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Welcome to Term 1 Week 1

Kia ora

Welcome back to 2016. We have all experienced a wonderful summer of long hot days. The children will have enjoyed a fabulous holiday season and will now be ready to enjoy another year of learning and new experiences.

Our staff have been working over the holidays to ensure all programmes are planned, relevant, interesting and delivered thoroughly. The teachers are all really excited to work with your children on their new learning programmes. They have some exciting things planned. I know I am looking forward to working with my Year 7 and 8 Math groups.

We have Mrs Nicole Koolhoven in Room 1, Rachel Lotter in Room 2, and they will work closely together to enable Rachel to continue with our Reading Recovery programme. Whaea Em is in Room 4, Mr Sam Cleaver in Room 3 and Mrs Linda Keepa in Room 5. Ms Phyllis Sheehan will continue with teacher aide work with individuals and groups of children to help accelerate their learning. Mrs Lynmarie Gray remains as our school secretary. Please feel free to introduce yourself to all our wonderful staff.

Finances:

Often at the beginning of the year families experience financial pressure. Should you require assistance in any way please don't hesitate to come and see me. All communication will be treated confidentially.

E.R.O.

The Education Review Office will be visiting our school in Week three. They will be looking at our wonderful learning programmes.

Welcome to all our new families.

We hope you have an enjoyable time at our school.

God Bless

Kristine Osburn

Welcome to Natasha Bancroft

We would like to welcome Natasha Bancroft to our school. Natasha is a distance learner and is studying towards a post graduate diploma in teaching. She already has a Bachelor of Health Science majoring in Physiotherapy however she has decided she wants to make a career change and become a teacher. Initially she will work in Room 5 for the term beginning with a 3 week block and then enjoying one day a week with the students. We look forward to having another teacher in our school.

Immunisation

Senior students have been given a letter regarding the immunisation education lesson which will be held in Week 4 22nd February in the school library. The public health nurse will be showing a DVD to the students in Year 7. All parents are more than welcome to attend this session. If you have any questions please see me at school.

Thank you.
Linda K

School Picnic

We would like to invite all families to our school picnic on the 11th February. This is an opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet our new families.

Bring your family with a picnic and enjoy games and swimming. The pool will be available for children to swim in.

5:30 - 7 pm

11 February

St Joseph's front grass and pool

Classroom Programmes:

All teachers will be sending home a class specific letter explaining details that are relevant to your child's class. Such details will include homework, expectations, swimming, topics for the term etc. Please make sure you receive your letter so you are aware of the happenings in your child's room. All teachers are always available either personally, by phone or email should you wish to discuss any matter.

School Website:

Our website has been updated and we will do our best to keep the website this way: updated and relevant at all times. If you think we are missing something or that something can be done better please let the school office know and we will endeavour to rectify it.

Study Areas:

This term all classes will be focussing on Literacy and Numeracy. Our physical education focus is swimming/aquatics. In Religious Education our topics include "Myself and Others" and Jesus prior to the commencement of Lent. Classes will also be looking at "Planet Earth and Beyond" for science. Please can you assist us by ensuring your child has all the relevant stationary, swimming togs etc.



Summer Uniform:

A reminder that all children should be in the correct summer uniform and a hat is a part of that uniform. If your child doesn't have the uniform hat they are available at the school office. With the sun being so intense it will be "no hat, no outside." Please assist us in caring for our children and enforcing sunsmart behaviour.

Swimming (Inter-School Champs)

25th February has been allocated for the district swimming event. Please note this date on your calendars as we will need time keepers and managers.

Bus Monitor Training

The Police Instructor will be at school on Thursday at 1:30 to train our 2016 bus monitors.

Reminders:

Monday 8th February No School due to Waitangi Day being Saturday.

Altar Servers:

Sun 7th Feb

Hafoka – Olivia - Heni

Mass Times

1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays –

Morrinsville 9.00am

Te Aroha 11.00am

2nd and 4th Sundays: -

Te Aroha 9.00am

Morrinsville 11.00am

Paeroa: 7pm Saturday

Parish newsletter is now on our St Joseph's School website

www.stjosephs-tearoha.school.nz

YEAR 7 IMMUNISATION

The Yr 7 Immunisation for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough will be undertaken during Term 1

YEAR 8 IMMUNISATION - Girls only

The Yr 8 Immunisation for HPV (Human Papillomavirus) which can develop into Cervical Cancer, will be undertaken in Term 1, 2 and 4.

Consent forms will be sent home with EVERY Yr 7 pupil and all Yr 8 Girls

Please complete and return to the classroom teacher or school office.

There is provision within the form for your non-consent, should you wish for that.
PLEASE REMEMBER 6 EVERY FORM MUST BE RETURNED REGARDLESS WITH CONSENT OR NON-CONSENT.

As part of the programme information will be given to all Yr 7 pupils and each Yr 8 girl. If you do not want your child to receive education and or/to view the DVD the Public Health Nurse uses, then please send a letter to the Office so that your child can be removed from that class presentation on the day of the education session.

“Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it.”

Albert Einstein