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Welcome to Term 1 Week 6

Kia ora

Learner Agency Meeting:

Many, many thanks to the parents who came to learn more and support us at our Learner Agency parent meeting last Thursday. It was a fantastic opportunity for families to learn more about what is happening in our classrooms now, and more indepth information about our refurbished classrooms.

Family-School Link Meetings:

These meetings are on Thursday afternoon. Appointment times have been sent with the newsletter today. If you would like a meeting, please contact Mrs Gray in the office to arrange a time. **Please note, school finishes for instruction at 2pm on Thursday** to allow for Family-School Link meetings. Buses will run at regular times.

God Bless

Kristine Osburn



Stepping Stones:

Wednesday 8th March 1:40 to 2:40

A special introduction of the school programme for 4 1/2 to 5 year olds. All are welcome.

Mission: Excellence in Education for all within a Catholic Environment.



Congratulations: Term 1 Week 5

- Vinsin – Excellent focus in maths
- Grayson – Super focus on word work
- Michaela – Super focus in all learning areas
- Victor – Role model of the week
- Ivy – Excellent focus during reading
- Arliyah – Always helping Mrs Koolhoven
- Benji – Amazing success in swimming
- Breahna – Focused independent math work
- Brooke T – Great and thoughtful writing
- Franco – Thoughtful discussion
- Scarlet – Amazing concentration in all areas
- Melaia – Excellent work in class



Interschool Swimming:

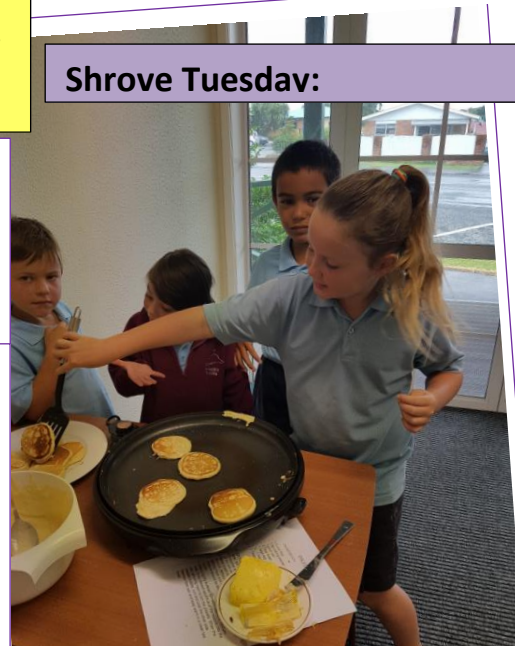
Congratulations to our students who represented our school so well last week in the Interschool Swimming Competition. They had a very successful day in the pool. The results will be in next week's newsletter.

The season of Lent began last Wednesday - Ash Wednesday. The school gathered in the Church and received the ashes in a very prayerful and beautiful liturgy. It was made even more special knowing that the ashes we received, we had burnt the day before at a school liturgy. Special thanks to Declan, Breahna and Samuel for their leadership for our Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday liturgies.

Ash Wednesday:



Shrove Tuesday:



Friday Assembly:

Thank you Mrs Lotter and the Super Kids from Year 1 and 2 for your assembly on Friday. This Friday, it is Room 4's turn to host. School assembly is at 9am in the hall and all are very welcome.

Last Tuesday we marked the day before Lent begins with a special liturgy. We burnt palms and Lenten prayers in a fire in preparation for Ash Wednesday. After the liturgy we enjoyed pikelets with jam and cream made by Room 4. Many thanks to our parent helpers who helped to cook 250 pikelets for the school to share.



Immunisation Forms:

A reminder for students in our Senior room who have outstanding immunisation forms, that these do need to be returned to the office as soon as possible, regardless of the decision made for or against immunisation.

Headphone/Ear buds:

Our classes use headphones to help with their learning, especially in listening to audio stories during reading times. If you have a spare set of headphones or ear buds that you are able to donate, please send them to the school office. Children are welcome to bring to school their own set of ear buds - a very good idea for hygiene reasons.

Inter-Catholic School Swimming Competition:

This Thursday we have a small Year5/6 team of students representing our school in Matamata. We wish them all the very best.

Sacramental Programme 2017:

Lessons for this year's Sacramental Programme begins on Tuesday 21st March 3.30pm with an information meeting for parents and candidate in the Parish Lounge. It is not too late to join the group! Children who are baptised and at least 8 years old are able to be candidates this year. Please keep all of our candidates and their families in your prayers.

Mass Times 10th /11th March

Paeroa – Saturday 7pm

Te Aroha – Sunday 9am

Morrinsville – Sunday 11am

Altar Servers:

Sam, Hunter & Trinity

Regardless of the direction, you are approaching, you must slow down to 20kph if a school bus is letting children off, in case a child dashes across the road.

