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Welcome to Term 1 Week 1

Kia ora

Welcome back to 2017.

Our staff has 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.

Classes for Term 1

As our school is a building site, classes are being held in different places:

New Entrants-Year 1: Room 2 - Mrs Koolhoven

Year 2: Room 2 - Mrs Lotter

Year 3/4: Room 4 - Whaea Em

Year 5/6: Library - Mr Keogh

Year 7/8: Room 1 - Mrs Sayer

What shall we call our classes?

With the new refurbishment and classes moving about, we are looking at renaming our classrooms. If you have any great ideas for new names for our classes, please email suggestions to office@stjosephs-tearoha.school.nz.

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.

Welcome to all our new families.

We hope you have an enjoyable time at our school.

God Bless

Kristine Osburn

Classroom Upgrade:

Isn't it exciting the classroom upgrade is finally happening? Hopefully all going to plan it will be fully completed by the 24th of April. The two classrooms have been gutted as all the inside will be fitted out with the latest in sound proofing, insulation, lighting and technology wiring.

This is an exciting week. On Wednesday at 6:15am the contractors are moving the classroom around Koromiko Street and are going to crane it onto the piles by the swimming pool.

Buses:

Due to all the building happening with cranes and trucks this week it is safer to have the school bus stop in front of the school on Koromiko Street. Please help us with this by parking at each end outside of the cones.

Bus times are 8:30 -8:50am and 2:50-3:25pm.

Hopefully we will be back to normal next week.

We are officially a building site!

With the renovations happening at school at the moment, there are a number of areas that have been fenced or coned off. These areas indicate where contractors are working and entry is not permitted by any unauthorised people.

Accessing the school grounds:

School access via the hall driveway is closed. All other school gates are open.

Bike rack relocation:

Please note our bike rack has moved near Room 4's steps and all those children biking and scooting to school can use either of the gates



This year is also a new beginning for Phyllis. Phyllis is changing career and will not be with us anymore. We all wish her all the best in her new endeavours.

Phyllis has really enjoyed working with the children and we have all enjoyed having her as part of our staff. (Our morning teas will not be the same) I am sure she will take away many fond memories of being part of our St Joseph's family.

A quote from Phyllis "My time over the past 10 years has been so rewarding in many ways and I leave with a heavy heart. But I wish to pursue new challenges."

School Assemblies:

This year, our regular Friday assembly will be hosted by each class. This is a chance for classes to share their learning with the school. Parents are welcome to join us. Assembly is held at 2.30pm each Friday, this term in the Parish Lounge at the back of the hall. Each Monday we will let you know which classes are hosting.

School Assembly Week 1 - Hosted by the Junior School

School Picnic:

This year we will not be having a School picnic because of the construction that is taking place. Once the new classrooms are up and running we will be having an open evening for parents and pupils.

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.



Thank You

A big thank you to Kathryn Johnston for spending time over the holidays repainting walls from graffiti.



COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER

HYDRATION FACTS

Over half of your body is made up of water. We lose water by:

- Sweating
- Going to the toilet
- Breathing

The best drink to hydrate us is water. It's freely available and contains no sugar.

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