

ST. JOSEPH'S
PLEASANT POINT

Week 5 Term 4 Newsletter Number 18 2026

"THE LORD IS CLOSE TO THE BROKEN-HEARTED AND SAVES THOSE WHO ARE CRUSHED IN SPIRIT." PSALM 34:18.

Principal's Message

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

Our first thoughts this week are with Maggie and her family. Maggie's mum passed away earlier this week, and she has returned to Ireland to be with her family and say her final goodbyes. As a faith-filled community, we keep Maggie, Nathan, Luke, Noah and their wider family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May they find comfort in the love and support of family and friends, and strength in the cherished memories they hold dear.

A reminder that our Senior Athletics Day will be held this coming Monday 16th at the Timaru Stadium; the postponement date is Thursday 19th Nov. We are asking families to please drop students directly at the stadium. The event begins promptly at 9.00 am, so we ask that students arrive by 8.45 am. Staff will be meeting students at the seating stand and will mark attendance upon arrival. The day is expected to finish at approximately 2.30 pm, when students can be collected from the stadium.

As always, this is a very busy time of the year. Staff are currently undertaking end-of-year assessments and preparing student reports. We are hoping to have reports sent home by the end of Week 8 and appreciate your patience as teachers work through this important process.

We are also looking ahead to 2027 and preparing for the implementation of two new curriculum areas. Alongside this work, we continue to plan for next year's classroom organisation. As many of you are aware, the makeup of our classes is largely determined by student numbers. Our current roll stands at 50 students, and it is encouraging to see strong pre-enrolment numbers for 2027.

I am continuing to work closely with the Ministry of Education and our Board as we plan for next year, and I hope to be able to share more information with you soon. Thank you for the ongoing support, patience, and encouragement you show our school. The strength of our community is one of the things that makes our school such a special place.

As always, my door is open should you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of school life.

Mā te Atua koutou e manaaki / God bless you
Jill



Get to the Point

Thank you to our PTA and community for all your support with Get to the Point. Whether it was a donation, purchasing a raffle ticket or helping on the day, your support for our school is always appreciated.



ELECTIONS

Thinking About Joining Our School Board? We Need You!

Early in 2027, we will be calling for nominations for our School Board. Serving on the Board is a rewarding opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to our school and help shape its future. Board members play an important role in setting the school's strategic direction, ensuring good governance, and supporting the best outcomes for our students, staff, and wider community.

You do not need to be an education expert to join the Board. A range of skills, experiences, and perspectives are valuable, and all members share a common goal: helping our school continue to thrive. It is a wonderful way to serve our community, have a voice in important decisions, and support the future of Catholic education at our school.

If you would like to learn more about what being a Board member involves, please speak with one of our current Board members or come and see Jill. Further information about the nomination process will be shared in the new year.







Faith and Hope

When choosing a name for Christchurch's new cathedral, more than 2,000 responses were received from Catholics and members of the wider community. The name "Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament – Te Hāhi Matua o te Hākarameta Tapu Rawa" was selected, reflecting the importance of the Blessed Sacrament at the heart of Catholic faith and worship.
This strong response showed how much the Catholic community values and cherishes the name Blessed Sacrament, which has a long and significant history in Christchurch.



A big thank you to Hamish, Father Chris, Amy, Fiona, and our Year 7-8's for a fabulous camp.

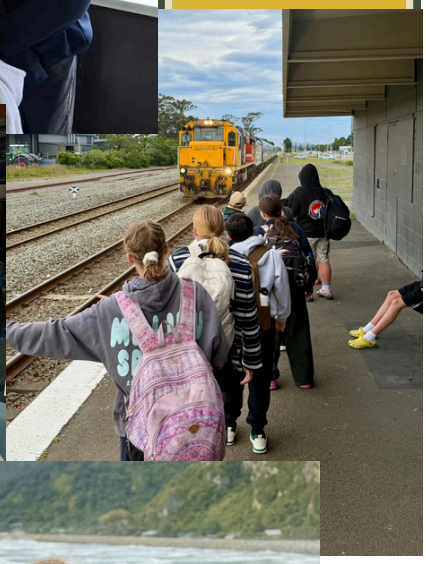


























SchoolDocs Update

Our school policies and procedures are available online through SchoolDocs. This is the best place to find up-to-date information about how our school operates, including policies relating to learning, student wellbeing, health and safety, and school operations.

You can access SchoolDocs here:

🔗 SchoolDocs Parent Information

We encourage all parents and caregivers to have a look and become familiar with the information available. If you need our SchoolDocs login details, please contact the school office.

policies.schooldocs.co.nz/stjoplpt



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

Niamh- 6th November - 11 Years old

Ashton - 9th November -9 Years old

Hunter - 29th November - 7 Years old



