



St Joseph's Catholic School, Fairfield

Thursday 8 March

Dear Parents,

Here are some more important Year 7&8 updates for you:

Waimarino Trip - Parent Help Needed: Monday 26 March

Can you come with us on this trip? **We need at least 7 more parents.** Waimarino require us to have a ratio of 1:4 for the kayaking lessons. This is how they keep the costs down and meet their safety requirements. You don't need to have kayaking experience at all...just a willingness to give it a go! Please let us know as soon as possible. If you need police vetting which can take 20 days to be processed by the police, it would still be likely to be processed in time if you bought in 2x ID to the office tomorrow so that we can submit it. **Please check your schedules and let us know asap if you can help so that this trip can go ahead.**

If you have already offered your help, thanks, and you will get a confirmation email tomorrow (Friday).

PERMISSION FORMS for students are also due tomorrow (Friday) please so that we can confirm numbers.

Cybersafety & Digital Citizenship:

This is a huge focus for us this term. In class, students are working through modules towards their "Digital Licence".

It was great to see a number of you at our parent evening this week, "Screenagers" with Martin Hughes. If you missed it, we recommend you check out the resources which can help you to set up expectations around the use of technology in your homes. As discussed at the meeting, it is imperative that we as parents know what our children are doing online and support them to be safe and responsible. Martin's website is 3M Learning - <http://3ml.nz/> . If you go to his blog and look under St Joseph's, there is further information to help you and your family manage your relationships with technology! One app suggested by both Martin and the police is called OurPact.

Community Constable - Cybersafety lesson

Next week on Wednesday 14 March, our Community Constable Peter Van't Wout will be taking each class for a session. He will have some strong, clear messages for our students about:

- * how to keep safe online and what the dangers are
- * cyberbullying - what it is and what to do (including the Harmful Digital Communications Act)
- * security and privacy online

Students will bring home some discussion questions in their homework books to follow up on the session with the Constable - please take the opportunity to have some valuable discussions about cyber safety with your child.

Solidarity Day:

Next Thursday 15 March, Year 7&8 will go to Marian School to join them (and some other Catholic Schools) for Solidarity Day. We attend Mass at the Cathedral together, and share a meal of rice to show solidarity for those less fortunate than ourselves. We will travel by bus, leaving at 10am and returning approximately 1.45pm.

AIMS Games:

Thanks to those who attended the information meeting on Tuesday. If you missed the meeting, the information is on our website under News - AIMS Games 2018. The first step is gathering expressions of interest (attached), so that we can see what what numbers we have for both teams and individuals. **Expressions of interest must be returned by Friday 16th March.** We cannot accept late applications as the process of organising teams and trials is complex. You are welcome to put more than one sport ie 1st choice, 2nd choice.

Waikato Schools Team Triathlon

Wednesday 4th APRIL 2018 (this is the Teacher Only Day after Easter)

This event is run by Sport Waikato and held at Lake Karapiro. Students who are interested are bringing home an information sheet and permission form today.

As always, thanks for your support.
Year 7&8 Teachers.