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Welcome to Term 4 Week 1

Kia ora,

Welcome back to our last term of 2017. This term is always very busy with National Standards assessments, (Data that is sent to the Ministry of Education) and preparing the children for their next level in learning.

This term is a week shorter this year with our last day of the term on Thursday 14th December.

Programmes this term will include Science – The Living world, English focusing on fiction, Mathematics revisiting all areas, Physical Education athletics and small ball skills. All classroom teachers will be sending out a letter with an overview of their specific details. Please look in your child's bag for the letter.

Staff Cluster Meeting

Yesterday our staff attended cluster wide professional development. The key focus here is lifting achievement for all our learners across the cluster. Teachers opted into workshops covering a range of topics that are very 'current' in education at the moment, including catering for cultural diversity and ways to use digital devices to enhance learning and good practise in peer and self assessment.

Student Led Conferences

Attached is a booking form for your family to come to our Student Led Conferences. This will be held on Thursday 2nd November. **Please note school will finish at 2.30 that day.** These are special meetings that your child leads where they are able to talk to you about their learning. There can be up to four families in your child's room at time having learning conversations. Please complete the attached booking form and return to Mrs Gray in the office as soon as possible.

God Bless

Kristine Osburn

"Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" Matthew 22:17 NKJV

Conservation Week

This Term's inquiry focus is about our environment, and all that lives within it. It's very appropriate then that we should start this Term with Conservation Week. Our teachers have been hard at work planning activities and class trips to help our students understand the world in which we live. Encourage your child to share their living world learning at home.

Production DVDs and photographs

More information to come! Watch this space.....



Calendar Art

It's that time again! Calendar art orders are being sent home this week and are due back on Friday 27th October. This is to ensure that orders arrive in plenty of time for families who post overseas in time for Christmas. Artworks the children have created can be viewed in classrooms.

Scripture Reading Competition

Our annual Scripture Reading Competition is coming up in the next few weeks. This competition involves students from Rooms 3, 4 and 5 and is in two sections: Years 3-5 and Years 6-8. The scriptures this year are based on the mysteries of the Rosary. Scriptures for students to practise will be coming home with more information over the coming days.



Save the Dates!

End of Year Mass - Tuesday 12th December

Academic Prizegiving - Wednesday 13th December



East Waikato Science Fair:

Congratulations to Declan who achieved 'Silver' at the East Waikato Science Fair. What a marvellous achievement.

Sport Uniforms:

We have a lot of outstanding school sport uniforms. Please return to school as soon as possible. They can be dropped off to Mrs Gray in the office in a named plastic bag.

Victor: Role model of the week

Kalolaine: Wonderful positive attitude, welcome to St Josephs

Helina: Super positive attitude, welcome to our school.

Ryder: Great the way you help others

Elisapeta: Thank you for your help

Bella: Thank you for caring for our environment

Grayson: Thank you for your help

Cordel: What a super attitude

Ashley F: Hard work in the Statistic unit

Melaia: Excellent focus

Harkirat: Great application in class

Declan: great work at Science Fair



Sacramental Programme 2018

Families are warmly invited to enrol their children as candidates for 1st Communion and Confirmation next year. Candidates must be baptised, and at least 8 years old by 31st January 2018. There will be a meeting for candidates and their parents/caregivers on Tuesday 28th November at 3.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Please see Mrs Maisey or Whaea Em for enrolment information before this meeting.

Save the date!

Parish Christmas Function will be on Friday 24th November at 6.30pm. This is a potluck dinner, and there will be entertainment. If you or your family have a great idea for an item, and would like to share it as part of the entertainment, please let Steve Warren or Megan Paul know. Alternatively, you can see Whaea Em and she will pass on your details. Forms must be returned to Mrs Maisey or Whaea Em by 21st November.

Mass Times for 21st/22nd October

Saturday – 6pm Paeroa

Sunday – 9am Te Aroha

Sunday – 11am Morrinsville

"Today you are **YOU**, that is truer than true. ★
There is no one alive who is **Youser** than **YOU**!"
Dr. Seuss

PTA Meeting Tonight

7.00pm School Staffroom

All Welcome

RCIA Programme

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults starts on Wednesday, 18 October. This is a special programme for adults who are interested in joining the Catholic Faith. Please contact Fr JeLo via the Parish Office for more information.

October is the Month of the Rosary

Rosary will be prayed from 16-20 October at 5.30 in our church here in Te Aroha. As a school, we will be reflecting on the mysteries of the Rosary each Monday morning for the first four weeks of this Term.

Mercy Day

During the last week of Term 3, we celebrated our Mercy heritage with a tabloid sports. We practised using our Mercy charism, showing compassion, respect and acts of service. Many thanks to our Senior Year 7 and 8 for putting together our Mercy Day Tabloid Sports.

