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for all within a Catholic  
Environment.*

**Welcome to Term 2 Week 9**

### **National Support Staff Day:**

Last Thursday some of the staff, along with our clerical staff attended a "thank you" afternoon tea at the Te Aroha Club to show our appreciation for the continued support our team give us. We have excellent administration staff and we formally wish to thank them for their on-going commitment to our staff, parents and children.

### **Catholic School Conference:**

Emalene and I attended the Catholic Conference in Wellington last week. There were around 900 teachers, principals and members of the Clergy attending, from all over New Zealand. We listened to two key note speakers speaking about education in Catholic Schools, one Australian and one from England, and the Minister of Education Hekia Parata.

We also attended seminars focusing on different aspects of education. Em and I chose different seminars to gain as much information as possible. We went to seminars on modern learning environments (teaching spaces where 2 to 3 classes are combined, where the teachers work collaboratively together) as this is where education in New Zealand is heading. We also went to seminars on assessment and reporting using the on-line environment, and also teaching using modern, digital teaching methods. It was a very busy 3 days beginning 8:00 am and concluding 10.00pm at night.

The seminars Em and I attended all confirmed that our school is moving in the right direction and that Emalene is at the cutting edge with ways of teaching Religious Education in the classroom.

### **Upgrade Plans:**

Graeme Roile from the Hamilton Diocese is visiting us tomorrow to talk about initial plans for our classroom upgrades. It will be interesting to see what their thinking is.

**God Bless**

**Kristine**

### **Mass Time**

Te Aroha regular Sunday Mass will be Saturday night at 7pm. Morrinsville Sunday 10am and Sunday 5pm Paeroa.

Parish newsletter is now on our St Joseph's School website [www.stjosephs-tearoa.school.nz](http://www.stjosephs-tearoa.school.nz)

## Congratulations: Term 2 Week 8



### Photolife School Photos:

A reminder to families that the Photolife People will be at school on Friday to take class and individual and family photos. Please make sure you have read the information on the order pack and return it to the school office this week.

**Isla** – Diligence in all subjects

**Torin** – Excellent thinking in science

**Luke** – Deep thinking in science

**Quinn** – Excellent viewing results

**Samantha O** – Excellent viewing results

**Tyla** – Excellent viewing results

**Brianna** – Excellent viewing results 100%

**Oliver** – Excellent viewing results

**Madison VT** – Writer of the week

**Cooper** – Working hard at all learning

**Melinda** - Always trying her hardest at everything she does

**James** – Awesome reading results

**Kasey** – A great role model

**Harry** – Great effort during senior sports

**Vanessa** – Positive attitude and hard work

### Servers for Mass this Weekend:

**Aria, Trinity & Olivia**

See you on Saturday.

Last day for book club Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
June 2015

### BOT Meeting for June

A reminder that the BOT meeting is on the 18th June at 7pm in the staffroom.

### Lost Property:

Please check that your child has all their uniform as we have lots of socks, shoes and sweatshirts in class porches at school.

WINTER WARMERS

## Mac & Cheese



**400g macaroni**  
**1½ tsp margarine**  
**3Tbsp flour**  
**700ml low-fat milk**

**½C breadcrumbs**  
**2C chopped vegetables**  
**½C grated edam cheese**  
**3 tomatoes, thinly**

Preheat an oven to 190°C. Cook macaroni, drain and set aside. On a low heat, melt margarine in pan and whisk in flour. Gradually add milk, stirring to keep sauce smooth. Add vegetables and half the cheese, allow sauce to thicken. Combine with pasta and pour into an ovenproof dish. Sprinkle with remaining cheese, breadcrumbs and top with tomato slices. Bake for 20 minutes or until golden.

**Feeds a family of FIVE!**



Annabelle with the certificates she received over the weekend when she took part in the Hamilton City Gymsports.



**PTA  
Meeting  
Thursday  
26<sup>th</sup> June.**



### Rotary Writing Competition:

Last Wednesday 4 students delivered a piece of quality writing to the Rotarians at the Rotary monthly dinner. There were lots of people in attendance and they enjoyed listening to the children's writing. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to have a writing purpose and to be able to share their work. Thank you to the families of the children who came along and supported their children.

1st place getter of the Lawrence Cup went to Oliver Marshall for his piece of writing about his Poppa Ken's Funeral. 2nd = went to Devyn Sheehan ( The Flood ) and Roan Gilheany-Black ( The Last Straw ) and 3rd place went to Tyla on a recount about the movie made to highlight Te Aroha ( Filmstar Te Aroha Style )

The children in Room 5 are continuing to write some excellent pieces of work.

### Foodbank:

The Youth Group on Friday delivered the food that they had collected to the foodbank. They were very appreciative of all the food collected. Well done Vinnies Youth Group.



### Gymsport Festival:

Last year our school took part in the Piako/Matamata School Gymsport Festivia. While we only had three girls go all three got placing, we would like to enter again this year with more girls or boys - it is open to all children whether they have done gymnastics before or not. It takes place in Morrinsville on Thursday the 3rd of September. If you are interested please text Julia Stringer on 027 247 5948



## Maths Challenge:

Year 5 and 6 and Year 7 and 8.

Some children in Room 5 and 3 have received a letter requesting permission to attend the Te Aroha Primary Inter-School Maths Challenge on Wednesday. We wish these mathematicians every success. Parents are warmly invited to go to the Hall at Te Aroha Primary at 11 am if they want to view teamwork and maths in action.



## Congratulations

Last weekend, the Church celebrated Corpus Christi (which means 'Body of Christ'). It is only fitting then that on Sunday we celebrated Mass with Bishop Steve, where 16 children were confirmed and received their First Communion. Congratulations to Matthew, Ciara, Charlytte and Harris from our school community who were among those confirmed.

## Te Aroha Junior Rugby

Can all Trophies won by players at last years prize giving be returned to your School Office.

## Stepping Stones Programme:

Last Wednesday the Stepping Stones programme began again for Term 2. A reminder to all families of pre-school children to please see Mrs Lotter if you would like your 4 and a half year old to attend these exciting sessions as a transition to school programme. They will help to give your child the learning and confidence to love school from their first day. If you have a friend with a pre-schooler please feel free to bring them along too.

The Waikato Valley Cricket Association is excited to announce the Winter Development Programme will be commencing again in term three. The Winter Development Programme is designed for boys in school years 5 to 13 and is a fantastic opportunity to get some quality coaching in small groups and to learn new skills. It is also a great opportunity for some good pre-season training. The 6 week programme will start the week of 26th July until the 5th September.

Each session will be 1.5 hours long and the cost of the programme (6 sessions) for 2015 will be \$90. The weekly sessions will be held at the below indoor covered nets, indicative day/times are below.

**Year 5-6 @ Hinuera**

**Monday 4.30-6pm**

**Year 7/8 @ Te Awamutu Sports**

**Sunday 1-2.30pm**

The day/times may be subject to change depending on interest. We will endeavour to ensure all interested players can be accommodated within the Winter Development programmes however numbers will be limited. Please register your interest at [wvprimaryboys@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:wvprimaryboys@yahoo.co.nz) including your child's name and year at school. Spaces within the programme will be allocated in the order they are received.

Payment can be made by direct credit into account 03-1573-0003262-000. Please ensure that name of registered child is used as a reference.

**Any questions please contact us by email or phone.**

**Steve Carter on 021 821 820 or Lynn Houghton 0272247669**

On behalf of Waikato Valley Cricket