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Welcome to Term 4 Week 6

Kia ora,

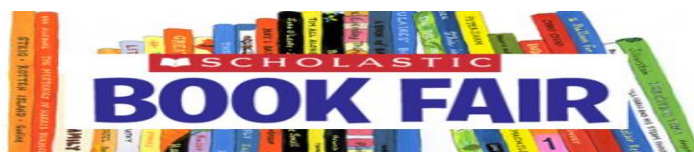
This is a very busy time of the year finishing everything from 2017 and getting organised for 2018.

Sam Cleaver is moving to Tauranga next year to take up his new teaching position. We wish him all the best with his next step in teaching. Many thanks Sam for stepping back into our school when Mr Keogh left. It was wonderful having you back at St Joseph's. Once again, a big thank you.

Next year we will be welcoming Donna Rutherford. Donna is a very experienced teacher coming from St Joseph's in Morrinsville. Donna lives in Te Aroha and is very excited about joining our team and getting involved in our school community. Welcome Donna.

God Bless

Kristine Osburn



BOOK FAIR WEEK:

THIS WEEK IN OUR LIBRARY WE WILL BE HOSTING A SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR. THE BOOK FAIR WILL BE ON DISPLAY THIS WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY 8.30 TO 10.00, 1.00 TO 1.30 AND 3.00 TO 4.30 BOTH DAYS. THESE BOOKS MAKE TERRIFIC CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE BY CASH, CREDIT CARD OR CHEQUE.

There are no lunch orders until further notice.

Matthew 25:14-30 : For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. Matthew 25:29 (NIV)

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

Parish Pre-Christmas Social:

Your family are very warmly invited to come to the Parish Pre-Christmas Social this **FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER** at the Parish Hall here in Te Aroha. This is a potluck dinner with entertainment and prizes. Start time is at 6.30pm. Bring along a main and a dessert and join in the fun.

Junior Athletics Day

When: Friday 24th November

Where: St Joseph's

Time: 11:30 - 12:30

Please come and support the children.

Sport Uniforms:

Please could all sport uniforms be returned to our school as soon as possible. It is getting closer to the end of the year and we need them back.

*Libby, Harrison
(Sports Monitors.)*

Are these items at your house?

Missing after our School Production last Term:

2 white bow ties

3 coloured bow ties ie patterned

1 white braces

1 small wire wig brush. Important to us but not something people would want to use on own hair.

Interschool Athletics:

Congratulations to all our students who represented our school so well at the Interschool Athletics day last Wednesday at Herries Park.

Results:

Girls:

Helina: 3rd 8 year Discus

Majella: 1st 9 year 1st 200 M

Millah: 9year 1st long jump, 1st Discus, 1st 60M, 1st 100M

Seren: 10year 1st long jump, 1st 800m, 3rd 200M

Zabrina: 10 year 1st 100M, 1st 200M

Annabelle: 11 year 1st long jump, 1st discus, 2nd 100m

Ciara: 11year 1st 200M, 1st 800M, 2nd high jump

Brooke C: 12 year 1st long jump, 2nd 100M, 2nd 800m

Boys:

James: 9 year 3rd 60M

Maumi: 9year 3rd 100M

Paea: 11 year 3rd shot put, 3rd 100M

Carsen: 12 year 3rd 800M

Samisoni: 12 year 2nd shot put

Danuson: 12 year 2nd long jump

Rylee: 12year 1st high jump, 2nd 200M 3rd long jump

Harry: 12year 3rd shot put, 3rd discus

Congratulations to our place getters.

Poetry Reading:

On Wednesday we have Judi Billcliff, coming to visit us to give a poetry reading for our children. We are looking forward to hearing some wonderful poetry and enjoying her performance.

End of Year Functions:

We are rapidly approaching the end of the school year. Rooms 3, 4 and 5 are meeting each Friday afternoon now to prepare for the graduation evening for our Year 8s, haka for prizegiving and carol singing for the elderly. It's a busy time! Make sure you mark your diary for our end of year functions in **Week 9:**

Monday 11th December - Graduation Evening

**Tuesday 12th December - End of Year Mass 10am
(Baptisms for some of our students)**

**Wednesday 13th December - Academic Prizegiving
1pm**

**Thursday 14th December - 'Last Day' - Finish at
12noon.**

Painting:

Painting of our school buildings is well underway. Please be aware of cordoned off areas in our grounds where painters are at work.

