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### Welcome to Term 2 Week 6

Kia ora,

### Blessing of the New Classroom Block:

Wow what a great day we had at St Joseph's on Friday! Our classrooms were blessed by Bishop Steve in a beautiful celebration of faith, culture and heritage. Many thanks to the Sisters of Mercy for attending and gifting the school beautiful reflection prayer cards and framed pictures to help us uphold our Mercy charism. Many thanks also to our amazing community of parents, families, parishioners and friends who supported us on Friday. Thank you to Whaea Em for organising the event.

### New Classroom Names:

Since the beginning of the year we have been looking for names for our classrooms. Last week the decision was made:

Junior block - **Kākano** - Kākano means 'seed'

Middle block (new block) - **Māhuri** - Māhuri means 'sapling'

Senior classroom - **Puāwai** - Puāwai means 'blossom'

These names reflect our closeness to the native bush that covers our beautiful mountain. They also speak of the academic, spiritual, social and cultural growth fostered here at St Joseph's.

God Bless

Kristine Osburn

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)*

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### School Photos:

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, students will be having their class photos and portraits taken. Each child is given an order form to be completed and can be returned to the classroom teacher / school office. If you require a sibling photo taken an envelope can be collected from the office.



*Sometimes you will never know  
the value of a moment until  
it becomes a memory*

### Named Uniform:

We have school jerseys, socks and shoes being left at school every day - some named and others not named. Please help us to return misplaced items of uniform to the rightful owners by ensuring your child has their uniform named.

### School Disco!

Reach for your dancing shoes and Superman cape! This Friday the PTA are hosting a 'Superheroes' Disco in the Hall. The cost is \$5.00 for entry and there is food and drink available for purchase. Year 1-4 Discos is from 5.30pm to 6.30pm and the Senior Year 5-8 Disco is from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Thank you to the PTA for your organisation.



**Vision and Hearing Checks 4<sup>th</sup> July  
11.30am.**

### Bake Sale:

This Sunday after 9am Mass in Te Aroha we will be holding a Bake Sale in the Hall. Later this week, there will be paper plates sent home to each family. Please bake some cookies, a cake, a slice, cupcakes, muffins or any other delicious baking and bring it back to school on the plate. There will be a newsletter attached to the paper plates with further information about where and when baking can be brought in.

### Basketball Draw:

Last week the boys team had a bye. The girls team had an outstanding win against TAPS girls 44-20. Player of the night was Samantha who scored 11 baskets. Well done.  
Tonight the boys play at 6.40pm against TAPS. The girls also play at 6.40pm against Manawaru.

### Thank you to our PTA:

Our PTA is such an important part of our school family. Last week, they have been amazing - toasted sandwich fundraiser, new seating for students, clean up around the school for our big day on Friday and topped up the bark in the playground. Special thanks to Henry Cowley and Tim Glesson for bringing their tractors to school and putting the new bark in the playground. Also special thanks to Danuson, Annabelle and Mrs Koolhoven for staying after school and helping rake the bark.  
New parents are always very welcome to join the PTA.

### Museum Permission Slips:

Permission slips for the museum trip went home a few weeks ago. The cost for the trip is \$8 per student. Money and permission slips can be brought into the office. We will also require parent helpers on the day. Please indicate whether you are able to come with us on the permission slip or alternatively let Mrs Gray in the office know.

## Week 5 Term 2:

Nikita: Writing numbers to 20

Rose: Working on being an independent worker

Seth: Such an amazing independent writing

Caia: Having many "WOW" moments in maths

Elisapeta: Always a role model

Declan: Outstanding test results

Brooke T: An awesome attitude to learning

Ethan: Producing good writing (character)

Asya: Producing good writing (character)



Calling all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and anyone else. We require helpers to help shift our library. Any help will be gratefully appreciated.



Tomorrow Wednesday at 1.40pm to 2.40pm a special introduction of the school programme for 4 ½ to 5 year olds. All are welcome.



## Run, Jump, Throw and Get Set Go!

This week we continue sessions with Mrs Young from Athletics New Zealand, with the support of Mr Muir our regular Project Energiser from Sport Waikato. The skills learnt in these sessions are helping our students to improve their running, jumping and throwing fundamental skills. We all look forward to continuing these sessions over the next few weeks.



## First Communion and Confirmation Mass:

We have 12 of our students being confirmed and receiving their First Communion on Sunday 18th June at 9am in Morrinsville. Fr JeLo will be presiding as Bishop Steve has been called to Rome. All are very welcome to come and celebrate this special occasion.

## Sacramental Programme:

Lessons continue this afternoon (Tuesday). We will be meeting in the Church at 3.30pm. Please continue to pray for our candidates and their families.

## Mass Times for 10<sup>th</sup>/11th June

### Trinity Sunday

Saturday - 6pm Paeroa

Sunday - 9am Te Aroha

Sunday - 11am Morrinsville

Altar Servers: Hafoka, Olivia P & Olivia L

## St Joseph's is on Facebook:

Don't forget to 'like' us on Facebook. We have an active page where we share up to the minute events, news and learning from the classrooms. It is a great way to keep informed.





This is what Bishop Steve said was "the best part of being Bishop"! Bishop Steve blessed our classrooms and also everyone who was there.

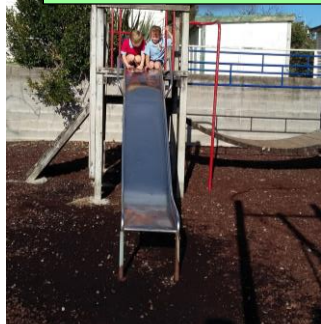
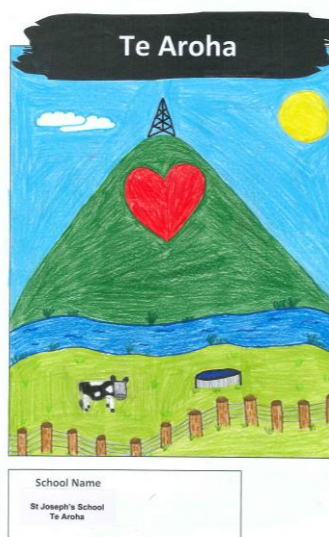
Thank you to Mrs Sayer and Year 8 students who made the lovely morning tea for the Blessing.



To tie up our unit last term about our community of Te Aroha I decided to enter the DHL Lions tour art competition where schools from the Waikato were invited to create a piece of art which represented their communities.

It was with much excitement last week that I received an email informing me that the students from our area selected were Declan and Libby. It is a massive honour for them and really shows the hard work put into their design.

Their pieces of art will be displayed on large signs on the walking route from Waikato stadium and the Fan zone at Claudelands so if you are heading out that way keep a look out for the works from Te Aroha.



The juniors having lots of fun this week learning about forces and how ramps and gravity work.

