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Welcome to Term 3 Week 1

Kia ora,

Welcome to Term 3:

This Term is very busy, with a School Production, Science Fair, Speeches and Totara Springs Sports Camp to name just a few upcoming events. Our school newsletters and school Facebook page are good places to keep up to date with the latest in the happenings at school.

Staffing:

Last Term we said farewell to Mr Keogh, who has left us for a new teaching position closer to his home in Morrinsville.

I will be teaching our Year 5/6 class for the first four weeks of this Term.

From Week 5, Mr Cleaver will be returning to us having completed a few months teaching in Korea. We look forward to welcoming Sam back on our teaching team.

Class Newsletters:

Teachers have prepared newsletters for their classes, which will be sent home this week. These newsletters are designed to give families a clear idea as to the learning programmes and homework expectations for the Term.

God Bless

Kristine Osburn

"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil." Matthew 13:40-41

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

Mass Times 29th/30th July

Saturday 6pm Paeroa

Sunday 9am Morrinsville

Sunday 11am Te Aroha

Baptism Programme

Our Parish will soon be starting a Baptism programme for children. If your family is interested in joining this programme, please contact Whaea Em at school or Fr JeLo through the Parish Office.

School Production 2017:

'Back in my Day'

It's finally the holidays and time to visit Grandma and Grandpa. While settling into their grandparents house, the children discover a long forgotten photo album. They take it to their Grandma. Although Grandma's memory may be fading, on seeing her photo treasures she recalls a bygone era. Along with the ramblings of Grandpa, the stories of Grandma and the inner feelings of their two cats, 'Back in my Day' is a celebration of the dance, music and themes throughout the decades.

School Production

This Term, we will be preparing for a whole school Production. There will be three shows over the Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st September, in the Little Theatre. More information about ticket sales and prices to come later this Term.

School Stationery

We are now at the middle of the year. It is at this time of year that often our learners begin to run out of items of stationery, particularly pens, pencils and gluesticks. Please talk with your child or your child's teacher about things they need to help them to be ready for learning each day.

Student Portfolio Survey Results

Last Term, we surveyed our parent community about our Student Portfolios. Here is some of the feedback we have received:

- Families are happy with our current 'book' portfolios, and would like to have samples of student work accessible online.
- Families agree that our portfolios reflect student achievement, progress and next learning steps.
- Families would like to see mostly samples of work, with summaries of student testing and assessments.

We will continue refining our student portfolios over the coming weeks, and plan to roll out a way that parents can view their child's work securely online in the very near future. Keep an eye on our school newsletters and Facebook page for the latest in these changes.

Congratulations:



Lily: Working hard in maths and writing

Tim: Showing endurance and patience

Ciara: Solid steady work

Lache: Making extra effort this week

Kasey: Hard working at math

Anthony: Role model of the week

Melissa: super respectful and reliable

Cordel: Amazing maths effort

Danuson: An excellent project

Tevita: An excellent project

Franco: An excellent project

School Assembly

This week, Year 3/4 will be leading assembly on Friday morning. Assembly will be in the new Māhuri block at 9am on Friday. Whole school assemblies are each Friday morning at 9am. All are very welcome to join us.

Speeches

This Term, all classes will be making an oral presentation of some kind. For learners in Mahuri and Puawai (Years 3-8) this oral presentation takes the form of a prepared speech. St Joseph's is traditionally very strong in this area and we hope to carry on this great tradition into 2017. More information, specific to each class, will be sent home separately as class newsletters.

Library

Our School Library is finally open and ready for use! Many thanks to Mrs Lotter, Mrs Maisey and their team of parents and students who have worked hard to have our Library back in service this Term.

Congratulations

A big congratulations to the Burge family, who were the winner of a \$50 Countdown voucher at the end of last Term. Many thanks to all those who completed our Student Portfolio Survey last Term.

School Lunches:

This term we are going to relook at the school lunches that can be bought at school. We will let you know when a decision has been made. Until then the lunches will continue as they are.

Welcome:

We would like to welcome the Blank Family to our school community. Libby is starting in Room 1 as part of the Kakano Family.

Clothing Donations

We have very kindly been donated some girls clothing – sized 6/7. If you would like to have a look please come and see Mrs Gray in the office.

Enviro Group

This term Mrs Lotter will be starting an Enviro Club, which will meet one lunch time per week. The purpose of our club is to investigate how we can change our habits to ensure a better future world for future generations, e.g. rubbish management, planting fruit trees, making boomerang bags from T-shirt, to name but a few.

From day 1, we will be asking all our staff and children to take home any rubbish they bring to school in their lunchboxes. We will greatly appreciate your support.



Black Out Day on the last day of Term 2! Big shout out to our brave Lions supporters who proudly wore red in the sea of Black. Our Tutira Mai video on our school Facebook page was viewed over 2,900 times around the world – amazing!