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Welcome to Term 3 Week 3

Kia ora

On behalf of the school I would like to congratulate Emalene on her new appointment as Principal of Bishop Edward Gaines Catholic School in Tokoroa. Although it will be sad to see Em go it is exciting for her to take the next step in her teaching career. Em will take up her new position at the beginning of Term 4.

Professional Development:

This Thursday Mary-Anne from Growing Leaders of Learning will be working with the teachers on setting clear learning goals and cross grouping of learning abilities. The teachers and I find her days very interesting as we are all continuing to reflect and tweak our teaching and learning strategies. It helps to keep us up with the latest thinking.

Staff Development - RE learning:

On Tuesday, Dianne Porter, Religious Education adviser for Catholic Primary Schools in the Hamilton Diocese, is coming to speak with our staff about the new Religious Education Bridging Document. This new document enables teachers to better cater for learners and make the learning in RE meaningful for them.

Teacher's Strike:

On Wednesday 15th August, NZEI Teachers Union has called a day's strike. This is the first time in 24 years that teachers have gone on strike and is not a decision taken lightly. Our teachers care deeply about the education of our young people and as such are asking for better working conditions to enable our children to have a world-class education here in New Zealand. More information is included in this newsletter. If your family have any further questions or concerns, please contact me.

God Bless

Kristine Osburn

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs. 27 But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval." John 6:26-27

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

Toastie Sandwich:

This week Room 4 will be doing toasted sandwiches on Friday. A form has been sent home with this newsletter for the orders later this week.

Children's Liturgy:

This Sunday, and each 9am Sunday Mass, there is a children's liturgy. Here is how it works: Families arrive at Mass at 9am and Mass begins. Soon after the first prayer, Father will invite the children forward for a special blessing and they will all be taken with the children's liturgy coordinators to the hall. In the hall, the children will listen to and do a special activity for the Gospel of the day. Children return at offertory time, when the gifts are brought forward to be blessed. All are welcome to come along.



Bottle Tops:

Whaea Em is after some bottle tops for technology this term. Bottle tops from fizzy drinks and milk bottles please - no metal ones, just plastic. Thanks in advance!



**PTA meeting
tonight Monday,
6th August at
7pm**

Baptism Preparation Programme:

A programme for Baptism will begin shortly for all children interested in being baptised. If you have a child who would like to be baptised, please leave your name in the office with Mrs Gray or with Whaea Em, so that you can be contacted with further information before the programme begins.

School Cross Country:

Our annual school Cross Country is this Friday 10th August at Boyd Park. Rooms 3, 4 and 5 will walk across to Boyd Park, leaving school at 1pm. Races are staggered for age groups and will begin shortly after 1.15pm. Children will require a drink and something warm to wear after they have finished running. After the conclusion of races, children can go home with their family from Boyd Park - please let a teacher know when you are leaving. Permission slips are due and can be returned to Mrs Gray in the office as soon as possible.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

The next round of the RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will commence on Wednesday, 22 August at 7pm at the Parish Centre in Morrinsville (1 Victoria Ave). This is a program for non-catholics who are interested in getting baptised in the Catholic Church. Come along and join us! We have had parents in the past who inquired, joined the program and were baptised or received into the Church. This is also for baptised Catholic adults who have not yet had their Confirmation or First Communion.

For inquiries, contact Fr JeLo 021 874 618 or Barbara 027 309 4362 or email morrinsville@phf.org.nz

Paeroa Te Aroha Day Camp 2018:

Looking forward to the next school holidays already? 'Day Camp' is a fun out door 'day' camp running from Monday 1st October through to Thursday 4th October. Four days of outdoor activities –'hands on' activities are encouraged, technology is discouraged, and children are cared for in a safe supportive environment by trained teen leaders and adult carers. Children are bused from a pick up /drop off point in Paeroa and Te Aroha. The event is organised by the Christian outreach missions of the Te Aroha Springs Trust and the Paeroa Community Support Trust, and is an OSCAR program. Registration forms and further information will be provided through your school towards the end of the term. Enquiries please phone the Hauraki Resource Centre 07 8626110.

Any queries, please phone the Paeroa Community Support Office, open 9 am - 4 pm daily

Save the date!

Wednesday 15th August - NZEI Teacher Strike. More information to come once released.

Friday 10th August - School Cross Country at Boyd Park

Wednesday 22nd August - Inter School Cross Country at Manawaru School

Friday 7th September - Year 7 / 8 Bowls Tournament held at Stanley Ave

Thursday 20th September - Student Led Conferences

Senior Camp Fundraising - Reusable Produce Bags:

Year 7 & 8 have started fundraising for their camp to Finlay Park in November. They are selling Reusable Produce bags at \$12 a set. Order forms are at the school office.

Interschool Cross Country:

Using the data collected at our School Cross Country on Friday, our interschool Cross Country team will be selected. The Interschool Cross Country is on Wednesday 22nd August). More information to come next week.

Farewell for Fr Fernando:

In our Parish newsletter this week was a notice regarding Fr Fernando's farewell. This will be held on Friday 24th August in Morrinsville and is a potluck dinner at 6pm. Fr Fernando has been assisting Fr JeLo for a number of months and will be moving on to assist parishes in South Waikato.

Speeches:

Students from Year 3-8 are currently preparing speeches. This is largely an at-home task and is part of homework. Classes have been talking about possible topics, marking criteria used and ways to present speeches with a clear and confident voice. Class speeches will be in Week 7.

Kapa Haka:

Whaea Em will be taking a Kapa Haka group on a Friday afternoon before assembly. We have been invited to participate in a showcase with the other schools in the area.

Majella was selected to attend Thames Valley Netball annual Emerging Talent Day at Paeroa on Sunday 5th August.



Congratulations: Term 3 Week 2



Noah: Role model, positive attitude

Kalolaine: Job well done all week

Libby: Working hard at all learning

Rose: Being a role model in all areas

Austin: Awesome word work

Cameron: Super attitude to learning

Elisapeta: Always with a positive attitude to learning

Ryder: Great effort and achievement in reading

Isaiah: Working on learning to write his name

Kahu: Working on finger space in his writing

Jake: Working on being independent in his writing

We have a school family that requires a house to rent. Please contact Kristine Osburn 027 2764275.

Mass Times: 11th/12th August

Saturday - Paeroa 6pm

Sunday – Te Aroha 9am

Sunday – Morrisville 11am

FROM BISHOP STEVE:

I have just been to the Caritas interactive workshop on disability and participation in our community, through the lens of Catholic social teaching at Mount Maunganui. It was an excellent workshop, sadly attended by just a handful of participants.

Can I ask priests and principals promote the workshops next weekend's workshops

Saturday 11th August, 2018: Taupō

St Patrick's Church, 88 Acacia Bay Road, Nukuhau 10:00am to 3:00pm

Sunday 12th August, 2018: Hamilton

Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 494 Grey Street, Hamilton 11:30am to 5:00pm

These workshops will look at disability and participation in the local context, using the process of See, Judge, and Act.

The purpose of these workshops is to bring together different parts of the Hamilton Diocese to discuss how we as the church can become more informed, inclusive in attitude and active in making our communities truly welcoming and accessible to all people.

✠ Steve Lowe

Bishop of Hamilton