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Welcome to Term 1 - Week 5

Kia ora

School Professional Development:

This afternoon we are starting our year long Professional Development on the latest thinking of teaching and learning. We are working with 4 other schools. The course focus is on the children taking increased ownership of their learning. We are already moving down this track with definite overall improved learning. It is all part of being lifelong learners.

Goal Setting Interviews:

A reminder to families that our Goal Setting evening is on Thursday 10th March. Please get your time sheets back to the office as soon as possible so Mrs Gray can complete the timetables for the afternoon/evening.

God Bless

Kristine Osburn

Palm Sunday – Dress up!

Father JeLo would love as many children as possible to dress as 'Jews from Jesus' time' for this Mass. Please see Whaea Em if your child needs some help or ideas for a costume. As Palm Sunday falls on the third Sunday of the month, our Tongan community will be leading Mass, with amazingly powerful singing! Mass for Palm Sunday will be here in Te Aroha at 11am on Sunday 20th March.

Epilepsy Day:

Every year we select an organisation to support. This year we have registered the school to support the Epilepsy Foundation and they are having an awareness campaign throughout the month of March. We are hoping to receive a package of support material from the Foundation and the Vinnies Youth Group will be organising a simple event for our students. More details will follow.

Swimming Sports: Thursday 3rd March

All children will have received track suits and T shirts to use for the day. If possible it is a good idea to wear a swimming cap to keep your child's body temperature warm. Please ensure that your child has plenty of lunch and water along with a sun hat and sun block. Parents are more than welcome to come along to support our swimmers. Letters regarding helpers etc have been sent home. We will leave school at 8:30 which will allow plenty of time for students to have a warm up swim.

Otago Maths:

Last Friday the senior students completed several Otago Maths questions as a trial run before we register some of them in the University competition. The students enjoy the contest and it is a wonderful way to promote problem solving at a relatively complex level.

Vaccination Forms: Year 7 and 8:

Please can you check to see that your children's vaccination consent form has been returned to the office. Even if you choose not to vaccinate your child the form is still required to be returned. Thank You for your support.

Sacramental Programme 2016:

This Tuesday 1st March we have our first meeting for those seeking the Sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Eucharist. This week is a parent meeting where an outline for this years programme, including important dates and times, will be discussed with the candidates and their parents. The meeting will be held in the parish lounge at 3.30pm.

Congratulations: Term 1 Week 4



Brooklyn – Excellence in reading results

Louise – Working hard in maths

Zxy – Excellent reading

Caron – Working hard & developing new maths strategies

Chae-Min – Outstanding attitude towards Mihi

Grace – Great motivation towards learning

Kasey – Great motivation towards learning

Joban – Awesome writing

Nathan – Super results in spelling tests

Tanika – Super effort at reading

Caia – Working on number 10-20

Elisapeta – Amazing success for floating on back in the pool

Melaia – Independent worker

Victor Mace – reliable and responsible learner

Angelica – working hard in all areas especially maths

Rotary Dictionaries:

The students in Room 4 received their Rotary dictionaries last Thursday morning. The children were very excited and most appreciative. They will be well used. We thank the Rotarians for their on-going support.

EGG-CELLENT EGGS

BULLS EYE EGG

- 1 slice wholemeal bread
- 1 egg
- Margarine

Using a round cutter or an upturned glass, make a hole in the middle of the bread. Thinly spread margarine on both sides of the bread. Heat frypan to low heat. Cook bread on one side until browned. Flip bread over, gently break the egg into hole. Cook on low heat until egg is set. Delicious!



Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

Altar Servers:

Sun 6th March

Declan, Olivia & Tevita

Mass Times

Mass times for this weekend:

Paeroa – 7pm Saturday

Morrinsville -9am Sunday

Te Aroha -11am Sunday

Book club orders final day

Friday 4th March

Easter Mass times

Mass times for Easter weekend were announced on Sunday:

Palm Sunday 20th March - 9am
Morrinsville, 11am Te Aroha

Holy Thursday 24th March - 7pm Te Aroha

Good Friday 25th March - 3pm Te Aroha

Easter Vigil 26th March - 8pm
Morrinsville

Easter Sunday 27th March - 9am Te Aroha, 11am Paeroa

Mercy Flag:

Last year at our Mercy Day Mass, Fr JeLo blessed for us a Mercy flag. This term the Mercy flag is visiting each classroom for a week. During this week, the class will be focusing their learning in RE on the theme of Mercy. On Friday at school assembly the class who have hosted the flag in their room will share something they have learnt with the school about Mercy. This is so that our children can come to know more about our school's history as a Mercy school, and also to celebrate this year, the Year of Mercy.



Stepping Stones:

Last Wednesday, Room 1 ran a successful Stepping Stones session. It was a special experience as the children came to have lunch and a play with the junior school. This is a such an important part of having a successful transition to school programme. We were lucky to have a reporter from The Piako Post to come and check us out to write an article that should be featured in the next few weeks.

During Week 3, Room 1 & 2 did a shared reading with the book 'Dan the Flying Man' by Joy Cowley. We have displayed our artwork in the office for all visitors to enjoy. Shared reading is an important part of our daily reading programme. It promotes a love of reading for children, we look at 'new words' and punctuation features.

