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Welcome to Term 1 Week 10

Kia ora,

At the beginning of March, all teachers check where each student in their class is at with their learning. As a staff, we look closely at this data, to determine each child's next learning step and to design relevant learning programmes for each student. We constantly review these programmes as the year progresses and students learning needs progress.

We value all the support you give us with encouraging your child's reading at home. All children love listening to their parents read to them. Even year 7&8's love sharing the novel they are reading.

School Uniform:

We are fast approaching the end of the 'Summer' term. Please note that next term, our school uniform changes slightly, with students requiring black shoes and blue navy socks (or tights for the girls). Please support us by ensuring your child is in full uniform each day. If, for whatever reason, your child is unable to wear their uniform, please let us know here at school. Alternatively, we have spare uniform items in the office.

School Term Dates:

Please note that school closes for the term next Thursday 13th April at 2.50pm. Term 2 begins on Monday 1st May.

God Bless

Kristine Osburn

Jesus is our friend. He listens to our problems and is there to help us.

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



Holy Week Walk:

Next Thursday, we will gather as a school to remember the events of Holy Week through a special liturgy. All are very welcome to come along and pray with us on our Holy Week Walk. We will start just after 2pm in the Hall. Mass times for Holy Week attached.

Congratulations: Term 1 Week 9

- **Ivy:** Focusing on adding during maths
- **Owen:** An amazing first week at school
- **Nikita:** An amazing first week at school
- **Maison:** Using his sound card and words around the room
- **Arliyah:** Using his sound card and words around the room
- **Tanika:** Showing persistence
- **Alikia:** Amazing machine design
- **Joban:** Being a reliable and responsible learner
- **George:** Working well as an independent focused learner
- **Maumi:** Great job with writing
- **Victor:** Role model of the week
- **Mikaere:** Highest accuracy in prodigy maths
- **Kenshin:** Most questions answered in prodigy maths
- **Michaela:** Thank you for your help
- **Elisapeta:** Writer of the week
- **Elisapeta:** Great spelling award
- **Grayson:** Working super hard at reading faster
- **Charlytte:** Consistency in all curriculum areas
- **Lily:** Helpfulness in class
- **Brooke C:** Working well and making great choices
- **Libby:** Asking great questions
- **Carsen:** Excellent result in maths test



School Assembly:

A big thank you to the Juniors for their wonderful assembly on Friday. It was amazing to see all the technology learning that had been happening. This week it is Room 4's turn to host assembly. School Assembly is every week at 9am in the Hall.



Children's Liturgy:

This weekend, as we have 9am Sunday Mass, there is a children's liturgy. All are very welcome to come along! This is a great way for the Gospel to be brought to children at their own level. Many thanks to the children's liturgy leaders, especially Mr Warren and Mr Spencer.

Palm Sunday:

Palm Sunday is Sunday 9th April. Fr JeLo has invited all children to come to Mass dressed as 'Israelites', people from the times of Jesus, to lead the procession in the Church. All are welcome. Mass will be at 11am.

Rippa Rugby:

Our senior rooms have teams preparing for a Rippa Rugby Tournament on Wednesday 12th April. There were practises happening at school this Friday afternoon. Good luck to our teams.



Dog Safety:

Last week, Donna visited our school with her adorable puppy, Brandy. Donna spoke about how we can keep ourselves safe around dogs, including how to approach a dog and what to do if a strange or scary looking dog comes too close for comfort. What excellent lifeskills for our learners to have. Thank you Donna and Brandy and the team from New Lives Rescue.



Sacramental Programme 2017:

The Sacramental Programme is well underway now, with candidates and a family member meeting in the Parish Lounge at 3.30pm each Tuesday. Please keep all the candidates and their families in your prayers.

Mass Times 8th/9th April

Paeroa – Saturday 7pm

Te Aroha – Sunday 9am

Morrinsville – Sunday 11am

Altar Servers:

Declan, Trinity & Noah

Year 7 & 8 Netball Reps

Te Aroha netball are holding trials for year 7 and year 8 netball rep teams on Tuesday 4th of April and Thursday 6th of April from 3.30 to 5pm at the Te Aroha netball courts. Everyone welcome.

We are also looking for coaches and managers for both of these teams so if one of these positions interests you please contact Debbie Darby on 027 636 5800. It would be great to have coaches in place before our trials.

Te Aroha Athletics Club Prizegiving

The Te Aroha Athletics Club prizegiving will be held on Tuesday 11th of April starting at 6pm. The prizegiving will be held at the Te Aroha Events Centre. Please bring a plate to share for supper. Any queries please contact Debbie Darby on 027 636 5800.

Te Aroha Junior Hockey Muster

When: Monday 3rd April

Time: 3.30 to 4.30pm

Where: Te Aroha Primary Turf

Contact: Kim Davey 0274 824597

Te Aroha Swimming Club

AGM & Prizegiving

6pm – Wednesday 12th April

At: Te Aroha College Pavilion

Please bring a plate to share

Happenings From Around the Classrooms:

Room five have taken part in the "Get New Zealand writing" initiative that school kit and The Warehouse Stationary run. They were required to write a postcard using metaphors to describe themselves. Here are some of the results.

Harrison is like an iceberg hiding beneath the water.

Brooke C is a wild brumby galloping across a field of wild flowers.

Franco is like a blank book waiting to be written.

Vanessa is a flower waiting to bloom.

Brooke is like an owl not being able to fall asleep at night, but also like a cat that is being stirred in the morning.

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?
(Because her students were bright!)

What did the paper say to the pencil?
(Write on!)

What kind of meals do math teachers eat?
(Square meals!)



Great excitement this week! Our Monarch Butterflies finally started hatching!



Juniors have continued to work on their rhyming with Dr Seuss. This week we read Fox in Socks.

ANZAC Day:

This year ANZAC Day falls in the holidays (April 25th). We always have children assemble at the RSA and complete the march (starts at 10.00am) with all the other schools and groups. We carry our school banner and present a wreath at the cenotaph. Children are asked to wear full school uniform to this commemoration.

If your family are planning on being there on ANZAC Day, please indicate on the slip at the bottom of the newsletter, or let Mrs Gray know via email office@stjosephs-tearoha.school.nz or 8849480. Students will require full school uniform.

ANZAC DAY:

_____ will be attending the ANZAC Day Parade.

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