



St Joseph's Catholic School, Fairfield

May 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 2 of 2018.

If by chance your child cannot attend class or will be late for any reason, please inform the **office** before 8.45 am by either using the school app or emailing admin@stjosephs.school.nz. The school app is really easy to use so download it as soon as possible.

Topic: Flight

This term we will be researching facts around the topic '**flight**'. We are looking for experts in this field to come and talk to the children. If you know of anyone involved in this industry, and who would be willing to talk to children, could you please let your child's class teacher know.

Kites: Each child will be making a kite during the term. The cost for this is \$4.00 which will be added to your account.

Medication

Teachers are not allowed to administer any type of medication. If your child needs some form of medication this needs to be left at the office. A form is required to be filled out explaining time and dosage etc.

Homework

Children should be doing 30 minutes **at the most** each night. If your child is finding an activity too difficult write a note in the homework book or call in to talk to the teacher. If your child is busy with extracurricular activities after school, or tired, don't force the issue. We want children to have a positive feeling about school! Extra maths can be found on the school website explaining the different levels and maths knowledge taught at each level.

Self-Management

This continues to be a big focus in our syndicate.

At this level we encourage and expect the children to become more independent and manage their own belongings e.g. hanging up their own bags, tidying their desks, looking after their stationary. This will be something we will develop and work with them on throughout the year.

Please - don't be tempted to come in and tidy your child's desk. Tidying sessions are a regular part of the school week within the class. Children need to learn to take responsibility for their own choices and actions (or lack thereof!)

Uniform

Fitness gear **must** be in their bag. This is the Kukri navy blue top and Kukri navy shorts. We continue fitness every day throughout the year unless the weather is particularly bad.

Children are allowed to wear other sports gear on the field during lunch times over the winter months as the clothes will become extremely muddy and smelly and need to be washed on a regular basis.

R.E. Focus

Prayer: why we pray, how we pray and where we pray. Revise Traditional prayers and responses during Mass. Meditation.

The Fruits of Holy Spirit Strand. Core value: Peace and love - Rangimarie and Aroha

Year 6 Parents

“ Growing In The Image Of God” Parent information session for puberty lessons. **Tuesday 5 June 6.00 - 7.00**

In week 8 students in Y6,7 & 8 will take part in puberty lessons. The series of 5 lessons covers age appropriate information about self image, friendship, body changes and puberty. These lessons have been carefully developed with full regard to our Catholic character. There will be a parent meeting on Tuesday 5 June from 6.00 - 7.00 in room 1 where parents will be shown the lesson outlines and resources used. **If you attended this meeting in previous years you do not need to come again as the lessons are unchanged.**

Year 4 & 5

The children in years 4 and 5 will be following the programme, developed by the police, called “ Keeping Ourselves Safe” where they will learn to look for, and avoid hazards in a variety of situations. There will be a parent meeting to explain the content of this - **June 6 2.00 in Room 8**

Curriculum Focus Term 1

Written Language: Report writing, paragraphing, planning. Editing final pieces

Oral Language: Listening carefully to others. Personal experiences, pair share, reporting to class, news from around the world. Reporting facts succinctly.

Spelling: Learning Matters programme.

Reading: Guided reading, shared reading, teacher read - cross grouping.

Mathematics: **Times tables - memorise.** Measurement - length and distance. Number - multiplication and division. Cross grouping.

R.E: Prayer- own and traditional prayers. Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Core value- peace and love

Te Reo Maori: Matariki

Health: Y 6 Growing in the image of God puberty lessons. Y 4 -5 - Keeping Ourselves Safe.

Physical Education: Project Energise - netball, rugby skills

Science/technology: Flight, history and the science behind it.

The Arts: print making. Syndicate singing

Up-coming events Term Two

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| | Week 1: |
| | Week 2: |
| <u>School Photos</u> | Week 3: Tuesday 15 May |

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| <u>Whole school mass</u> <u>Sausage sizzle</u> | Week 4: - Wednesday 23 May Friday 25 May |
| | Week 5 - |
| <u>Queen's Birthday</u> <u>KOS parent's meeting</u> | Week 6 Wednesday 6 June -2.00 -2.30 |
| | Week 7: |
| | Week 8: |
| <u>Sausage Sizzle</u> | Week 9: - Friday 29 June |
| <u>Whole School Mass</u> <u>End of Term</u> | Week 10: - Wednesday 4 June Friday 6 July |

Camp Term 4

This year camp is a day only at Ngaruawahia Christian Youth camp. If you would like to come PLEASE ensure your **police vetting** is up to date.

If you have any problems or queries please feel free to come in and talk to your classroom teacher before or after school. Another good form of communication is to email us or to write in your child's homework book. We look forward to continuing the learning journey with your child.

Thank you,
Heather Keep, Rochelle Wood, Tracey McHaffie
Anna Crawford, Stephanie Terry.

