



# St Joseph's Catholic School, Fairfield

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the Year 4, 5 and 6 syndicate for Term 3 2018. The Core Value focus for this term is .

If by chance your child cannot attend class or will be late for any reason, please inform the office before 9:00am by either emailing the school office : [admin@stjosephs.school.nz](mailto:admin@stjosephs.school.nz) or notification on the school app: St Joseph's School Fairfield.

## **Speeches**

Year 4, 5 and 6 will begin writing these from the beginning of term. Your child will bring their draft speech home on a regular basis. Please help your child write and present their speech as the term progresses. The finals will take place during school time in week 5. Details will come home soon.

## **Winter Sports Tournament**

Tuesday 18 September.

All the Year 5 and 6 children attend this day at Southwell. We enter soccer, rippa rugby, netball and hockey teams. We will need parents to help supervise a team so keep that date in mind. If you are able to help please let your child's teacher know.

## **Badminton**

Three Fridays - 27 July, 3 Aug, 10 Aug.

These sessions are at school and will cost a total of \$3 which will be added to your family account.

## **Trust Waikato Symphony Orchestra**

Wednesday 22 August. The cost is \$7. This will be added to your school account.

## **Expectations**

### **Homework**

Homework books are expected to go home on Monday and returned on Friday. Spelling testing will be done on Friday and they will need their homework books for this.

**Speeches:** carry on working on these.

**Reading:** 20 Minutes each night.

**Maths:** times tables - memorise.

**Many children are forgetting to bring their homework back to school each Friday. This is when all the work is marked. If it is not here it will not be marked. Please remind your children to pack their homework book into their bags on Friday.**

### **Uniform**

Winter uniform this term. Fitness gear must be in their bag **every day**. This is the navy kukri polo shirt and the navy kukri shorts. **Please note:** Children are allowed to bring any old clothes to school to wear on the field as it is extremely muddy. This will save their fitness gear from becoming a mess and remaining that way throughout the whole week.

**Please, Please, Please** name all items of clothing. Socks especially are likely to get misplaced and can be returned promptly if named. Black vivid marker on the sole for the grey boy's socks and white twink for the navy girl's socks seems to work effectively. Please name all clothing worn on mufti days too. We had many articles of lost property left on the last day of term.

**Please note:**

Nail varnish is not to be worn at school so please make sure it is cleaned off before Monday morning. Hair ties need to be plain white, black, navy or maroon. Hairclips are also plain colours with no bows. Earrings are plain studs, no colours or unusual shapes.

**Road Running**

This will continue every Tuesday and Thursday until cross country. Please ensure children have the correct running shoes at school for these days.

**Curriculum Focus Term**

Written Language: Speeches - focusing on the purpose and audience, events

Oral Language: newspaper articles, personal opinions, presenting a speech

Spelling: Spelling rules, Topic words, words from their writing, reading vocabulary, word lists medial vowel sounds. Syllables, new vocabulary

Reading: Guided reading, shared reading, teacher read, individual novel choice

Mathematics: Measurement ; Time and money - Multiplication and division and strategies.

RE: Sacrement strand.

Te Reo Maori: Topic - Whakairo - Carving

Physical Education: Cross country ,badminton, hockey, large ball skills, winter games and skills

Environment: zero waste etc.

Technology: Use of Google Drive, i-pads.

**Up-coming events**

Week 1 23-27 July	Badminton- Friday
Week 2 30-3 Aug	Badminton - Friday
Week 3 6-10 Aug	Parent interviews Badminton - Friday
Week 4 13-17 Aug	
Week 5 20-24 Aug	Orchestra Visit -Tuesday 22 Cross country - Thursday 24
Week 6 27-31 Aug	
Week 7 3-7 Sept	
Week 8 10-14 Sept	
Week 9 17-21 Sept	Y5/6 Winter Tournament Tuesday 18
Week 10 24-28 Sept	

If you have any problems feel free to email or talk to your child's classroom teacher.

Thank you,

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