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Welcome to Term 4 Week 5

Kia ora,

This term, we would like to offer the Baptismal Programme, during school hours, to families that are interested in their child/ren becoming baptised. This programme will commence next week and is offered to children from all Year Levels. Baptism is the first of the Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church. It welcomes the person into the Church community.

This programme will be held each Wednesday Afternoon at 1.35 pm in the Parish Hall. It will be delivered by our Proprietors Rep, Stephen Warren in conjunction with our School Principal; Kristine Osburn.

After five sessions, participants of the programme will have the option of being baptised during a whole school Mass on Tuesday 12th December 2017 or at an alternatively arranged time with our Parish Priest. Please note, that there will be two sessions, in the first week to ensure that five sessions are completed by the end of the school term. Parents are very welcome to attend and support their child/ren during the programme sessions.

If you would like your child/ren to participate in the Baptismal Programme please contact Mrs Gray in the office or via email office@stjosephs-tearoa.school.nz or alternatively 07 884 9480. I can also be contacted; 027 2764 275.

Stepping Stones is running this Wednesday 15th November from 1.35 til approx 2.30pm in Room 1 with Mrs Koolhoven.

God Bless

Kristine Osburn

There are no lunch orders until further notice due to the freezer defrosted.

*Matthew 25:1-13 Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.
Matthew 25:13 (NIV)*

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

Parish Christmas Function:

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.

Junior Athletics Day

When: Friday 24th November

Where: St Joseph's

Time: 11:30 - 12:30

On Sale: Pies and juices (Family and students)

Scripture Reading Competition 2017:

Congratulations to all our readers in this years Scripture Reading Competition. The results were as follows:

Junior (Year 3-5): 1st Charlytte, 2nd Mikaere, 3rd Majella

Senior (Year 6-8): 1st Declan, 2nd Trinity, 3rd Samuel

Our Scripture Reading Cups will be awarded at Prizegiving at the end of the year. Many thanks to our judges, Mr Belczacki and Fr JeLo.

As our judges commented, it was a privilege to hear young people read scripture with such skill and reverence.



Amazing Athletics!

It was a scorching hot day as we arrived. I knew it was going to be a great day.

As we began to put the soft shotput and as the discus flew through the air and landed with a bang, I got less nervous. As I jumped in long jump, I thought I flew.

After lunchtime..... ON YOUR MARKS... SET...

BANG! I raced off from the short 60m mark, same with the 100m and 200m. The relays began and O'Reilly won 4-5! I will not forget this wonderful day.

By Millah, Year 4

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



Term 4 Week 4:

Benj: Super effort at writing and maths

Vinsen: Being a star all week in all learning

Beth: Amazing focus and awesome attitude to learning

Cordel: Amazing positive attitude to all parts of school life.

Ashley W: Demonstrating leadership

Zahrhina: Demonstrating leadership

Harrison: Working really hard with written language

Samantha: Showing amazing sportsmanship.

Ashley F: Showing courage at white water rafting



PTA Meeting

Tuesday 14th November

7.00pm School

Staffroom

All welcome

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 next Tuesday 21st November and can be given to Whaea Em or Mrs Maisey.

Free Ear Clinic for Children

Tuesday 21st November

10am to noon

Future Te Aroha

13 Boundary Road

Te Aroha

Interschool Athletics:

This event is held on Wednesday 15th November. Permission slips have been sent home and are to be back to Mrs Sayer as soon as possible.

Reminder:

Junior School:

End of year outing to Bullswool Farm

Friday 1 December.

Please return permission slips.

College Visits:

This Friday some of our Year 8 students will be visiting St John's and Sacred Heart Colleges in Hamilton. For more information, please see Mrs Sayer.

Production DVDs:

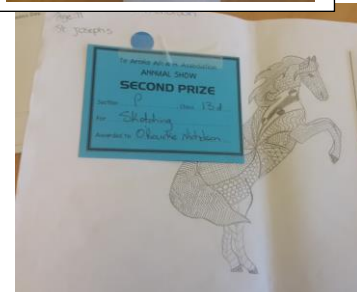
DVD copies of our School Production, Back in my Day, are available by order. They cost \$5 each. Order forms are available at the office. All order forms must be returned by Wednesday 22nd November. Please note that DVDs are made to order.

Mass Times for 18th/19th November

Saturday - 7pm Paeroa

Sunday - 9am Morrinsville

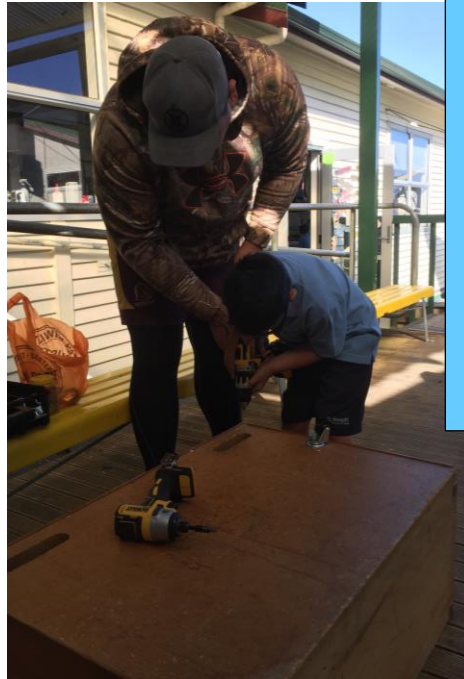
Sunday - 11am Te Aroha



A big congratulations to Seren and Ciara who won 2nd placings and Caleb and Breahna who won 3rd placings in the annual art competition held at the AP & H show this year. Well done!



Libby and Penny brought their pet rocks to share with their class for pet day.



Jaxin and his Dad, Alex helping to set up the carpentry table for the Junior School.



Pet Day:

Thank you Mrs Lotter and teachers what a great afternoon.