

# Junior Newsletter Term 3



Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
Welcome back, can't believe that it is term 3 already! We hope that everyone got to have some rest and relaxation over the term break and that the children especially are ready for a new term. We have another busy term ahead with some exciting learning in our Topic, Physical Education, Religious Education and Te Reo Maori.

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**Please ensure that all homework material sent home is returned to school every day.**

Our **Value focus** for the term is **Patience/Manawanui**. Our major topic for the term is Science. We will be studying ecology, primarily who shares this space with us and the importance of sustaining this. At the end of this unit, we plan to take the junior school to the Hamilton Zoo to see how zookeepers mimic ecology and habitats. As with any excursions, we will require a number of parents to help out. The cost for this day will be \$13 per child and this will be charged to your account.

Please see the attached notice, with some details and a return slip if you would be able to help on this day.

In Religious Education, our focus is on Traditional and devotional prayer. The two strands to be covered for the term are Church; Belonging, participating and celebrating in communities, especially family and school and parish. Then God; God's many gifts to people are a sign of God's love.

In the first few weeks of the term, we will be training ready for our school cross country event in **Week 4**. **A notice will follow regarding specifics of this event**. We have decided to complete the Cross Country as a whole school event this year, at Porritt Stadium, which will add to the excitement for the children. A notice will follow closer to the event.

Finally just a reminder about book bags. These are very important items for your children to have and use every day. They are to protect any school books and materials from food and drink that may spill in your child's bag.

**Dates to remember this term:**

- Thursday 15 Aug Week 4 Whole School Cross country Juniors to run in the morning
- Wednesday Week 4 YO-3 Mass
- Monday Week 5 Teacher Only Day
- Tuesday Week 5 Junior School to host Mary Liturgy
- Wednesday Week 6 Whole School Mass
- Friday Week 7 Cricket Awareness skills sessions (Free)
- Te Reo O Te Wiki focus and activities Week 9
- Tuesday Week 9 New Children's Liturgy 10.30am
- Monday 23 Sep Week 10 Junior School Zoo trip
- Whole School Mass Week 10
- End of Term Friday 27 September

Remember if you have any questions or queries please ask the teacher. If you would like to discuss a matter at length please make an appointment to meet with the teacher concerned.

Many thanks for your support.

*Junior School Team*