



St Joseph's Catholic School, Fairfield

30 April 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 2 of 2019

If by chance your child cannot attend class or will be late for any reason, please inform the **office** before 8.45am 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: Space: The final frontier - Visit to Te Awamutu Space Centre

This term we will be researching facts around the topic space and all that entails. To this end we will be visiting the Te Awamutu Space centre. The Year 5 and 6 classes will be visiting on Thursday May 23 and the Year 4 classes on Friday 24 May. Keep these dates in mind if you would like to be a helper for your child's class. Your police vetting must be up to date.

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.

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.

Name, Name, Name all items of clothing, especially socks!

R.E. Focus

Prayer: Revise Traditional prayers and responses during Mass. School prayer
Sacrament strand and Holy Spirit strand.

Curriculum Focus Term 1

Written Language: narrative, 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: targeted teaching using the iDeaL approach

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- Goodness/Whaipanga

Te Reo Maori: Matariki

Physical Education: Project Energise - netball, rugby skills

Science/technology: Space history and the science behind it.

The Arts: rotations of drama, music and visual arts.

Up-coming events Term Two

	Week 1:
	Week 2:
<u>School Photos</u>	Week 3: Tuesday 14 May
<u>Space museum visit</u>	Week 4: - Thursday R 4,5,6 Friday - R 7,8
<u>Arbor Day</u>	Week 5 - Friday 31 May
<u>Queen's Birthday</u>	Week 6
<u>Year 4-6 Syndicate mass</u>	Week 7: Wednesday
<u>Whole School Mass</u>	Week 8: Wednesday
	Week 9: - Friday 29 June
<u>Mufti</u> <u>End of Term</u>	Week 10: - Thursday 4 June Friday 6 July

Camp Term 4

This year camp is a 3 day camp at Raglan - Wednesday 4 to Friday 6 December. If you would like to come PLEASE ensure your **police vetting** is up to date. Notices for those wishing to come will be sent out late in Term 3.

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,



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