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19th February 2018 Newsletter No 4 Welcome to Term 1 Week 4

Kia ora

Family School Link Meetings:

Family School Link meetings will be on Thursday the 22nd of March. Meetings will start at 2.30pm. School ends for instruction at 2.00pm. The buses will be running as normal time.

These meetings are very important your child's learning as we acknowledge that you as parents and caregivers know your children best. As teachers we always value your input.

Appointment sheets will be sent out next week.

Stepping Stones: 21st Feb, 7th March & 21st March.

Our transition to school programme, Stepping Stones is starting this Wednesday 21st February in Room 1 at 1.35pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for 4.5year olds to experience school life. If you know of anyone in the community who may be interested please let them know. Alternatively, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in contact with Mrs Koolhoven via e- mail: nicole@stjosephs-tearoa.school.nz.

God Bless

Kristine Osburn



Last Day Friday 24th
February



Friday 16th March

In Church Hall

6 to 8pm

Please note that there
will be only one session

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" Mark 1:14-15

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

Mobile Dental Unit

The MDU will be at Te Aroha Primary School from the 21st 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.

St Joseph's Day:

St Joseph's Day, 19th March, is a very important day our calendar as we celebrate our patron saint, St Joseph. This year, our school will be hosting our brother St Joseph's Schools from Paeroa, Waihi, Matamata and Morrinsville. Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am on Monday 19th March. More information about our St Joseph's Day celebrations to come.

Naming Clothing:

At the moment, children are swimming each day and so the changing rooms at the pool are very busy places. Please help us by naming all clothing items so that any items left behind can be returned to their rightful owner. Thank you for your support in this.

Passion Play:

Congratulations to all those students who have been given parts in our upcoming Passion Play, 'That we might live'. All of these students have been given scripts to take away to practise and learn lines. Practises have begun for the students and continue this week. We wish them and Whaea Em all the best as they prepare to retell the very special story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection

Swimming Pool:

Our students are enjoying their daily swimming and learning more and more about moving skillfully and safely in and around water. Over the next couple of weeks, teachers will be on the lookout in their classes for our gun swimmers who will represent our school in the local interschool swimming competitions. Te Aroha Interschool competition is the 1st of March. The Year 4-6 Catholic swimming competition in Matamata is the 8th of March. Many thanks to ex-student, Pieter Jan, for looking after our pool and keeping it clean!





Commissioning Mass

Last week, Whaea Em represented our school at the Cathedral in Hamilton for this year's commissioning Mass, presided by Bishop Steve. There were many schools represented at the Mass with teachers, principals, boards, families and students all gathered to celebrate and bless our school year. Thank you Whaea Em for representing all of us.

Ash Wednesday Mass:

Last week the school gathered for Mass to celebrate both the beginning of our school year and also the beginning of Lent. All the children received the ashes as a sign of our mortality and our need for God's love in our lives. Thank you to Mr Belczacki, Whaea Em, Mrs Mullan and all those students who led prayer, singing and other ministries for this Mass.

Sacramental Programme 2018:

The Sacramental Programme continues tomorrow afternoon (Tuesday) at 3.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Many thanks to Mrs Maisey and her team for working with this year's candidates and their families.

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.



Mass Times 24th/25th February

Paeroa – Saturday 7pm

Te Aroha – Sunday 9 am

Morrinsville – Sunday 11am

Last Tuesday, Kakano Juniors learnt about the significance of Shrove Tuesday as a celebration before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Our students learnt that traditionally Shrove Tuesday was a time to use up any food that cannot be eaten during the Lent fasting.

Congratulations: Term 1 Week 2



Arliyah: Fantastic learning

Maison: Positive attitude to learning

Benji: Good work staying on task

Ivy: Writer of the week

Libby: Being confident in the swimming pool

Blake: Learning about numbers to 20

Lucas: Learning about numbers to 10

Scarlett: Great attitude towards learning

Annabelle: Positive contribution in class discussions

Niamh: Showing excellent responsibility

Victor: Hard work in class

Elisapeta: Awesome maths work

Mikaere: Great work in inquiry (big idea)

2018 Te Aroha Junior Rugby Registration

Friday 23rd Feb 5:30-6:30 pm

At Boyd Park under grandstand

- * Free sausage for registered players
- * Fees \$60 per player to be paid on the day
- * Ages 6 years and above
- * All new players to bring a copy of birth cert

OR

2018 Te Aroha Junior Rugby Registration Day 2

Sunday 25th Feb 10-11am

At Boyd Park under grandstand

- * Fees \$60 per player to be paid on the day
- * Ages 6 years and above
- * All new players to bring a copy of birth cert

Squash:

Squash lessons continue this week with Kay from Waikato Squash. The skills that the children are practising are transferable into many different sporting codes and activities are thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Tongan Community:

Over the weekend, our Tongan community led the music at Mass and did so with great power and reverence. We are so lucky to be blessed with such talent! Our Tongan community led Sunday Mass music every third Sunday of the month.