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Welcome to Term 1 Week 5

Kia ora

Family School Link Meetings:

Appointment sheets have been sent out today. Meetings will be on Thursday the 22nd of March. Meetings start at 2.30pm. School ends for instruction at 2.00pm. The buses will be running at normal time.

Digital Student Portfolios:

Last year, we surveyed the school community regarding Student Portfolios. Feedback told us that families would like to have online access to a Portfolio as well as having our Portfolio books. Please find enclosed with the newsletter a permission slip for students to have their own Digital Portfolio. The platforms we will be using are SeeSaw for New Entrants-Year 2, and Google Sites for Year 3-Year 8. These platforms are secure, functional and easy to access and use for students to share their learning digitally with their family. Permission slips can be returned to Mrs Gray in the Office. For any further information or queries, please contact your child's classroom teacher or myself.

School - Home Link App

Last week we signed up to 'Skool Loop' App. This gives us further communication options between school and home. It is a free app which you are able to download. It will mean that families are able to view newsletters, the school calendar for events and sign permission sheets, and email the office about absentees. The name of the app is 'Skool Loop NZ'.



Friday 16th March

In Church Hall

6 to 8pm

**Please note that there will
be only one session**

God Bless

Kristine Osburn

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.

Interschool Swimming:

This Thursday 1st March, our Swimming Team of students selected from 8 year olds up to our senior students, will represent our school in the annual Interschool Swimming competition. We wish them all the very best. Many thanks to parents who have offered to support our students for the day.

Waikato Squash:

A big St Joseph's 'thank you' to Kay from Waikato Squash for sharing her expertise with our staff and students over the past three weeks. Squash will continue in our school with teachers now running lessons for their classes.



St Joseph's Day:

Monday 19th March marks a special day in our school calendar - the Feast of St Joseph. We have invited St Joseph's schools from Waihi, Paeroa, Morrinsville and Matamata to join us for a day of celebration. Mass will be at 10.30am in our Church here in Te Aroha, followed by the blessing of a beautiful statue of St Joseph. There will be sports afternoon after lunch. We are very much looking forward to hosting our brother schools and celebrating as a big St Joseph's family.

On Friday our juniors had such fun making huts as part of our creative play session. They are just awesome!



ITM Tough Guy & Gal Challenge:

Junior Tough Guy and Gal

Wednesday 6th June – 10am start

For more information check their website.

If anyone is interested please contact the office.

Some transport could be arranged



In the Junior School, we are always thinking of different ways to support our students learning. Here they are writing their high frequency words with chalk on the asphalt.



Basketball Revised Dates:

Year 7/8 – 5th March

Year 5/6 – 7th March

Games start at 5.30pm

School Assembly: The whole school gathers for assembly on a Friday afternoon from 2.25pm in the library. Each class takes a turn to host assembly, sharing learning from their class. Families are welcome to join us.



Mass Times 3rd/4th March

Paeroa – Saturday 7pm

Te Aroha – Sunday 11 am

Morrinsville – Sunday 9am

Sacramental Programme 2018:

Lessons continue this week for candidates preparing to receive the Sacraments. This week's meeting is Tuesday at 3.30pm in the Parish Lounge. Please keep them in your prayers.

Congratulations: Term 1 Week 2



Seth: Many wonderful successes in writing

Jaxin: Awesome word work

Rose: Awesome reading

Penny: Star in all areas

Victor: Role model

James: Great work ethic

Nathan: Amazing work in maths

Anthony: What an amazing mathematician

Katilyn: Contribution in class discussion

Ethan: Great attitude to new learning



Te Aroha Junior Rugby:

Trainings start: 3:30-4:30pm

Tuesday 6th & Thursday 8th March

1st Game Saturday 7th April

Swimming at School:

Swimming is potentially a life-saving skill for all of us, especially in a country with the stunning waterways like New Zealand. Please support our efforts in helping our students become more confident and skillful in and around water by ensuring they have their togs every day. Our swimming season will continue until the weather becomes too cold to allow for it!

Passion Play:

Practises for our Passion Play are well underway. A big thank you to our cast for their commitment and enthusiasm. Families can help our cast members by reminding them to keep up the practise of lines at home. Our Passion Play, names 'That we might live', will be presented on Holy Thursday 29th March in the Parish Hall at 1.45pm. Thanks Whaea Em for your organisation.



Please help solve our mystery. These brand new baby clothes were found in a plastic bag in Room 2. Most items still have labels on them.