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Welcome to Term 4 Week 7

Kia ora,

Sun Hats:

Please can your children look at home for school sun hats. We did a big drive today as from now on the dangerous UV index will be high to very high. The sun loves winter skin.

A few New Zealand facts, \$57 million is spent each year on skin cancer treatment, one of the most expensive cancers in New Zealand. The rate of melanoma skin cancer has risen steadily over the past 20 years. Evidence shows that most skin cancers are caused by excessive exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

All children are to wear a hat when outside.

Please help us find our missing hats.

Term dates for 2018

Term 1 Wednesday 31st Jan to Friday 13th April

Term 2 Monday 30th April to Friday 6th July

Term 3 Monday 23rd July to Friday 28th September

Term 4 Monday 15th October to Friday 14th December

Academic Prizegiving:

Teachers are currently analysing assessment data from throughout the year to find prize winners for this years Academic Prizegiving. Please note, Prizegiving will be in our Church on **Wednesday 13th December at 12noon**. Last week we advertised Prizegiving at 1pm but have changed the time to better suit workers lunch hour.

Last day of school:

School finishes this year on **Thursday 14th December at 12noon**. The buses will be rolling past the school from 12noon.

There some pies for sale for lunches at \$3.50.

God Bless

Kristine Osburn

Matthew 25:31-46 : "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left."

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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Vodafone has announced that it will be terminating its email service on 30 November. There are a number of email domains that are affected by this change:

clear.net.nz, @paradise.net.nz, @ihug.co.nz, @vodafone.net.nz, @vodafone.co.nz, @es.co.nz, @pcconnect.co.nz, @quik.co.nz and @wave.co.nz
If you have registered an email address from one of these domains with school can you please let us know your updated email address so that we can ensure that you keep updated with school communications.

Please send updated information to office@stjosephs-tearoa.school.nz, ensure that you include your full name and full names of all children here at the college so we can find and update relevant records.

Homework Survey:

Thank you to all those who completed the survey last week on Homework. Some of the results showed that families mostly like reading and spelling as homework, and think that homework for Year 7/8 helps to develop good habits as they head to college. We will be using all data collected to help us to make changes (if needed) to homework in 2018.

Thames Valley Athletics:

Congratulations to those students who represented Te Aroha at the Thames Valley Athletics day last week. The Te Aroha squad which included 10 athletes from St Joseph's competed exceptionally well, taking out many placings and 4 out of 5 relays. Well done team!

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.

Also there are some items of clothing left behind in the Scout Hall after production. These will be displayed on the seats by the garden at the bottom of the staffroom steps.



**Te Aroha District Athletics place winners -
Congratulations team!**

Year 8 Graduation Evening:

Our Year 8 students and their families and other invited guests will be celebrating the graduation of our Year 8 students from St Joseph's with a special evening of good food, stories and fun. Graduation will be on **Monday 11th December at 6.00pm.**

Thank you Mrs Sayer for your organisation.

Softball Tournament:

Our Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 teams are in full preparation mode for the upcoming Softball Tournament next week. Permission slips can be returned to Mrs Gray as soon as possible please.

Term 4 Week 6

Victor: Star of the week

Seth: Happy birthday

Ryder: Wonderful writing

Grayson: Being brave and working hard

George: Enthusiasm for new games, what a great T-baller!

Helina: Thinking carefully about your learning



Juniors Trip to Bullswool Farm:

This Friday Kakano Juniors will be going to Bullswool Farm as part of their inquiry learning for the Term. If you have not returned permission slip and money please send in ASAP.

Production DVDs:

These are in process now and orders have closed. They will be sent home when ready.



Poetry by Judi Billcliff:

On Wednesday the school was treated with a Poetry reading by Judi Billcliff. This was not your average poetry reading! The children were all enthralled and fully engaged in her poetry sessions. Thank you Judi for sharing your talents with us! Read more about Judi and her poetry on her website at <http://www.rainbowpoetry.co.nz>

Mahuri trip to Maungatautari - Sanctuary Mountain:

Mahuri (Rooms 3/4) are heading to Maungatautari Mountain Sanctuary this Wednesday 29th November. Parent helpers are asked to meet in our classroom at 8.40am as we will be gathering children at 8.45am and leaving at bell time at 8.50am. Many thanks to all our parent helpers for their support.

Our End of Year Mass this year is **Tuesday 12th December at 10am**. Everyone is welcome to join us to celebrate the end of the school year with the Eucharist.

Reconciliation:

Reconciliation for students who have had their 1st Reconciliation will be offered after 10am Mass the next two Tuesdays.

Advent Begins:

This Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Advent. This marks the beginning of the Church year and the beginning of the preparation time until Christmas.

Sacramental Programme 2018:

The first meeting for candidates and their parents/caregivers is tomorrow (Tuesday 28th November) at 3.30pm in the Parish Lounge.

Mass Times for 2nd/3rd December

1st Sunday of Advent

Saturday – 7pm Paeroa

Sunday – 9am Morrinsville

Sunday – 11am Te Aroha

Swim Zone Pool Party Te Aroha Pools

Wednesday 20th December

12pm to 2pm \$4.00 per child

Giveaways, games, pool toys,

Sausage Sizzle \$2.00

Swimzonepools.co.nz

Children under 8 must be supervised by a caregiver

16years or older

On Friday afternoon, Kakano Juniors held their Athletics day. Thank you to all the families who supported us. It was wonderful to hear the cheering from the sidelines for all students. Thank you to Mrs Lotter for organising the event.



Room 4 have been busily sewing reusable shopping bags in response to our inquiry unit about the Living World and making choices to care for our environment. Plastic bags are a big pollution problem that supermarkets are tackling by phasing them out next year. Room 4 will be ready for this change!



Parish Pre-Christmas Function:

Last Friday, there was great fun to be had in our Parish Hall here in Te Aroha at the Pre-Christmas party. Some of our students took to the stage to sing and dance, showing their amazing talents.

