



St Joseph's Catholic School, Fairfield

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the Year 4, 5 and 6 syndicate for Term 3 2019. The Core Value focus for this term is Patience - Manawanui.

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 or notification on the school app: **St Joseph's School Fairfield**.

Road Running

This will be done every Tuesday and Thursday until the cross country, beginning Week 1. Please ensure children have the correct running shoes at school for these days and their fitness uniform in their bags.

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. A timeline was sent home in the last Week of term 2.

Y 6-8 Growing in the Image of God - Understanding Sexuality Programme

Towards the end of term 3 students in Years 6, 7 and 8 will take part in our "Growing in the Image of God" lessons. This unit 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 information meeting on **Wednesday 14 August** for the parents of **Year 6 children**, from 6-7pm in Room 1 where parents will be shown lesson outlines and resources used. **If you have attended this meeting in previous years, you need not come again as the lessons remain unchanged.**

Winter Sports Tournament - Tuesday 19 September

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

Stationery

Many children have run out of the basic stationery needed every day. Ask your child if they need anything and replace it, please.

Teacher Only Day - Monday 19 August

There will be no school on this day as we join the other Catholic schools to listen to a guest speaker.

Camp Raglan - Term 4, 4-6 December

The cost of this camp will be \$200.00 per child. If you wish, you may make arrangements with the office to begin paying this amount now.

Forms asking for parent help will come out later in the term so keep an eye out. Raglan camp covers a small area so space is limited.

Reminder: You must be police vetted to come on camp as a parent help.

Badminton

Three Fridays - 13, 20, 27 September.

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

Expectations

Homework

Homework books are expected to go home on Monday and return on Friday.

- **Speeches:** carry on working on these
- **Reading:** 20 minutes each night
- **Maths:** times tables - memorise. Cross grouping basic facts sheet

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**.

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. Hair clips are also plain colours with no bows. Earrings are plain studs, no colours or unusual shapes.

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
- **Religious Education (RE):** Church strand
- **Te Reo Maori:** Powhiri
- **Physical Education:** Cross country, badminton, winter games and skills
- **Environment:** Energy

Up-coming events

Week 1: 22-26 July	Tues/Thurs cross country - Road running
Week 2: 29-2 Aug	Tues/Thurs cross country - Road running Syndicate Mass -Wed 31
Week 3: 5-9 Aug	Tues/Thurs Cross country - Road running
Week 4: 12-16 Aug	Wed 14th Aug (Year 6 only) - Puberty lessons parent information evening Thurs 15th Aug - Cross country at Porritt
Week 5: 19-23 Aug	Mon 19th Aug - Teacher Only Day: School Closed
Week 6: 26-30 Aug	Wed 28th Aug - Whole school Mass
Week 7: 2-6 Sept	2nd and 3rd Sept - Wind Farm visit
Week 8: 9-13 Sept	Fri 13th Sept - Cricket skills Fri 13th Sept - Badminton
Week 9: 16-20 Sept	Tues 17th Sept - Winter Tournament- all Year 5 and 6 at Southwell Wed 18th Sept -Whole School Mass Fri 20th Sept - Badminton
Week 10: 23-27 Sept	Tues 24 Sept - Student-led conferences Fri 27th Sept - 2pm: RE sharing Assembly Fri 27th Sept - Badminton Fri 27th Sept - END OF TERM

If you have any problems, feel free to email or talk to your child's classroom teacher or talk to the team leader, Heather Keep.

Thank you,

Heather Keep, Stephanie Terry, Anna Crawford, Tracey McHaffie, Steffan Beaurepaire, Rochelle Wood

