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Welcome to Term 1 Week 1

Kia ora

Welcome to the beginning of the 2018 school year.

All the staff have been working over the holidays to ensure everything is ready for a new year of learning. This year we welcome Louise Robinson and Donna Rutherford on our teaching team. Donna comes to us from St Joseph's Morrinsville and will be teaching alongside Em in Mahuri. Louise has been working with the learners at Tahuna School and will be teaching in our Year 7/8 class. Welcome to our St Joseph's family.

Classes:

New Entrants Year 1 – Mrs Koolhoven

Year 2 – Mrs Lotter

Year 3/4 – Whaea Em

Year 5/6 – Mrs Rutherford

Year 7/8 – Mrs Robinson and Mrs Osburn.

Each child will receive a class letter. These letters outline what will be happening this term in your child's classroom. The teachers have all got some very exciting learning programmes organised. All classes will be swimming every day.

Please do not hesitate to come and meet the teachers particularly if your child is going into a new class.

Sun Safety:

We will continue to promote sun safety at all times. We have sunhats at school to purchase if needed for \$15.

Finances:

If you require any assistance with any school related costs please come and see me, I definitely can help.

God Bless

Kristine Osburn



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Passion Play:

Whaea Em is currently organising a Passion Play. Children interested in playing main roles in this play will be called this Friday and casting will happen next week. This is much like a production but on a smaller scale. Commitment from the main cast will be critical and after school practises are a possibility. Our Passion Play is called 'That we might live' and will be presented on Holy Thursday afternoon (Thursday 29th March).

School Stationery:

Money is now due for stationery packs from Office Max. If your family requested one of these packs, please make contact with Mrs Gray in the office to arrange payment.

Swimming:

Please ensure your child comes prepared for swimming, with togs and a towel. Please name all items that come to school, including school uniforms.

Pool Monitor/Caretaker:

We are looking for someone to take care of our pool. There is a small remuneration for this role, and free access to the pool.

Please speak with Kristine if you are interested.

Ash Wednesday:

We will have our first school Mass of the year on Ash Wednesday, 14th February at 10.00am. The ashes will be distributed at Mass for the whole school and parishioners. Everyone is welcome to come to Mass with us.

Cybersafety Agreements:

These agreements will be sent home this week. When they are returned, children from Years 5-8 will be issued with their Chromebook, and students in Years 3-4 will also have Chromebook access (1:1 for Year 4 and 1:2 for Year 3). Cybersafety Agreements can be returned to Mrs Gray in the office as soon as possible.

Pre-loved Togs:

If you have any togs at home which your child no longer fit, please send them to school! We may be able to find a new home for them with some of our students!

Te Aroha Swim Club Learn to Swim Programme:

For beginner swimmers.

Run over 2 weeks.

Location: Te Aroha Primary School.

Registration and assessment: Friday February 9. 3.30-4.30pm. (Please bring togs)

Swim lessons: Monday to Friday. Mon Feb 12 - Fri Feb 23. From 3.30pm.

Lessons will be for 20mins.

Cost \$60.00.

Further info please contact Steve Darby 0279116959.

Welcome Back
 LEARN to School
 WONDER
 experiment Grow
 Play shine SHARE
 INSPIRE
 Explore DREAM
 MAKE FRIENDS Have
 enjoy PRETEND Fun
 imagine
 practice **SMILE**
 sing try new things

Commissioning Mass:

Every year, our school community is invited to the Commissioning Mass. This is a Mass presided by Bishop Steve, especially for schools to bless the school year ahead. Everyone is welcome.- teachers and staff, PTAs, Boards, families and students. Mass is at the Cathedral in Hamilton, Thursday 15th February at 6pm.

Mass Times 3rd/4th February

Paeroa – Saturday 7pm

Te Aroha – Sunday 11am

Morrinsville – Sunday 9am

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR KIDS AFTER SCHOOL INSTEAD OF “HOW WAS YOUR DAY?”

- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
- What did you do that was creative?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Was anyone in your class gone today?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- Did you like your lunch?
- What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
- What made your teacher smile?
What made her frown?
- If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
- What kind of person were you today?

Sacramental Programme 2018:

The first lesson for this year's Sacramental Programme is next Thursday 8th February at 3.30pm. This is the only Thursday meeting. Meetings will be each Tuesday at 3.30pm from Tuesday 13th February.

1st Communion Mass will be Sunday 13th May, 9am.



2018 School Photo

Mark 1:29-39: Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" Mark 1:36-37 (NIV)