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Welcome to Term 4 Week 2

Kia ora,

Student Led Conferences:

Student Led Conferences are next week. These are special meetings giving students opportunities to share their learning with their families. Appointment slips have been sent home. If you have not yet returned a slip to Mrs Gray, it is not too late to do so. Alternatively, appointments can be made by contacting Mrs Gray directly.

Painting:

Our school will be having painters busy from 12th November. This will not affect classes but will give our school a lovely freshen up.

Chicken Pox:

We have been notified that Chicken Pox is currently in our community. Chickenpox can often start with the following symptoms:

- a fever
- a headache
- a runny nose
- a cough
- loss of appetite
- feeling tired

Chickenpox is contagious from 1–2 days before the blisters appear. Avoid close contact with other people, stay home from work and keep children home from school and early childhood education centres for 1 week from the appearance of the rash until all blisters have dried.

Some key points to remember:

*chickenpox is a common childhood illness caused by a virus

- it is very easy to catch
- most cases of chickenpox are mild and children get better completely
- your child needs to see a doctor if they have a very high fever or are very ill, particularly if they become very drowsy, or are breathing fast or vomiting a lot
- children with chickenpox need to stay home from school.

God Bless

Kristine Osburn

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22:36-39

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

Parish Christmas Dinner:

Mark your calendar and save the date for our Parish Christmas Dinner on Friday 24th November, 6.30pm. This is a potluck dinner with entertainment provided by members of the three churches - Te Aroha, Paeroa and Morrinsville. The dinner will be in our Parish Hall here in Te Aroha. If you have an item you would like to share as part of the entertainment, please contact Steve Warren or Megan Paul.

Production DVDs and photographs

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



Calendar Art:

Calendar order forms have been sent home and are due back on Friday 27th October. This leaves plenty of time for art orders to be sent as special Christmas presents for family and friends overseas

Combined Agricultural Day:

Congratulations to Libby G for Reserve Champion in Dairy Type Heavy and Brooke C for reserve Champion Lamb for leading.

Group day!

Any entries for Group Day will need to be text or phoned to Megan 0275847250
Or any enquiries.

Financial Literacy:

Tomorrow we have a visitor here from the ASB Getwise programme to take the children through lessons on financial literacy.

Scripture Reading Competition:

Our annual Scripture Reading Competition is coming up. 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. Students have been given the scriptures to practise.

Important Dates in Week 9

Year 8 Graduation - Monday 11th December
End of Year Mass - Tuesday 12th December
Academic Prizegiving - Wednesday 13th December
Last day of the school year - Thursday 14th December

TE AROHA SWIMMING CLUB REGISTRATION NIGHT WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1

Te Aroha Swimming Club will begin its 2017/18 summer season on Wednesday November 1st with registration and assessment from 5.30pm – 6.30pm at the Te Aroha College Pool.

New swimmers are asked to bring along their togs so that they can be assessed on their swimming ability and placed into appropriate squads. The minimum expectation is that swimmers have been through a learn to swim programme and/or are confident to swim a width of the college pool in Freestyle and Backstroke.

Stroke development and swim training will then begin on Monday November 6th and run for 6 weeks

For those seeking a learn to swim programme, Te Aroha Swimming Club will again run a Swimsafe programme early in February 2018. Information about this programme will be available early in the New Year.

For further information about registration visit our facebook page.

Sun Hats:

Please support us in encouraging your children to wear sunhats. Sunhats must be worn at school when the children are outside. We have school hats for sale at the school office for \$15.

Term 4 Week 1:

Matthew: Helping an elderly person in need

Alikia: Superb start to Term 4

Dominik: Making great learning connections in our habital learning

Anthony: Role model of the week

George: Showing love in action in the playground

Sione: Outstanding writing

Tim: Outstanding writing

Samuel H: Displaying excellent discussion skills in class

Declan: Being an excellent role model



Sunday Mass:

This Sunday our school is rostered on to greet parishioners before Mass at the door and also to take the gifts forward during offertory time. If you are planning to be at Mass on Sunday and would like to help, please let Mrs Gray know so that she can pass names on. Thank you.

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. Enrolment forms are due back by Tuesday 21st November and can be given to Whaea Em or Mrs Maisey.

Mass Times for 28th/29th October

Saturday – 6pm Paeroa

Sunday – 9am Morrinsville

Sunday – 11am Te Aroha

Paeroa Athletics:

This year, the Paeroa Athletics day is on Friday 3rd November. This is an opportunity for some friendly competition with other Catholic Schools in our cluster. Permission slips have been sent home and can be returned to the office as soon as possible.

Mahuri Trip to Maungatautari:

Newsletters have gone home with all the children in Mahuri (Rooms 3/4) regarding a trip to Maungatautari. This is an inland, pest-free sanctuary for our native animals. The cost of the trip is \$10. Please return slips to Mrs Gray in the office or to Whaea Em or Mr Cleaver.

Cricket:

Once again, students will be participating in cricket sessions once a week. Lisa from Waikato will be taking students each Friday this Term. We really appreciate the expert coaching our students receive and it is thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Te Aroha Athletics Club welcomes the 2017/2018 season. Registrations are open. To find out more please go to our Facebook Page, Te Aroha Athletics Club or email. tearohaathletics@gmail.com.

Beginning Tuesday October 24th (Week 2 Term 4) all registered athletes aged 5-7 will be eligible to attend a 6 week coaching course run by Athletics New Zealand, with a coaching night for registered athletes 8+ held on Tuesday October 24th 6pm sharp.

WANTED:

The Junior classes have been very fortunate to purchase a carpentry table for student use. If you have any wood cut offs, nails or carpentry tools lying around unwanted, the Junior classes would love to use them. Please come and see either Mrs Koolhoven or Mrs Lotter.



Aroha Cruise-In Artworks:

Congratulations to Emily, Ashley W, Trinity and Oliver who won gift vouchers for their artworks entered into the annual Aroha Cruise-In art competition.

Welcome to our three New Entrant students, Alex Jayne, Sophia Jayme and Cameron Nicholson.



Next Stepping Stone session is
Wednesday 1st November from
1.35 till 2.35pm in Room 1.

Bella:

ICE-CREAM!

Yummy Gummy

Cookies and Cream favourite flavour.

Makes me feel happy!

Crunchy in my mouth.

Ryder:

ICE-CREAM!

Boysenberry is super smooth,

I eat it, BRAIN FREEZE!

On my tongue,

It is cold, sweet, tasty!

I want to go back for more.

Benji:

ICE-CREAM!

Ice-cream ice-cream

It's so yummy,

Who doesn't like ice-cream?

Favourite is chocolate, brown as dirt,

It is cold and smooth on my tongue.



Tony from the Red Cross teaching the year 7 and 8s essential first aid.