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for all within a Catholic  
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## **14th September 2015 Newsletter No 15/29 Welcome to Term 3 Week 9**

Kia ora

### **Production Week:**

This week is our Production Week. It is very exciting. The children are all looking forward to performing on the stage. They have all worked hard practicing.

On Thursday and Friday morning your children may be tired. It is fine to let them sleep in, especially if you have children in the junior classes. On Thursday we are leaving school to walk to the theatre at 12.00.

### **Mercy Day Mass:**

This Mass is proposed for Thursday the 24th September commencing at 1.30pm. All families and friends are welcome to join us as we celebrate our schools "Sisters of Mercy" connections.

### **Farewell Miss Spence:**

Miss Spence has been working in Room 5 for 6 weeks now and she has completed all her university requirements. Mrs Keepa and the students have enjoyed their learning time with Miss Spence and will miss her exciting lessons. We thank her for the contribution she has made to our school in the short time she has been with us. Her assistance with production has been greatly appreciated. We wish Miss Spence all the best as she completes her Degree in Education next year.

### **Mufti Day: Friday 18th September**

To conclude the busy week with production we have decided to grant a mufti day for all students on Friday. Many students will be involved in clearing props and costumes away and cleaning the theatre. Being in mufti could well be more convenient to complete these tasks. Thank you for your support.

### **School Fees:**

At this time of the year the Diocese sends out invoices for school fees. If these are causing some difficulties please let me know. We are always able to provide assistance. All actions involving school fees are confidential.



**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 3 Week 8



### Production Tickets:

Wednesday and Thursday night are sold out.

Some tickets still available for the 1.00 Matinee  
Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Production is being held at the Little Theatre Honi Street.

### Servers for Mass this Weekend:

Declan, Hafoka & Tevita

See you on Saturday.



**Pieter Jan** – Completing an excellent piece of poetry writing

**Monique** – Participating well and having great sportsmanship in PE

**Quinn** – Well done for working hard. An excellent homes chart.

**Shane** – Well done for working hard. An excellent homes chart.

**Jacob** – Excellent piece of explanation writing

**Jacob** – Excellent RE work at Te Awamutu

**Elisapeta** – Role model always ready to learn

**Caia** – Well done working very hard at your learning

**Vinsen** – Happy Birthday. Welcome to Room1

**Mardi** – Constant focus in class

**Declan** – Always striving for excellence

**Trinity** – Reliable and responsible role model of the week

**Joshua** – Super hardworking learner in Room 4

**Maumi** – Improvement in attitude. Well done

**Evelini** – Always being a kind and caring member of Room 2

Bus Award **Rehan**

Faith Cards **Timothy, Milise, Melaia & Milah**

Book Club orders in by Friday  
18<sup>th</sup> September.

## Room 4

Room 4 had the wonderful opportunity on Wednesday to observe Makyla on her stilts. She has been having lessons for the past two terms.

Thank you Makyla for sharing this amazing experience with us.

## Gymnastics Festival

Congratulations goes to Annabelle who competed in Tauranga on Sunday in the Argos festival. She was representing the Piako Area in the green section. Annabelle achieved a 1st on the beam and 3<sup>rd</sup> on the floor being placed 3rd overall. Well done



## Lost Property:

As the term comes to a close please check that your child has all their uniform. We do have lots of shoes and socks and sweatshirts at school. Much of the gear is located in Room 5's porch and cloak bay.

## Hui Katorika - Catholic Schools Festival

On Wednesday, we had a small team of seniors represent us at the Hui Katorika at St Patrick's, Te Awamutu. It was a great opportunity for our students to mix with other Catholic schools from around the diocese, and to meet Bishop Steve. A big thank you to the Warren family and to Anna Croft for help with transport. We look forward to sending a team at next year's competition.



## With the Bishop at Te Awamutu

## Production Performance Times:

Children are to come to The Little Theatre on Honi Street (**NOT SCHOOL!!**) on Wednesday and Thursday nights. For health and safety/hygiene reasons, please bring your child to the theatre with make up on (that is foundation, eyeliner, lipstick). **Children will need to be at the theatre between 6.00pm and 6.15pm (no earlier, no later)** to allow time for costuming. If you are watching the show, your child will meet you in the foyer area after the show. If you are not watching, your child will be ready to be picked up at approximately 8.30pm. Please come in to collect your child as they will not be allowed to wait outside. The theatre doors will open for the audience for night performances at 6.45pm. The show begins at 7.00pm. **The theatre doors open for the matinee at 12.45pm and the show begins at 1pm.**

## Sports Uniforms:

Please continue to bring back any sports uniforms that your child has had over the season. We do require these for bowls and athletics. Thank you for your support.



### Science Fair:

We take this opportunity to wish Dane and Brianna all the best as they head off to the East Waikato Science Fair on Wednesday morning. An invitation is extended to all families and friends to go and look at the science exhibits at Morrinsville College. Please check Morrinsville Colleges Website for details of opening times.

### Basketball: Year 7 and 8:

Once again we have the Year 7 and 8 competition happening in Term 4. At this stage it appears the competition will be on a Wednesday evening. Mr Gleeson will be conducting a trial next week as we have some new students who wish to be involved. We thank the Gleeson's for their ongoing support. A letter outlining details will be sent home shortly.

### Bowls Tournament: Friday 18th

On Friday 11 students from Room 5 will be heading to Elstow to compete in the annual bowls tournament. All year they have been coached by Mr Hawkes and Mr Lowe and we thank them for their continued support and dedication. We wish our bowls team every success and we hope they can bring home the trophy. Thank you to Mr Marshall and Mr Van der Lee for assisting with transport and managing.

### Congratulations to the St Joseph's team the Sharkies winners of the RSA Quiz night



### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/RCIA

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)* will soon commence in our Parishes. The RCIA is a process intended for adults (also for teenagers age 16 years and above) who: **(a)** are unbaptised and wish to join the Catholic Church, or simply wish to inquire and know more about the Catholic Faith; **(b)** have already been baptised in the Catholic Church, but have not received Confirmation and First Communion; **(c)** have been baptised in other Christian Churches and wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. We are looking at starting the RCIA sometime in October. If you know of people who are interested in joining the Church, please advise them to ring our secretaries or myself. Let us all be agents of Evangelisation.  
*Fr.JeLo*

### Social Justice Week: 13-19 Sept 2015

This year for Social Justice Week, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has produced a short documentary – '*Kiwi Families: It's Our Story*' – featuring four community groups across Aotearoa New Zealand and the families they walk with. The documentary captures a glimpse of what it is like for struggling families in New Zealand today and to hear stories of hope from whanau and communities who are responding. The documentary and accompanying guide can be found online at [www.caritas.org.nz](http://www.caritas.org.nz).