PTA Fundraiser:

Our PTA are doing a fundraiser with NZ Bulbs 20% of the sales goes to the PTA to be spent on new Maths equipment. All orders must be returned to the school office by Friday 24th March.

We only have limited number of catalogues so have sent some home if you don't get one and you would like one they are available from the office.



St Joseph's Day Celebrations:

Last week, permission slips were set home for St Joseph's Day, this year hosted by St Joseph's, Paeroa. We will celebrate St Joseph's Day on Friday 17th March in Paeroa, with our friends from St Joseph's Paeroa and St Joseph's Waihi. Celebrations include a liturgy and tabloid sports. If you are able to help with transport, please let us know as soon as possible.

Free books for our School:

At New World Morrinsville, our school has a 'St Joseph's box'. If anyone in our school community buys 2 Kelloggs products, they can put their receipt in our school box. We receive a book for every receipt.

Te Aroha Cobras Junior Soccer registration now open

Ages 5-13, 'like' us on face book (Te Aroha Cobras Junior AFC) to keep up to date with our up coming Musters.

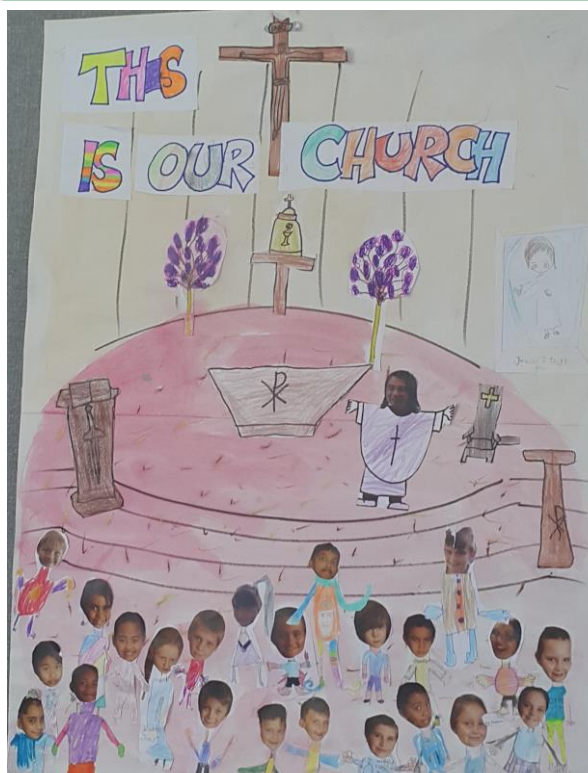
Fees are \$65 for 1 player \$115 for 2 or \$155 for 3 players from the same household.

Register now at:

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?aID=7675&pKey=389739b67171eefc1bf8950cf7de728c&cID=23700&formID=54784>

Any questions contact Lisa Carr 0278601806

Happenings From Around the Classrooms:



Room 4 have been learning about important parts of our church. We learnt the special names of things in the church - the altar, tabernacle and lectern. We also learnt that people are a very, very, very important part of our church - we are all special!

I like swimming because you can dive under the water and it is fun. I like floating in the pool because it is cold and nice. When I get out I get cold so I have to get dressed and I sit in the sun to get warm. Then I get my lunch. By Elisapeta Year 2

I like swimming because I can be free when I swim. I am cold when I hop out. I can swim anywhere even in the ocean. It is fun.

By Grayson Year 2

At swimming, I get myself ready to go into the pool to swim. I like playing with the flutter board. SPLASH! When I get out I DRIP! DRIP! Then I get dressed and go to lunch. By Ryder Year 2

Inspired by "George's Marvellous Medicine" Roald Dahl.

My Marvellous Medicine for Making Cats.

Ingredients: by Caleb year 6

1 Cat fur
1 Tuna fish
10 cat biscuits
5 tsp Milk
1 Mug
A spoon
A whisk

Step 1 Put the tuna in (first cut it).

Step 2 Put the cat fur in, then the cat biscuits.

Step 3 Pour the milk in the mug.

Step 4 Use the whisk to mash up the tuna.

Step 5 Pour the cup of medicine out on the grass.

Step 6 Step back watch the cat pop out of the ground.

Caution: Do not drink this or you'll turn into an ugly cat.

Reason is for people that are lonely with no friends or pets.

Warning don't try this at home
Then you have a meowing friend.



In Room 5 we have been exploring the school values and what they mean to us and how we can exhibit them in our everyday life. We collaborated together to create our tree from Danuson's design which the class voted on.



Junior classes are completing a Dr Seuss study once a fortnight on Fridays. Today we read 'One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish' by Dr. Seuss. Students loved experimenting with their rhyming words and making their own fish bowls.