

# St Joseph's School Balclutha

## Newsletter

### Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

*The Season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday when ashes were blessed and used to mark us as a sign of repentance and a reminder of the dust from which we are created and to which we will one day return. It is a time of renewal of new beginnings and fresh opportunities for drawing closer to God.*

*Jesus showed us how to love others and how to live as he lived. Then he said, "Follow Me". Lord Jesus, help us find joy as we follow you.*

### School Parish Mass

We would like to welcome our families and students back to school with a school family Mass on the Sunday 18 Feb. Mass is at 10:30am in the St Mary MacKillop Church. All Children are expected to attend this Mass. They will sit with their teachers at the front of the Church. Children do not need to wear school uniform. We would like to invite all families to stay for a picnic and games afterwards. The BBQ will be available for anyone who would like to use it on the day. We look forward to seeing everyone.

God Bless: Annette

#### SUNDAY MASS

**Sunday 18Feb**

##### Altar Servers

Polly Mc Crostie  
Wendy Agajona

**Projector**



#### VALUE AWARDS

**Make Room For all**

**Daisy Fualau**

**Lucy Mc Bride**

**Kase Twaddle**

### Prayer

Loving Father, Help us to choose right instead of wrong, to say yes to you instead of no, so that we may know and love you more. Amen



### Calendar of Events

**Sunday 18 Feb**

School family Mass and picnic

**Wednesday 21 Feb**

Small schools athletics at the High School

**Thursday 7 March**

School Photos

**Learning Together For Life**  
**Ako Tahi Mo Te Oranga Tonutanga**



## Friends Of The School

The Friends of the School support the staff and students by making sure our tamariki have access to resources and opportunities. We would love to recruit some new parents/caregivers to join our meetings. It is a great way to meet other family members of our school community.

**Our first meeting of the year is on Thursday 22 Feb at 3:10pm in the school library.** We would love to see you there.

## Swimming

We are booked to take part in a school swimming programme at the Balclutha pool for one week starting on Monday 18 March. We will be swimming Monday to Friday between 12:50pm - 1:50pm. For us to take part in this programme we will need parent help. A form has gone home.

Please fill out and return to school as soon as possible, thank you.

If we are unable to get the required number of helpers we will have to cancel swimming.



## Athletics

Athletics is on Wednesday 21 Feb. All children will walk to the High School. We will be leaving school at 9:15am. Children need to have their drink bottle and wear sports uniform. T-shirts will be given out at school. Only black or navy bottoms and school jersey are allowed. Please pack a large lunch for the children as they tend to get hungry.

**For this to go ahead we urgently need more helpers**



Young Vinnies

**Congratulations to Polly Mc Crostie / President  
Logan Murray / Secretary**



Welcome to our school

A big welcome to:

Juliette Davies, Lelani Olivier,

Mani and Nofo Anitelea.

We hope you enjoy being a part of our school family.



## Pastoral Area Picnic

This will be held after the School Parish/Family Mass

St Joseph's School grounds, Balclutha

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February.**

That is from 11.30am. **Everyone is welcome.**

Please bring your own picnic food for your family.

The school barbeque will also be available if anyone wishes to prepare their food that way.

Hot water, tea, coffee and milk provided.

Traditional picnic games will be available for all ages too 😊

Please pray for fine weather.







