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4th February 2019 Newsletter No 1 Welcome to Term 1 Week 1

Kia ora

Welcome back to a new year and a special welcome to the children and families who are new to our school. Our staff have been working over the holidays to ensure all learning programmes are planned, relevant and interesting.

Classes for Term 1:

New Entrant / Room 1 - Mrs Nicole Koolhoven

Year 1 & 2 / Room 2 - Mrs Rachel Lotter

Year 3 & 4 / Room 3 - Mrs Veronica Walsh

Year 5 & 6 / Room 4 - Mrs Donna Rutherford

Year 7 & 8 / Room 5 - Mrs Louise Robinson

Often at the beginning of the year families can experience financial pressure. Should you require assistance in any way please do not hesitate to come and see me. All conversations are treated confidentially.

Congratulations to all our academic prizegiving winners who received recognition last year.

Over the next week, all students will receive a class letter. These letters outline what will be happening this term in your child's classroom.

A Reminder:

Please remember that students are not to be at school before 8:15am; unless previously arranged. During this time teachers are in meetings and preparing for their days. We have had children arriving at school before teachers, which is not safe. Thank you for your understanding.

God Bless

Kristine Osburn



School Closed
Wednesday

"How can this be?" they asked. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" Luke 4:22b

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

Sunhats:

We are a sunsafe school. All students need to wear a navy blue hat. School logo hats can be purchased from the office for \$15.

Swimming:

Please ensure your child comes prepared for swimming, with togs and a towel. It's a good time to also ensure that school uniforms are named. It can get very confusing with 25 school t-shirts that all look the same and aren't named.

School Mass:

Our welcoming Mass for the new year will be on Tuesday 5th February. All families are welcome to attend Mass with us.

Ash Wednesday: 6th March. More details will follow in the following weeks.

School Picnic:

We will be gathering as a school to celebrate the beginning of the year with our annual school picnic. This year, it will be held on Monday 18th February from 5pm till 7pm. Bring a picnic, a rug and sit down and have a chat with other families. The pool will be open for children to have a swim.



**Piako
Gymnastics
Club**

TE AROHA CLASSES

ALL CLASSES START WEEK OF
MONDAY 11th FEBRUARY

We have classes for 5-13 years|on
Wednesday and Thursday
PlayGym class (pre-schoolers)
Monday 9.30-10.20am

Please check our website for times and
to register www.piakogymnastics.co.nz

Enquires please contact
Lori 021 024 90947
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Brief Autobiography: Veronica Walsh Room 3 Teacher

Kia Ora, Bula, Nameste, Susta, Malo e Leilei, Talofa and Welcome to Room 3. I am Mrs Walsh, your child's teacher for 2019. I have a lively composite group of 19 Year 3s and Year 4s – 7 girls and 12 boys.

*My name is Veronica Walsh and I come from a teaching background in South Africa. I have a positive growth mindset and truly believe that every child can unlock the key to lifelong learning success. For me, teaching is a calling and I strive to nurture confident learners by fostering a happy, creative learning environment. Life is one big adventure with its many valleys and hills to climb. If we lay the foundation properly, we do well to prepare our children for success in years to come. My classroom motto is, **"Be the best you can be! Never give up!"** which reminds children not to try and compete against one another, but to strive to reach their full potential and to test what they perceive to be their own limitations. Challenges, risks and mistakes are all part of the learning process. If we continually succeed we stagnate, but if we fail, it challenges us to self-correct and reflect on how we can do better. **F.A.I.L. stands for First Attempt In Learning.** It is both a privilege and an honour to spend time with children, such precious gifts from God.*

Previous work experience has been as a Year 3 teacher at St. Mary's Catholic School in Northcote and a Year 1 and 2 teacher at St. Joseph's Catholic School, Onehunga.

