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Welcome to Term 1 Week 7

Kia ora

Partners in learning: help your child do well at school.

You know your child better than anyone, including their strengths and weaknesses, their interest and talents, and what works for them. You are the most important out of school influence on your child's educational success.

Your child's teacher is the most important in school influence on your child's educational success. They will take the time to know your child – what they are interested in and how they like to learn.

Your child is more likely to make progress and succeed when you, your child and their teachers:

- Work together in a way that is focused on learning
- Share information and expertise
- Acknowledge, understand and celebrate similarities and difference.

A child who does well at school and learns a range of skills both in and out of school will have more opportunities and choices in life.

Many children will need extra help at some time during school. Children who need extra help with their learning will benefit even more from extra encouragement and help at home.

Attendance Dues:

Attendance dues were in the post last week, if you are finding the payment difficult I can definitely help. If you are working during school time give me a ring at home – 027 2764275.



Friday 16th March

In Church Hall

6 to 8pm

**Please note that there will
be only one session
Cost: \$5.00**

God Bless

Kristine Osburn

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

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

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.

St Joseph's Day:

St Joseph's Day falls on the Feast of St Joseph, Monday 19th March (next Monday!). 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.

We will be having a shared morning tea afterwards. Please feel welcome to bring a small plate.

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; that is next Thursday.. 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.

Working Bee

Reminder:

When: Saturday 24th March

Time: 10am to 12pm

BBQ lunch at 12pm

Please let us know if able to help

Thames Valley Swimming Sports:

On Wednesday five students will be representing Te Aroha at Thames Valley Swimming. Good luck to those participating.

Statue of St Joseph:

Many of you may have noticed that the garden at the bottom of the Room 5 steps has been removed. This is for good reason! This week, our statue of St Joseph is due to be erected, ready to be blessed on St Joseph's day. The plan is to have this area developed further with a simple paved design, with St Joseph and our foundation stone in the centre.

'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 celebrate the Easter story with us!

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.

Red and White Mufti Day:



What an amazing show of support we had on Friday! Our students (and staff!) dressed in red and white to show their support for all those effected by Cyclone Gita in Tonga in recent weeks. We managed to raise \$202.60 which will all go to Tonga to help in their recovery effects. Malo St Joseph's and God bless Tonga!



Last week, Room 3 continued their learning about celebrations, taking a closer look at the Jewish Passover. This is a special celebration were Jewish people remember their escape from slavery in Egypt, and the promises God made to them for a new land and a coming Messiah. The Passover is very close to us in our Catholic culture too as Jesus was celebrating this very meal with his friends when he shared the Last Supper and gave us the Eucharist to remember him by. Room 3 made unleavened bread and decorated a beautiful Elijah's Cup - a special cup poured during the Jewish Passover as a symbol of hope and reminder of God's promises to them.

Mass Times 17th/18th March
Paeroa – Saturday 7pm
Te Aroha – Sunday 11 am
Morrinsville – Sunday 9am

Sacramental Programme:

A reminder for families involved in the Sacramental Programme that **THIS WEEK**, the lesson will be on Thursday 15th March at 3.30pm, and the **NEXT 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.

Congratulations: Term 1 Week 6



Arliyah: Super effort in all learning

Penny: Independent worker and kind classroom helper

Shae: All round great attitude and friend

Ryder: Role model of the week

Madison: Working hard to finish tasks

Tevita: Role model at basketball

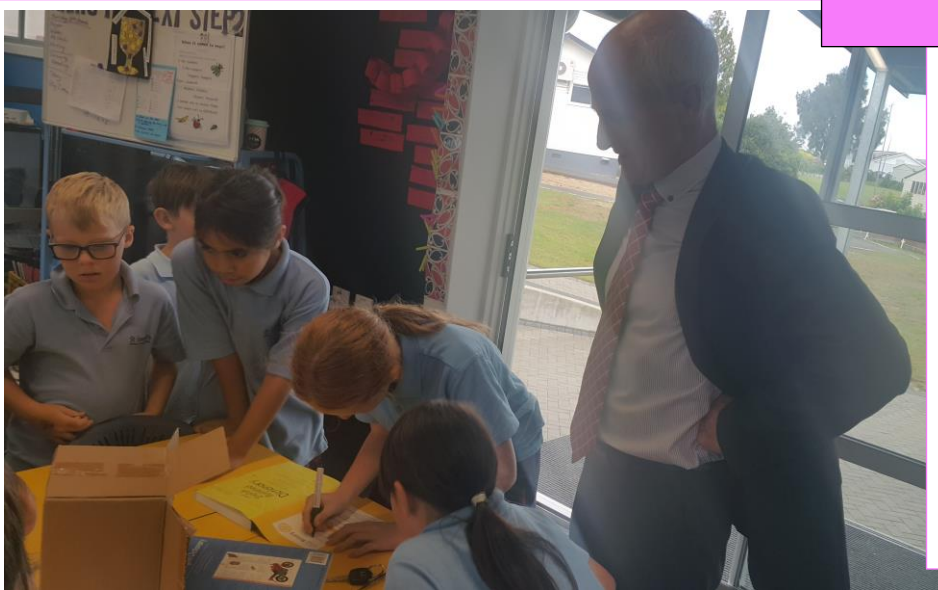
Noah: Responsibility, compassion, kindness

Moana: Independent work

Sophia: Amazing progress in reading

Isaac: Working on pencil grip

Dictionary for Year 4:



Each year, the local Rotary club gifts each Year 4 their very own dictionary. These dictionaries are well used and well treasured by our students.

Many thanks to the Rotary for again visiting and delivering dictionaries to our Year 4 learners.



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.

Contact Lisa
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