

**KEY CSES
UP-COMING
EVENTS THIS
TERM**

Commissioning Mass

1 March - St Mary's, Blenheim

5 March - St Peter and Paul's,
Lower Hutt

**Teaching Religious
Education for the first
time.**

5th March - Day 1 of RE501

DRS Cluster Meeting

14 March , 1-4pm
Catholic Centre

**Teachers New to Sec-
ondary Catholic
Schools**

26 March, Catholic Centre

**Secondary RE Bridging
Document**

2 April, St Catherine's College

Term Two

May Cluster Meetings

21 May—Cardinal McKeefry Sc
22 May—OLOK Paraparaumu
29 May—St Bernard's College
30 May—St Mary's Carterton

**Having Life to the Full
St Bernard's College**

DRS Cluster Meeting

13 June, 1-4pm
Catholic Centre

**Combined DRS Confer-
ence with Palmerston
North 8-9 August**

CSES SECONDARY

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 2019

Welcome back to you all after what I hope was a great break full of many blessings that come about with the Christmas and New Year festivities. Great to have Gerard Tully back, this time as Acting Principal of Bishop Viard College. I also congratulate Jane Burke, who is now the new DRS of Chanel College and Lui Lafou, who is now the assistant DRS at Bishop Viard College.

Dr Mark Richards

I start this Newsletter on a sad note by mentioning the death of Dr Mark Richards. Mark died on Christmas morning surrounded by his family.

He was the Pastoral Director for the Palmerston North Diocese.

Mark has given much wisdom to many of us through the years with many presentations on theology and Church at events, such as at our combined DRS conferences in Palmerston North.

Mark also did a great amount of work for TCI, in its development, and with what

it can offer Catholic Schools in terms of Professional Development and qualifications today. TCI have set up a tribute page:

<http://www.tci.ac.nz/tribute-mrichards>

This includes a beautiful video of Mark being interviewed by Colin McLeod just weeks before his death. This is a wonderful display of faith and trust in God.

On February 2nd at 9am, St Josephs Church, Mt Victoria Tunnel, there will be a Month's Mind Mass. All are welcome to join together to pray for Mark and his family. His wife Kate will also be there.

Commissioning Mass.

Please note the date and venue change. With Cardinal John in Rome for February, the Wellington Mass is now on the 5th March. Due to the situation with the Cathedral, the Mass will now be held at St Peter and Pauls, Lower Hutt. The time of 5.30pm remains the same.

Supporting effectively the work you do.

During February I am aiming to meet with each of you in your schools. An important part of my role is to give support, professional development and guidance with the teaching of Religious Education and Catholic Character, but this needs to be focussed on your needs.

It would be helpful for me to know your goals for both Catholic Character and Religious Education.

Last year we presented the "Having Life to the Full" course at St Patrick's Silverstream. This model of delivery was very successful. Having all the teachers who are involved in teaching the sexuality curriculum participate in this course together is very helpful, especially when they can continue to develop the teaching together afterwards.

St Bernard's will host this year.



Caritas 2019

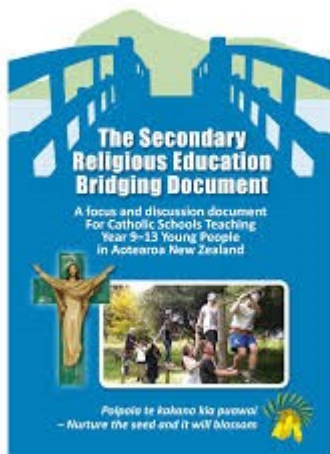


Caritas have already created their Lenten resources for schools. Their focus for this year is inspired by Pope Francis' quote 'Living our lives with love'. The resources are focused around South Sudan. Many of these resources are very usable at secondary level. If you are planning to use them, I would suggest you give some honest feedback to the team at Caritas. Again, there are links on their webpage to all the resources, as well as a place to give feedback. <https://caritas.org.nz/lent-schools>

On their website, there are also links to the Caritas Challenge. Their aim is to use the funds raised through this Challenge for South Sudan too. Information and registrations are available online: <https://caritas.org.nz/caritas-challenge>

The Secondary Religious Education Bridging Document.

NCRS released this document towards the end of last year. On the 2nd of April, there will be an after school presentation (4-6pm) and workshop on this document at St Catherine's College. This document is an important precursor to the development of a new Religious Education Curriculum. One of its key aims is to remind us all of the value of Religious Education and I would encourage all these who are teaching Religious Education at Secondary level to attend this workshop.



Professional Development Term 1

Teachers New to Catholic Schools - A three day TCI paper (RE501), beginning on 5th March. This is a great paper for first-time teachers of Religious Education.

DRS Cluster Meeting - 14th March at the Catholic Centre. Looking at a possible framework for Pastoral Care in our Catholic Schools, as well as Christian Mediation and what is possible with teenage students. Plus our normal meeting.

Teachers New to Catholic Secondary Schools This is a one day course for teachers not teaching Religious Education. As in previous years, I am happy to bring this out to schools when you have bigger numbers.

Combined DRS Conference with Palmerston North

Venue: Palmerston North Catholic Centre
Dates: 8th-9th August
Starting Time on the 8th is 10 am.
Cost- Still to come.

On the Thursday, we will focus on personal spirituality and wellbeing, and develop discussion around good practice in creating a One Faith community.

On the Friday, we will focus on effective pedagogy in teaching Religious Education. This will cover both the new SREBD and the development of the new Religious Education Curriculum. We will also look at delivering the Sexuality Curriculum in our Catholic Schools. We would also like to showcase some of the great work you are doing in your schools in these and other areas. If you would like to showcase something such as new resources, retreat ideas, or the way you use technology in the Classroom please can you let me know.

Closing note:

May 2019 be a year full of many blessings for each of you and your schools.
David Sullivan