Outside of the classroom, I am the mum of two energetic boys, Liam (8) and Ryan (5) – both at St. Joseph's Te Aroha. I have been commuting from Auckland to Te Aroha for the past 8 months. It is now wonderful to experience the peace and quiet Te Aroha has to offer. My husband and I enjoy the natural forests and the hot springs!

SAVE THE DATE

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS: TUESDAY 5TH FEB 10AM

WAITANGI DAY: WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY SCHOOL CLOSED

SCHOOL PICNIC: MONDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 5PM-7PM

ASH WEDNESDAY: 6TH MARCH

TE AROHA DISTRICT SWIMMING: WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH

GOAL SETTING EVENING: THURSDAY 7TH MARCH

EAR CLINIC: TUESDAY 12TH MARCH

THAMES VALLEY SWIMMING: MONDAY 18TH MARCH

ST JOSEPH'S DAY: WHOLE SCHOOL MASS TUESDAY 19TH MARCH

Year 1 students on the first day of school:



Board of Trustees Meeting:

Our first BOT meeting is on Thursday 21st February at 6.00pm in the school staffroom. We would like to welcome any parents or caregivers to attend.

Te Aroha Swim Club "Learn to Swim"

Programme: Monday to Friday- Feb 11 to Feb 22

10 sessions Monday to Friday over 2 weeks. For beginner swimmers.

Location: Te Aroha Primary School.

Registration and assessment: Monday Feb 11, 3.30-4.30pm. (Please bring togs and towel)
Cost \$60.00.

For further info please contact Steve Darby
0279116959.

50 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?



Children enjoying the pool on hot days.

Sacramental Programme Te Aroha:

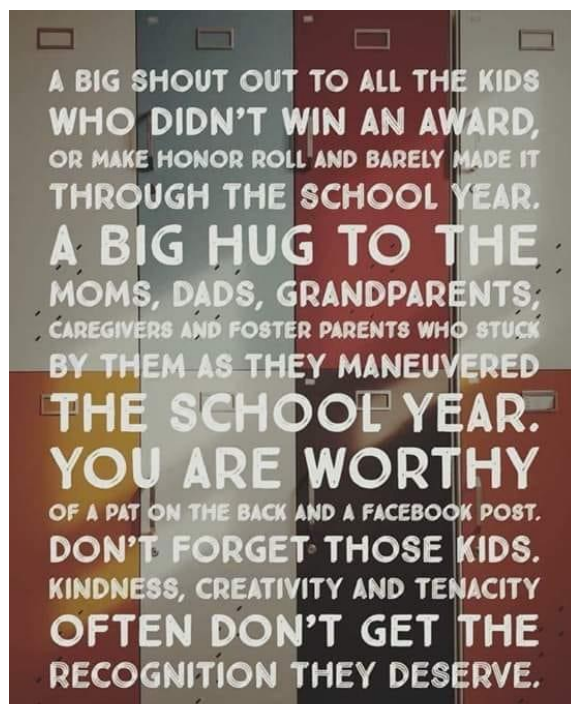
Lessons for Confirmation and First Holy Communion are due to begin on Tuesday 19th February at 3.30pm with a Parent/Caregiver meeting, and introduction to the sessions.

All Lessons are to be held on Tuesday afternoons in the Parish Lounge starting at 3.30pm.

Any child over 8 years of age who has been Baptised is able to join the lessons. We need at least one parent/caregiver to attend each lesson with their child.

Please fill in an enrolment form obtainable from the school or parish office.

Any queries please contact the school office or Dolores Maisey on 0276805021 or 8849254.



Congratulations: Term 1 Week 1



Ryder: Superstar, excellent behaviour, great start to the year

Ivy: Superstar, excellent behaviour, great start to the year

Melissa: Settling in well and catching up on all work

Victor: Completing all tasks /good attitude

Ashley W: A good role model in welcoming and supporting our new student

School Stationery:

Invoices were sent home last week for families who purchased their stationery at the school, through Office Max.

Lucky Bookclub last day Friday 13th February