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Welcome to Term 2 - Week 4

Kia ora

Information Forms:

Last week 2 important notices were sent home. The first was asking people to ensure that their contact details were up-to-date and the second was asking for student's immunisation records so we could take a copy. Thank you to the families that have already sent these back to the office. We would like to have both updates completed by the end of this week. If there are any queries or you need another contact detail form please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Mathematics:

As we are entering the winter terms children tend to spend more time inside. For a little extra mathematics the Ministry of Education has a website with activities children can do at home.

nzmaths.co.nz

Go to students and whanau. The tag "family" has some interesting activities.

God Bless

Kristine Osburn



5 years of great experience at St Joseph's School, amazing experiences and opportunities that I have worked hard for.

St Joseph's School is unique because we are the only Catholic School in Te Aroha. Our values are important and very easy to follow. We respect others because we know that we are all different, we are kind to people and try to be good ambassadors for the school. We are different because we learn about God and Jesus and try to be like them.

In my experience I have had a lot of success at sports and learning events and know that it is very important to be a good ambassador for the school. With all the support from other students, teachers and coaches, everyone likes to do their best and never fail to impress.

Lots of St Joseph's children have friends from others schools. We like to stay friendly and fair when we represent our school. I have had the most amazing time at St Joseph's and carry on what I have learnt through my college years.

By Zxy Cullen, Year 8 Student.



On Monday, Week 3, we celebrated Catholic Schools Day. A whole school art project is able to be viewed in the office foyer. Senior students wrote a piece based on 'what they love about St Josephs' and other students completed stars which represented this year's theme, Extending Horizons of Hope, Changing Lives.



Congratulations: Term 2 Week 3



Ciara – Demonstrating the Olympic values of joy of effort, respect for others

Melinda – Super independent worker of the week for math and writing

Steven – Fantastic independent worker of the week for writing

Joshua – Fantastic helper to all in class, role model of the week

Zxy – Excellent writing and being a role model

Quinn – Top writing

Madison V – Writer of the week, using exciting words

Grayson - Bus award

Basketball:

St Joe's legends had a fantastic win against Elstow 50 to 28.
St Joe's Saints had a very close game and manage to win against T.A.P.S 21 to 20.
Well done.

This week's draw:

Legends 5.30pm

Saints 6.05pm



Dates to Remember:

Te Aroha College Information 3rd June 12.45pm

Reminders:

Netball Fees Due \$36.00

Basketball Fees Due \$15.00

**All payable at office or internet
payment 020 436 0066895 00**

Mass Times:

Mass times for 28th/29th May

6pm Saturday - Paeroa

9am Sunday - Morrinsville

11am Sunday - Te Aroha

Alter Servers 29th May

Declan, Olivia & Tevita

The Sacramental Programme has resumed this term with meetings each Tuesday afternoon at 3.30pm in the parish lounge. Please keep our candidates for Confirmation and First Communion in your prayers.



Emily and Charlytte travelled to Taupo on the weekend to compete in a gymnastics competition there, Charlytte won Bronze on Floor in the Step 3 division and Emily won Silver on Floor and her Team placed 4th overall in the Step 2 division.



Stepping Stones this week also includes a lunch experience. Children are welcome to come at 12.45pm, eat their lunch with Room 1 students and then play in the playground or Room 1 class. This is an important part of the Stepping Stones programme as it promotes positive social interactions.



On Friday students wore pink along with the rest of the country to stand together to take action against bullying. The aim is to create a school community of learners where students feel safe, protected and valued.

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behaviour among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumours, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

St Josephs has a zero tolerance for bullying. We always have an open door policy and encourage open communication, if any issues arise.