Term 4 Week 5:

Cameron: Learning to add to 10

Alex: Learning to add to 10

Samuela: Always being kind and caring

Kalolaine: Star of the week

James: Brilliant learning attitude in all curriculum areas

Caleb: Great effort at athletics day

Simione: Great effort at athletics day



A Big Thank You...

Silverfern Farms for donating sausages for our Sausage sizzle.

Also:

A huge thank you to the Cowley, Sheehan, O'Rourke, Shallue families for donating calves for PTA fundraising. They managed to raise \$3544.33!

Free Ear Clinic for Children
Tuesday 21st November (tomorrow)
10am to noon
Future Te Aroha
13 Boundary Road
Te Aroha

Reminder:

Junior School:

End of year outing to Bullswool Farm
Friday 1 December.
Please return permission slips.

Production DVDs:

Orders close this Wednesday 22nd November. Please note, DVDs are made to order so late orders cannot be taken and no extra copies will be made! Please see Mrs Gray in the office with \$5 to secure a DVD copy of this years production.

Mass Times for 25th/26th November
Feast of Christ the King
Saturday – 7pm Paeroa
Sunday – 9am Te Aroha
Sunday – 11am Morrinsville

Baptism Programme:

We have eight of our students currently preparing for Baptism. Moana, Alikia, Nikita, Lache, Majella, Steven, Vannessa and Vinsen are working with Mr Warren each Wednesday afternoon through a preparation programme for Baptism. Please keep these children, and Mr Warren, in your prayers.

Mahuri trip to Maungatautari - Sanctuary Mountain:

The class trip to Maungatautari for Rooms 3 and 4 is next Wednesday. Many thanks to all those parents who have offered to take transport - we would not be going without your support. There are still some outstanding permission slips. These must be returned before Friday this week.

Sacramental Programme Information Meeting:

There is a special meeting for all candidates and their parents next Tuesday 28th November at 3.30pm in the Parish Lounge. This is an information meeting for families. Candidates must have an adult family member present at this meeting.

Sacramental Programme 2018:

Families are warmly invited to be part of our preparation programme for 1st Communion and Confirmation. Candidates must be at least 8 years old by 31st January 2018 and Baptised to be eligible to enrol. Enrolments close soon - Mrs Maisey will be finalising the lists this week and would like all forms returned by tomorrow TUESDAY 21st November. Forms can be given to Whaea Em to pass on or to Mrs Maisey or the Parish Office.

Book Character Costumes



Dress as a Book Character!

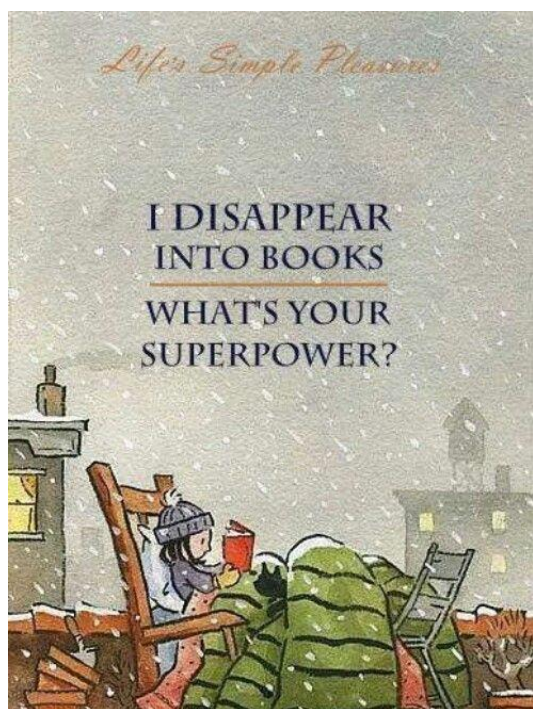
This Wednesday, as we have a Book Fair, everyone is welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. What a great way to celebrate Reading!



Plenty of helpers around to plant this tree!



Mrs Osburn made a discovery this week of a blackbirds nest outside the staffroom window! What a great learning opportunity for our students to see wild baby birds up close without disturbing them. Thank you for sharing your babies with us Mama blackbird!



Kakano Juniors have managed to successfully hatch 7 chicks over the weekend. What an amazing experience for our students as part of our inquiry learning.

