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Kia ora

On behalf of the staff and myself we would like to thank Sinead for her commitment to St Joseph's over the last 2 years.

Sinead quickly became an active member of our staff and her dedication to her class was always evident. We all wish Sinead all the best with her new direction.

Staffing 2016

Welcome to Nicole Koolhoven. Nicole will be working with Rachel in the junior rooms next year.

Catholic Principals Conference:

I attended the Catholic Principals Conference in Taupo last Thursday and Friday. I am now up to date on ERO, new curriculum developments, buildings, secondary schooling etc. These conferences are a great way to upskill and become more informed.

God Bless

Kristine

It has been a pleasure working at St Joseph's school over the past 2 years, unfortunately the time has come for me to embark on a new adventure. Firstly, to the staff I would like to thank for their support and efforts for helping me to develop my teaching career. Their mentoring and guidance has helped me to better myself and improve my teaching practices. To the parents and community that make up the St Joseph's family, I appreciate your warm and welcoming ways that have always made me feel a part of this lovely town. Finally, to the students, they will maintain a special place in my heart as my first classes and my biggest learning curves. To see a student who has tapped into new knowledge or pick up a skill we have been practicing so hard is the most rewarding feeling in this career. These are the moments I will cherish the most from my time at St Joseph's. The ones when I felt like I was making a difference in someone's life, to someone's future. Even though I am sad to go, I know St Josephs is in good hands with the wonderful staff they have and I wish them all the best for the future and the exciting times ahead.

Kind regards,

Sinead

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Welcome to Term 4 Week 6

Congratulations: Term 4 Week 5



Aaron – Excellent athletics
 Luke- Great assistance at athletics
 Oliver – Great assistance at athletics
 Lily V – Excellent mystery writing
 Mardi – Great focus in class
 Tevita – A positive attitude towards learning
 Kenshin – Great reading results
 Victor – Terrific reading comprehension results
 Noah – Fantastic questions
 Scarlett – Awesome fossil work
 Respect Cards – Monique, Madison VT, Beth & Millah

Changes to weekend Mass times:

As from Sunday 29th November, Mass times in Te Aroha, Paeroa and Morrinsville will be as follows:
 Saturday vigil: Paeroa: November-April 7:00pm May-October 6.00pm

1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays - Morrinsville 9.00am Te Aroha 11.00am

2nd and 4th Sundays: - Morrinsville 11.00am Te Aroha 9.00am

Youth Mass:

This term our Youth Mass is on Saturday 21st November at 7pm. This Mass marks the Feast of Christ the King. Our Youth Group and choir are expected to attend. All other school families are asked to support this important date on our school calendar and are welcome to join us.

Servers for Mass this Weekend: 21st November
Hafoka, Sam & Heni
 See you on Saturday.

LUNCHBOX RECIPES

MINI MUFFINS

Make in bulk and freeze!

2 C self-raising flour
 1/2 C brown sugar
 1 tsp cinnamon
 2 lightly beaten eggs

1/2 C vegetable oil
 1 tsp vanilla essence
 1 C grated apple
 1 C grated zucchini

Mix dry ingredients in a bowl. Add wet ingredients, apple and zucchini and mix until just combined. Spoon mixture evenly into muffin tins. Bake at 180°C for 20-25 minutes.

Adapted from: kidspot.co.nz

Thank You:

Thank you to Ms Sheehan for donating a softball glove to the school. We do have the annual tournament for Year 5 to 8 coming up soon so classes are practising some softball skills during senior sport sessions. We appreciate her contribution.



Financial Literacy:

All classes were treated to a session in Financial Literacy on Friday. It is an enjoyable way to do real life maths and we thank the presenters for the opportunity to have them talk to our children.

Bishop Visit:

It was lovely to have Bishop Steve here last Thursday. Although his time was brief the children can now put a face to a name and they have a little more knowledge about the role of the Bishop. He left us and headed off to Taupo to join in the Catholic Principals Conference.

