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Welcome to Term 4 - Week 4

Kia ora,

It is with regret we announce the resignation of Mr Cleaver. Sam is taking a different step in his career next year. He is going to Korea to work in Rokhees Hwang's new school. She has set up a school based on our St Joseph's curriculum in Korea.

On behalf of the staff and myself, we would like to thank Sam for his commitment and enthusiasm to St Joseph's over the last 2 years.

Sam quickly became an active member of our staff and community and his dedication to his class, and each individual child, has been a credit to him. His passion for teaching was always evident.

On behalf of all of us at St Joseph's, thank you Sam. We wish you all the best with your new teaching position.

End of Year Assessments:

End of year assessments are being carried out over the next two to three weeks, particularly in Rooms 3, 4 and 5. These assessments assist teachers in making their 'overall teacher judgements' against the National Standards. With it being light longer and with things getting busier, the children can get very tired. Please help by ensuring they get plenty of sleep.

Bottom Field Update:

The upgrade and resurfacing of our bottom field has continued. Last week we saw cloth and top soil being laid ready for new grass - very exciting. We are looking forward to being able to use this fine playing surface when completed. Many thanks to our school families and friends who are helping with this upgrade.

Due to unforeseen circumstances I will be away from school from Tuesday 1st November until Wednesday 9th November.

If you have to contact the school, please use the school number 8849480 or email the office:

[office @stjosephs-tearoa.school.nz](mailto:office@stjosephs-tearoa.school.nz)

God Bless

Kristine Osburn

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Reminders:

Friday 11th November Hearing & Vision checks 10:45
Tuesday 1st November Scripture Reading Final 12.30
in the Church

Matamata Piako Libraries are running a Summer Reading Club, these Christmas Holidays. Anyone between the ages of 5 and 13 can join. All they have to do is get reading and be challenged. Enrolments start 12th December. Once you have completed 2 book reviews, you'll be invited to attend the finale party at the Te Aroha Pools.

Paeroa Athletics:

We had a fantastic day in Paeroa on Friday, with other Catholic Schools in our cluster, participating in athletic events. Many thanks to the families who came to Paeroa to support us.

Hearing & Vision Checks:

On Friday 11th November from 10:45am onwards, there will be Hearing and Visions checks, completed by the Waikato DHB, happening at school. If you do not wish your child to be checked, or if they are under specialist care for hearing or vision, please leave a message with Mrs Gray at school.

Te Aroha Primary Production:

Our Junior School (Rooms 1 and 2) went to Te Aroha Primary today to watch the dress rehearsal of their school production, "Castle Capers". Thanks to the team at our neighbouring school for the invitation - our learners thoroughly enjoyed the show.



Stepping Stones:

Stepping Stones is this Wednesday 2nd November at 1.35pm. If you know of any families with 4.5 year old children, please let me know about our wonderful programme.

Sausage Sizzle: Friday 4th November: \$2.00

Congratulations: Term 4 Week 3



Nathan – You used amazing WOW words in your writing
Alikia – Super attitude to maths learning
Caleb – Excellent sportsmanship
Grace – Excellent sportsmanship
Melinda – Independent worker of the week
James – Role model of the week
Michaela – Working hard in all areas with a great attitude
Franco – Consistent work in class
Milise – Solid effort in maths
Declan – Helpfulness and good leadership
Elisapeta – Beginning to self-check and edit her writing
Caia – Focusing in reading
Penny – An amazing first week at school
Mardi – Bus Award

Scripture Reading Competition:

This year's Scripture Reading Competition final is this Tuesday at 12.30pm in our Church. Families of finalists have been notified. All are welcome to come and support our readers.

Hui Katorika Catholic Schools Festival:

We will be sending a small team of students to this year's Hui Katorika hosted by Marian School in Hamilton. The Hui Katorika is a speech, scripture and drama competition for Catholic primary schools in our diocese. The competition is an all-day event, held this year on Thursday 3rd November. All the best to our team!

