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## 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Newsletter No 2

### Welcome to Term 1 Week 2

Kia ora

#### Family Picnic:

All families are invited to come to school with their picnic dinner this Thursday 8th February. The school grounds will be open for the picnic between 5.30pm and 7pm. There will be a wheels trail for bikes and scooters and the pool will be open between 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

#### Calendar for Term 1:

Please find attached to this weeks newsletter a calendar for this Term. The calendar has important dates for our community to know about. There are always new events that pop up during the Term and any new events or changes will be advertised in the weekly school newsletter.

#### Waitangi Day:

Please note that school will be **closed tomorrow** as Waitangi Day is a public holiday. School will resume on Wednesday.

#### PTA Meeting:

First PTA meeting for this year next Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm in school staffroom. All welcome

God Bless

Kristine Osburn

*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*

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

### Mobile Dental Unit

The MDU will be at Te Aroha Primary School from the 21<sup>st</sup> February. Due to a new WDHB policy we will be booking children in by appointment and parents will be sent a text message 3 days prior. This gives the parents the opportunity to attend the appointment. If you do not wish to or are unable to attend your child will be brought over from class, as has occurred in the past.

### 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:

Here in New Zealand, swimming is a life skill that at St Joseph's we believe is very important and potentially lifesaving. Each class has daily swimming time in our school pool. Families can help us by ensuring that their child comes to school with their togs and towel each day. Please name your child's clothing items.

### Passion Play:

There has been much interest from our students to be part of our Passion Play called 'That we might live'. Those students have taken home slips for parents and caregivers to sign so that families know the commitment their children are making by taking part.

### Squash:

Squash lessons began today for the whole school. This is an 8 week programme completed under the guidance of the Waikato Squash Association.

### Cybersafety Agreements:

Cybersafety agreements went home last week. They can be returned to Mrs Gray in the office as soon as possible. Spare forms are available in the office.

### 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.

### **School Assembly:**

The whole school meets for assembly at 2.20pm each Friday afternoon. Families are welcome to join us in the library for this weekly event.

### **Monday Liturgy:**

The whole school meets at 9am on Monday mornings for liturgy in the Church. The purpose of this liturgy is to bless our week of learning and offer all that we do during the week to God. We also share any notices for the week. Families are welcome to come to our weekly liturgy.

### **Commissioning Mass:**

Next Thursday is the Commissioning Mass presided by Bishop Steve. Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass to bless our school year. Some of our teachers will represent our community there. Mass is 6pm at the Cathedral in Hamilton on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Mass Times 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> February**

Paeroa – Saturday 7pm

Te Aroha – Sunday 9am

Morrinsville – Sunday 11am

### **Old Sheets:**

Whaea Em is looking for old sheets to be used for costuming for our Passion Play later this Term, 'That we might live'. If you have any old sheets or similar at home that we could use for re-purposing, please drop them in the office or with Whaea Em.

### **Ash Wednesday:**

Next Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February is Ash Wednesday. The whole school will be attending Mass at 10am. This marks the first whole school Mass for the year. At Mass the children will receive the ashes on their forehead. This signifies the beginning of the season of Lent - a time of prayer, almsgiving, fasting and repentance.

### **Sacramental Programme 2018:**

This year's Sacramental Programme begins on Thursday afternoon at 3.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Candidates are asked to bring a folder, and a 6x4 photo of themselves. A family representative (parent, grandparent or caregiver) should attend with the candidates. Please note that while this week we meet on Thursday afternoon, from next week meetings will be regularly on a Tuesday afternoon.

**FREE HEARING & VISION CHECKS for CHILDREN**

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Future Te Aroha Community Centre**

**13 Boundary St**

**10am to noon.**

**For enquiries regarding this Service please phone 07 8680040 Ext 25211 or 021 2793294**

# Congratulations: Term 1 Week 1

**Libby** - Handwriting award

**Lucas** - An amazing first week at school

**Blake** – An amazing first week at school

**Cameron** – An independent reader

**Benji** – Awesome writing

**Penny** – Great story writing

**Shae** – Welcome to St Joseph's

**Melissa** – An excellent helper

**Anthony** – Great start to the year

**Caia** – Great start to the year

**Melaia** - Thoughtful prayer writing

**Tim** – Enthusiastic start to 2018

**Sione** – Independent work in reading

**Seren** – Positive contribution in class discussions.




## New Teachers 2018:

**Mrs Donna Rutherford**

**Louise Robinson**



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☆ <b>After School Programme</b> ☆	
Monday	3.30-4.30 Acting Development 4.30-5.45 Acting Performance 5.00-6.00 Guitar
Tuesday	10.30am Pre-school Dance 3.30-4.30 Arts & Crafts 4.00-4.45 Drumbeats 4.30-5.30 Vocal Confidence 5.00-5.45 Ukelele
Wednesday	3.30-5.30 Teen Hang Out (12yrs+) 3.30-4.30 Dance 4.30-5.30 Film Making
Thursday	3.30-4.30 Lego & Junior Chill Out 3.30-4.30 Junior Hip Hop 4.30-5.30 Senior Hip Hop

***You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose - Dr Seuss***