For Sale: one lounge suite left for sale along with a couple of coffee tables, dining room suite and bar stools. Please contact Mrs Keepa anytime if you are interested in a bargain. 02102223194.

Te Aroha Athletics:

We had an excellent day at Athletics last Wednesday. The talent amongst our children was remarkable. It was a small team of very dedicated and focussed athletes who are to be commended on their conduct and enthusiasm and independence. Well done to you all.

Relays are always fun and this year we didn't have enough children to have a junior boys or girls team so we placed some of those juniors in our intermediate teams.

Results: 1st Intermediate Girls - 3rd Intermediate Boys – 3rd Senior Girls and 3rd Senior Boys. What a fantastic effort.

Other results:

Annabelle - 1st 9 year olds 60M, 1st 100M, 1st discus, 1st long jump,

Libby – 10yrs 2nd 1500M, 1st long jump

Brooke – 11yrs 3rd 100M, 2nd 200M, 2nd long jump

Ciara – 9yrs 1st 200M, 3rd long jump,

Rylee – 10yrs 3rd 1500 M 1st 100M, 1st high jump

Roan – 12yr+ 2nd 1500M, 2nd 800M, 3rd = High jump

Simione – 10yrs 2nd 100M, 2nd 200M, 1st long jump

Harry – 10yrs 3rd 100M, 2nd long jump, 3rd Shotput

Aaron – 12yr+ 3rd 100M, 3rd 200M, 2nd long jump, 1st high jump



Congratulations to Annabelle, Libby, Brooke, Ciara, Rylee, Roan, Simione, Harry & Aaron who have been selected for the Thames Valley Event which is Monday 23rd Nov. A letter has gone home with these students today.

Special thanks to Miss Spence who assisted all day and to all our parents who supported the children. Thank you to Oliver and Luke for their help.

Key Dates:

Graduation 7th December

Prize Giving 10th December

End of Year Mass 15th December 10am.

Just a reminder that there are science trips and school camps up coming. Please make sure that fees, and permission slips are all returned to the school office. Furthermore invitations have gone out to families of Year 8 students regarding graduation. Please make sure you contact the office with numbers attending. Thank you for your support.

St Johns Visit

6 boys headed to St Johns last Tuesday and they appear to have enjoyed their day. They took the bus and had a tour of the school, completed some tests and were either involved in trying out for the sport academies or they joined into tabloids. They will be looking forward to the next part of their journey in 2016.

Christmas in a Box:

The Youth Group is helping children in need who get no presents at Christmas time. So each class has been asked to fill a shoebox with toys, shoes, stationery and clothes. Please bring in items that will fit in a shoe box before Friday 20th November. So we can make a difference for others.

*Last day for book
club orders Friday
27th November*

Go By Bike Day Sport Waikato:

On Tue 17 November, Sport Waikato and Project Energize are running a Go By Bike Day hoping to encourage children and parents to choose to ride to school instead of taking the car. The central meeting point will be the Te Aroha Railway Station where they will have hot drinks, water or milk and breakfast options from 7.30am.

All school children will receive a certificate and have their helmet checked and their bike checked for basic safety issues. Bells and high vis equipment will be given away as well. Teachers and business people are also being invited to attend.

REMINDER: READING TOGETHER PROGRAMME

Tuesday 17th November

Tuesday 24th November

Time: 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Where: St Joseph's Library

Basketball:

After a full day of athletics the children all showed up to perform yet again at basketball. Such commitment. Results were: Legends had their first loss for the season to Stanley Ave losing by just 3 points. Saints came away with another huge win over Te Aroha Primary 54 -14

The Legends have a bye this week while the Saints play at 5:30 pm.

Parish Dinner:

Te Aroha Parish of the Holy Family, will have their Christmas dinner on Friday 27th November at 6.00pm at the Parish Hall in Te Aroha. Christmas carols and lots of fun and surprises for the evening, plus an opportunity to meet other parishioners within our parish community. They may surprise you as well! Note: Te Aroha and Paeroa will bring mains and Morrinsville desserts