FRIDAY 10th</p> <p>POTS & POTS OF FUN</p> <p>What do you think we can do with pots come along and see.</p> 	
<p>PRICING:</p> <p>FULL DAY: 8am-6pm \$57</p> <p>SCHOOL DAY: 8am-3pm \$50</p> <p>PREMIUM DAY: 8am-6pm \$67</p> <p>• Premium days consist of either a trip day or an extra cost activity.</p>	<p>MONDAY 13th</p> <p>PAPER DAY</p> <p>There will be so much paper fun today you won't know what to do.</p> 	<p>TUESDAY 14th</p> <p>PEN & KEYCHAIN MAKING</p> <p>We have some cool stuff to make some awesome things with today.</p> 	<p>WEDNESDAY 15th</p> <p>TRIP DAY: THE SHEARERS QUATERS</p> <p>Time to feed some animals and a fun round of Mini Golf.</p> 	<p>THURSDAY 16th</p> <p>MONSTER MASH</p> <p>Trust me these Monsters will be FRIENDLY not scary 😊</p> 	<p>FRIDAY 17th</p> <p>PAJAMA PARTY</p> <p>Wear your best PJ's today for some zzzzzz time fun 😊.</p> 

Location:
Waimataitai School
School Hall
25 Trafalgar St
Timaru

Contact Information:
Call: 022 6556 7263
Email: admin@katsschoolcare.co.nz

Easter

EGG HUNT



Sunday 29th March

**The Shearers Quarters, 1:00 – 3:30pm,
\$5.00 per person**

All proceeds are going to
World Vision

Hundreds of eggs to be found!