Te Aroha Swimming Club will begin its 2016/17 summer season on Monday November 14th with registration and assessment from 5pm – 6.30pm at the Te Aroha College Pool.

New swimmers are asked to bring along their togs so that they can be assessed on their swimming ability and placed into appropriate groups. The minimum expectation is that swimmers have been through a learn to swim programme and/or are confident to swim a width of the college pool in Freestyle and Backstroke. Stroke development and swim training will then begin on Wednesday November 16th.

For those seeking a learn to swim programme, Te Aroha Swimming Club will again run a Swimsafe programme early in February 2017. Information about this programme will be available early in the New Year.

www.sporty.co.nz/tearohaswim

Sacramental Programme 2017:

We are now taking enrolments for next years Sacramental Programme to prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion. Candidates who are baptised and 8 years old or older are welcome to join the programme for 2017. Lessons will begin in Term 1 next year. For more information and enrolment forms, please see Whaea Em at school or the Parish Office.

Baptism Preparation:

We have three of our students who are about to begin a preparation programme for Baptism. If you would like your child or children to join in the programme also, please contact Whaea Em or Father JeLo by the end of this week.

All Saints Day - Tuesday 1st November:

Mass will be held at 5.30pm tomorrow and followed by a blessing at the cemetery. Everybody is very welcome.

Mass Times

Mass times for 5th/6th November

Saturday 6pm Paeroa

Sunday 9am Morrinsville

Sunday 11am Te Aroha

Altar Servers:

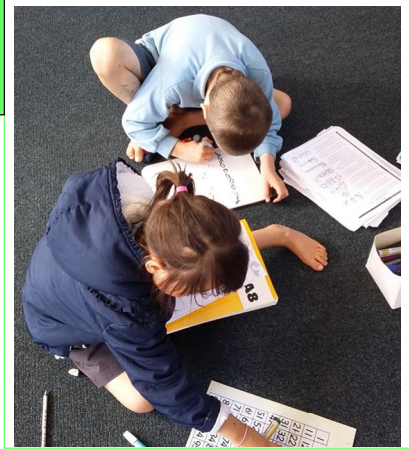
Aria, Trinity & Helena

HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

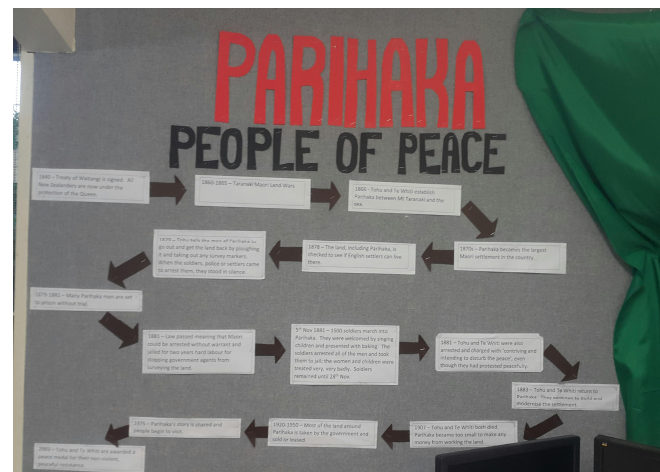


Room 3 has been focussing on speaking with confidence during our plays unit. Here we are in action!

In **Room 2** we learning Maths.
Look at us working super hard
to solve our Maths problems.



Room1 has continued their algebra learning last week. We have been creating and recording growing patterns



In **Room 4** we are learning about inspiring people and what makes them inspiring. We are looking at the story of Parihaka as part of this inquiry. We heard how even when the people of Parihaka were treated unfairly and very badly, they were still peaceful. As a class, we created a timeline to retell the story and it is displayed in our room.



Room 3 have been practising for their scripture reading competition. Everyone completed it to a brilliant standard! Well done everyone.