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Welcome to Term 4 Week 9

Kia ora

We are almost to the end of a very productive year yet again. The teachers have worked tirelessly to produce excellent learning programmes for our students and our students have worked equally as hard on their learning. Teachers are finalising portfolios and individual files at the moment and final reports are completed.

Reports will be given to students on Friday 11th December. Please make sure you receive your child's report. If for some reason it doesn't arrive please contact the school office.

Please make sure you are aware of the important dates as the term draws to a close:

Graduation:

Tonight we celebrate the graduation of our Year 8 students. The Year 7's will need to be at the hall at 5.30 to help organize. The evening begins at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

Prize Giving:

Please make sure that you have programmed in our Academic Prize Giving which will be on Thursday 10th Dec at 1 pm in the church.

End Of year Mass:

A reminder to all parents that we will be celebrating our end of year Mass on the 15th Dec at 10 am. All families and friends are invited to join this celebration. Families are able to take their children home at the end of Mass.

Calendar Deliveries:

Room 5 will be delivering calendars on Friday 11th December around Te Aroha starting at 9:15. (Date to be confirmed)

**God Bless
Kristine**

Congratulations: Term 4 Week 8



Mass times:

Paeroa - Saturday 7pm
Morrinsville – Sunday 11am
Te Aroha - Sunday 9am

Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve: Paeroa – 7pm
Morrinsville – 10pm

Christmas Day: Te Aroha 10am

End of Year Roundup

On behalf of St Joseph's Catholic School we would like to thank all those parents and school friends who have helped in so many ways throughout the year. Many parents have assisted with sport and cultural activities, transport, fundraising, classroom trips etc. We have had huge support from Sport Waikato and Project Energise. We are always grateful to our Parish friends who support the many things we do. We thank Father Jelo for his involvement with our staff and students as well. And so the list goes on. The BOT and PTA are critical to the smooth running of our school. So a sincere thank you to all those people who have contributed towards making St Joseph's Catholic School a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Thank You:
St. Joseph's Team

Certificates:

Liam – Awesome attitude to learning
Anthony – I am a Role Model
Ryder – Independent Worker
Nathan – Awesome attitude to learning
Torin – Excellent “Flag Art”

Samantha } Excellent teaching –
Monique } Serviette making

Michaela - For completing tasks to the best of your ability and putting 100% in all time

Steven – For being a diligent worker at writing time

Melaia – Reliable and responsible learner
Oliver B R - Fantastic leadership skills at Butterfly Creek

Respect Cards:

Ciara – Brea – Ethan – Anthony

Bus Award:

Tyla

2016 Term Dates:

Term 1 Starts Wednesday 3rd Feb 2016 to Thursday 15th April 2016

Public Holiday

8th Feb Waitangi Day (Monday)
25th March Good Friday
28th March Easter Monday
29th March Easter Tuesday

25 April ANZAC Day (in School holidays)

Term 2 Starts Monday 2nd May to Friday 8th July

Public Holiday

6th June Queen's Birthday

Term 3 Starts Monday 25th July to Friday 23rd September

Term 4 Starts Monday 10th October to Friday 16 December

Public Holiday

24th October Labour Day

Lunch Orders

As from today there will not be any more lunch orders.



Room 3 Camp:

Last Thursday Room 3 travelled to Tauranga for a one night camp.

They went to Waimarino, walked up Mt. Maunganui, went to the hot pools along with playing a range of sports and other activities.

They all slept in a traditional Maori Wharenuī and had a true cultural experience. The students all had a great time and did not want to leave.



Butterfly Creek:



A big thank you to all our parent helpers who came last Thursday to Butterfly Creek. It was a very successful trip and the children have all taken away some great experiences and learning.

LUNCHBOX RECIPES

APRICOT WEET-BIX BALLS

Add some nuts to mix it up!

200g dried apricots
1/4 C coconut
2 Weet-Bix

1-2 Tbsp water
extra coconut

Place apricots, coconut and Weet-Bix into a food processor and process until smooth. Add water gradually and continue to process until well combined. Using wet hands, form mixture into balls. Makes 18. Roll in coconut. Leave in fridge to set.
Adapted from weetbix.co.nz

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015



LUNCHBOX RECIPES

HUMMUS AND VEGE STICKS

Try adding mint or roasted capsicum

1 can chickpeas
2 Tbsp olive oil
1 clove garlic

1/4 C water
Juice of 1 lemon

Put chickpeas, olive oil, lemon juice, garlic and water into blender. Blend well. Add more water if needed. Season with salt and pepper. Serve with vege sticks.

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Youth Group

The end of year get together for our Youth Group will be held in Room 3 between 3-4pm on Wednesday 9th December.

Te Aroha Toy Library Auction

Friday 11th December
7.30pm St David's Church Lounge
For more information phone Vicky
0210483593

Up Coming Events:

**7th December: Senior Graduation Formal Dinner 6pm
Parish Hall**

7th December: Room 5 Te Aroha Leisure Pool Morning

10th December: Prize Giving 1pm Church

15th December: 10am Mass

15th December: School Finishes Midday

Choir Trip:

On Tuesday the choir will be visiting Kenwyn Home and the Community Hospital to sing carols for the residents. This is a great way for the children to participate and contribute to our community. The choir will gather in the library at 1.15pm and leave at about 1.20pm. They will be back at school in time for the regular bus run.

Library Books and Home Readers:

Please take time to look for school library books and home readers at home. No matter how long they have been missing we would love to have them returned to school. Books are extremely expensive to replace so it would be wonderful if all outstanding books could be returned.

Thank you for your support.

Lost Property:

Please come along to school and look through our lost property before we get too close to the end of the term. Leaving old clothes at school means we are creating a nice environment for cockroaches to enjoy! Some lost garments are in Room 5 porch and Room 1 porch.

Also we have dozens of shoes/sandals in our office and lost property. If your child has lost a pair, please check at school.

School Facebook

We have a school Facebook page up and running. This is where you can find up to date information and also photos of different happenings at school from day to day. Search for St Joseph's Catholic School, Te Aroha and like us to be part of it!

Sacramental Programme 2016:

Fr. Jelo and the Te Aroha Parish would like to invite interested parties who wish to participate in the Sacramental Programme for 2016 to complete enrolment forms which are available at the Parish Office or School as soon as possible. We would like to complete numbers by the end of January 2016.

The Sacramental Programme will start early next year.

Each candidate needs to be baptised and be at least 8 years old by May 2016.

Any queries please contact the Parish office or Emalene at school.

Swim Zone – Te Aroha

Schools out..... Pool party at Swim Zone on 17th December in Te Aroha from 12 – 2pm.
Fun for all..

Admission \$5.00 Sausage sizzle \$2.00