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Kia ora

Family Link Meetings:

At St Joseph's, we acknowledge the important role that parents and caregivers play in the education of our children. Parents/Caregivers are the first teachers for our children, and know their children best! The Family Link meetings are designed to give opportunity for families to share the strengths and needs of their child with their child's teacher. Your child's teacher can also share where children are 'at' in their learning and discuss 'where to next'. These meetings will be on the afternoon of Thursday 22nd March. Appointment request forms have been sent home already. If you would like to make an appointment, but do not have a form, do not hesitate to contact Mrs Gray in the office who will be able to arrange an appointment for you. Please note that school will finish for instruction at 2pm on Thursday 22nd March. Buses will roll past the school at normal times.

St Joseph's Day:

St Joseph's Day falls on the Feast of St Joseph, Monday 19th March. This year, we are hosting St Joseph's Schools from Matamata, Paeroa, Morrinsville and Waihi. It will be a very busy day, with about 450 children in total celebrating our patron saint, St Joseph, together. We will celebrate Mass at 10.30am in our Church and then after lunch, have a sports afternoon together.

Stepping Stones

Wednesday 7th

March

1.35pm to

2.30pm

God Bless

Kristine Osburn



Friday 16th March

In Church Hall

6 to 8pm

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

In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" John 2:14-16

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

Skool Loop:

Reminder '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'.

If using the app to report an absence you are **required by law to also provide a reason for the absence.**

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 display their learning digitally to 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 Mrs Osburn. Thank you to those families who have already returned slips.

'That we might live' Passion Play:

Everyone is warmly invited to come to our Passion Play, 'That we might live', on Holy Thursday 29th March at 1.45pm. The play will be in the Parish Hall. Here is the synopsis for the play:

"Ruth and Jacob, two children from Jerusalem, meet up after the Passover Holiday and share their experiences beginning with Jesus arriving in Jerusalem. Others, who tell their part of the Easter story, join them."

Come and celebration the Easter story with us!

St Joseph's Day Lunch:

To celebrate our Saint's special day, we are selling packed lunches. These lunches include a ham, cheese and lettuce roll, small bag of chippies, a juicy and a piece of fruit for \$5. Order forms have been sent home and can be returned to Mrs Gray in the office. All proceeds will go towards the Senior Camp later this year.

Reminder:

When: Saturday 24th March

Time: 10am to 12pm

BBQ lunch at 12pm

Please let us know if able to help

Matamata Inter-Catholic School Swimming Competition:

We have four of our students representing us this Thursday 8th March at the Matamata Inter-Catholic School Swimming Competition. It is a competition for students from Years 4-6. This is traditionally a very competitive meet, with schools from around the diocese at the competition. We wish our swimmers all the very best. Many thanks to the parents who are helping our team for the day.

Cobras Soccer:

On Wednesday 7th March from 12.50 till 1.35pm, Scott from Te Aroha Cobra Junior Soccer will be at school to talk to students who are interested in playing for the season. Scott will be running soccer based activities and skills and will be handing out information packs to any students who are interested.

Millah: 1st girls 8-9 33 M Breaststroke
Ciara: 2nd 11 Yr girls 33M Breaststroke
Charlytte: 10 Years: 1st 33M Backstroke
 2nd 33M Freestyle
 3rd 66M Breaststroke

Annabelle: Girls 12 & Over: 1st 33M Backstroke
 1st 33 M Freestyle
 2nd 66M Breaststroke
 Girls 11 & Over: 2nd 33M Butterfly

Majella: Girls 10 & under: 2nd 100M Breaststroke
 2nd 100M Freestyle
 Girls 8-+9: 1st 66M Breaststroke
 1st 66M Backstroke
 1st 66M Freestyle

Lache: 1st Boys 8 & Over 33Medley
 3rd Boys 11 & over 100M Breaststroke
 1st 100M Freestyle
 1st 66M Breaststroke
 1st 33 M Butterfly
 1st 66M Freestyle



Congratulations to those place winners, and to all our swimmers who represented our school so well at the College last Thursday.



Sacramental Programme:

Sacramental Programme that **NEXT WEEK**, the lesson will be on Thursday 15th March at 3.30pm, and the **FOLLOWING WEEK** will be Wednesday 21st March at 3.30pm. These are lessons about Confirmation. Please contact Mrs Maisey if there are any concerns or further questions about these two changes to the programmes schedule.



Kakano Juniors loved making kites and taking advantage of Te Aroha's wild winds.

Mass Times 10th/11th March

Paeroa – Saturday 7pm
 Te Aroha – Sunday 9 am
 Morrinsville – Sunday 11am

1st Reconciliation:

This week, the candidates preparing for the Sacraments of 1st Communion and Confirmation will make their 1st Reconciliation on Tuesday. Candidates are asked to meet in the Church on Tuesday at 3.30pm. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations: Term 1 Week 5



Owen: You are a star!

Nikita: Working really hard in all areas. Star of the week.

Dominik: Producing interesting writing

Asya: Great work on maths knowledge

Samiuela: Learning to add

Alex: Learning his alphabet

Isaac: An amazing 1st day at school

Jake: An amazing 1st day at school

Grace: Active involvement in group discussion

Ashley N: Positive attitude to learning

Osai: Amazing maths skills

Caia: Independent learner

Grayson: Role model of the week

Basketball Reminder:

Year 7/8 Tonight
5pm

Year 5/6
Wednesday 7th
March 5.30pm



Water, Water Everywhere! Science in Room 3

In Room 3 we have been learning about celebrations from around the world. We have learnt about an Easter celebration from Poland called Lany Poniedziałek or Wet Monday (also known as Śmingus Dyngus). On Easter Monday, they have a massive water fight. There are many stories to explain why Wet Monday is celebrated. Some say they recall the Baptism of a Prince over a thousand years ago; others think it's linked to our own renewal of Baptism promises at Easter.

This kicked off our Science learning about water. Today we built water molecules and learnt that water molecules are made up of small parts called atoms and in water these are called hydrogen and oxygen - that's why people sometimes call water H₂O! We also learnt that ice is solid water and steam is water as a gas. The next day, we learnt about 'surface tension' and tested how strong water surface tension is. A paperclip will usually sink but if you have a steady hand, did you know that the surface tension of water can hold a paperclip and make it float?

What amazing Scientists we have in Room 3!

Te Aroha COBRAS Junior Soccer Registrations Open Now!

Please visit

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/tearohacobrasjuniorafc>

for all the info on fees and how to register for 2018. Muster for soccer will be on March 24th at Boyd Park from 9am.