

ST. JOSEPH'S
PLEASANT POINT

Week 3 Term 4 Newsletter Number 17 2026

Heavenly Father,
Bless our school community as we learn, grow, and journey together. Keep our students, staff, and families safe, especially those attending camp next week. May we always show kindness, courage, and faith in all we do.
Amen

Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa, e te whānau e hoa mā / Greetings, family and friends.

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. The sunshine certainly made for a wonderful break. Our recent Teacher Only Day provided a valuable opportunity for staff to reflect on the year so far and begin planning for 2027. Teachers also spent time exploring the new Science and Social Sciences curricula and considering what these changes will mean for teaching and learning at our school.

Planning for the year ahead during an election year is always challenging, as it can be difficult to know which initiatives and priorities will remain and which may change. However, we believe it is important to be proactive and continue preparing for the best possible learning opportunities for our students.

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Community Mass. It was wonderful to see our church filled with families, students, and parishioners coming together as a community. A special thank you to Kasey, Dan, Jerm, and Nicole for organising the BBQ before Mass. It was a fantastic addition to the day and provided a great opportunity for families to connect and enjoy each other's company.

Our Year 7 and 8 students head off to camp in Greymouth next week. Although it is not the camp we had originally planned, I am hopeful that the train journey across to the Coast will be a memorable experience and help make up for the changes. Camps provide wonderful opportunities for students to challenge themselves, develop independence, build resilience, and strengthen friendships.

We are also delighted that Father Chris will be joining us on camp. His presence will be a special addition to the experience, and I know both staff and students will enjoy sharing this adventure with him.
I wish our campers, staff, and parent helpers safe travels and a wonderful week away. I look forward to hearing about their experiences and seeing the many memories they make together.

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki / God bless you
Jill

Faith and Hope

On All Saints' Day (1st November), we celebrate all those who have lived lives of faith and holiness, reminding us that we are all called to follow Jesus and share God's love with others. On All Souls' Day (2 November), we remember and pray for all those who have died, giving thanks for their lives and entrusting them to God's loving care and the promise of eternal life.



The dental van will be at our school from the 28th Oct - 2nd Nov

A SMALL DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Reminder: Get to the Point donations for the raffle.
We are looking a little light on the gardening items; if you are able to make a small donation, it will be gratefully received. Thank you.



AgriKids NZ

Reminder: If your child is interested in joining the Agrikids competition, you can find all the details on Hero, just search for Agrikids. We are looking for 1 more person so we can make 3 teams.

We Need 1

Mufti Day this Friday!

OUTFIT OF THE DAY

Instead of a gold coin, we are asking for non-perishable food items. Please make sure the items are in date.











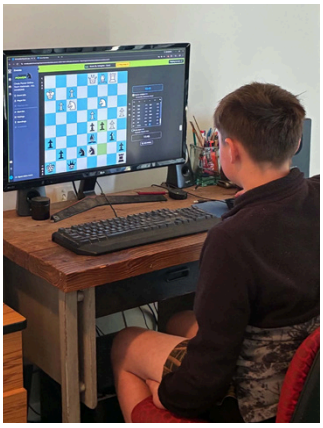






You're the best!
you are awesome
HAPPY WORLD TEACHERS' DAY
You're A Star!





Congratulations to Liam, Daniel, William, and Reed, who represented our school in a two-day online chess competition over the weekend.
On Saturday, the boys competed in the team event in the Intermediate Grade. Despite facing some technical challenges and navigating the strict competition rules, they performed admirably and should be very proud of their efforts.
On Sunday, Liam and Reed took part in the individual competition, with both students achieving excellent results. Reed finished an outstanding 8th overall, earning a Merit Certificate and the Biggest Gainer Award. This award recognises the player who defeats an opponent ranked more than 400 points higher, making it a remarkable achievement.
Liam also had a fantastic tournament, finishing 6th in his ability bracket and earning a Merit Certificate. He represented our school with great determination, focus, and skill.
While the competition was held online, it was certainly not without its challenges. Students had to manage the technology, follow strict tournament regulations, and maintain concentration for extended periods throughout the weekend.
Well done to all four boys on their efforts and sportsmanship. A special thank you to their parents for helping everything run smoothly. We are incredibly proud of your achievements and the way you represented our school

Pet Day date change- Fri 4th Dec

Due to Roncalli induction day being on the 3rd Dec



We wish all of these people, who celebrated their birthdays in October, a very Happy Birthday from all of us:

Annie - 9th October - 10 Years old
Aykah - 24th October - 7 Years old
Mrs. Boult - 24th October




Dr Ross Greene
Is coming back to Timaru!
Collaborative & Proactive Solutions (CPS) - Whānau
A FREE workshop for parents, whānau and caregivers
Dr Ross Greene, clinical psychologist and bestselling author is back to share his globally renowned framework, Collaborative & Proactive Solutions.
A practical, compassionate approach to understanding and supporting our tamariki.
You're invited...
to join Dr Ross Greene for a practical session that helps families shift their lens on behaviour and learn collaborative problem-solving strategies at home.
What you'll takeaway:
A new way to understand behaviour
Practical strategies you can use at home
Greater connection and reduced conflict
Hope and reassurance for everyday challenges
"Kids do well if they can."
— Dr Ross Greene
Sunday
24 January 2027
3:30pm – 5:30pm
Life Church Timaru
134 Morgans Road, Timaru
Open to all parents, whānau and caregivers (Up to 400 places)
REGISTER HERE
bit.ly/AorakiCPS4parents
FAMHS
Hosted by Aoraki RTLB Cluster 37 in partnership with Family and Mental Health Support
AORAKI RTLB CLUSTER 37 | www.rtlbaoraki.co.nz/events


BASH
= PLEASANT POINT STYLE
PLEASANT POINT CRICKET
AN OPEN INVITATION FOR
BEGINNER CRICKETERS
AGED 4 - 6
#1 PITCH AT PLEASANT POINT DOMAIN
WEDNESDAY 3.30PM
28 OCTOBER, 4, 11, 18, 25 NOVEMBER
FUN SKILLS AND DRILLS
LED BY OUR SENIOR PLAYERS


RSA
SOUTH CANTERBURY
Family Fun Day
SCRSA RĀ WHĀNAU
Join us for a fantastic day of fun, laughter, and unforgettable family moments! Celebrate our shared service heritage and the whānau (family) connections that carry the spirit of camaraderie forward.
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Sunday, 15th of November 2026
ARA Field on Grey Road.
Timaru
Family Fun
Food Stalls
Bouncy Castles
FREE ENTRY
OPEN FOR ALL AGES
Rides and activities for kids will be free, with food and beverage stalls onsite for people to purchase and enjoy throughout the day.
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South Canterbury RSA


Sara Cohen School
CENTENARY CELEBRATION
100 YEARS
1926-2026
Celebrating a Century of Education, Community, and Care
LUNCH INVITATION
SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2026
AT 12:30PM
TE WHIRIKA SCHOOL
38 RISELAW ROAD, CALTON HILL
JOIN US IN OUR CENTENARY YEAR
Celebrate
Email centenary@saracohen.school.nz
for more information
*Sara Cohen School is now proudly known as Te Whirika – Sara Cohen Specialist School.