



Year 7&8 Team Newsletter

Term 3 2019

Welcome back for Term 3!

We hope that you are well rested after a busy Term 2. Our senior production, "The Greatest Book," was a true highlight of last term. This was such an amazing event and the children should be extremely proud of their performances during the evening shows and the commitment they made to practices and dress rehearsals throughout the term. Thank you for the wonderful feedback we have received from our school community about the Production.

We are looking forward to a busy term ahead, full of learning opportunities. If you need to contact a teacher, please email to make an appointment, or teachers are available from 8.30am in classrooms if you want to pop in. Our Year 7&8 staff are:

Rm 1: Rhonda McFarlane r.mcfarlane@stjosephs.school.nz (Rhonda teaches in Rm 1 on Tues, Wed & Fri)
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Term 3 2019 Curriculum:

<p>Literacy: Oral language -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Continued focus on clarity and fullness of expression in all interactions. <p>Reading -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Selects and reads texts for enjoyment and personal fulfilment.➤ Selects and uses a range of processing and comprehension strategies with increasing understanding and confidence.➤ Thinks critically about texts. <p>Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Creates a range of texts by integrating sources of information and processing strategies with developing confidence.➤ Seeks feedback and makes changes to texts to improve clarity, meaning and effect.➤ Is reflective about the production of own texts: monitors and self-evaluates progress, articulating learning with growing confidence.	<p>Maths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Room One maths class- Ratios, rates of change and proportions. Statistics and Probability.- Room Two maths class- Fractions and Percentages.- Number.- Statistics and Probability.- Room Three maths class- Angles and Protractors.- Fractions.- Statistics and Probability. <p>Integrated Topics:</p> <p>Careers - Students increase their awareness of their strengths and interests, and of how they relate to others. They see themselves positively, demonstrating a hopeful picture of themselves in the future.</p> <p>Science- In conjunction with our Mission Day focus on making products to sell, students will design and produce products that show consideration of using natural resources, sustainability and concern for our environment.</p>
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Religious Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prayer, Liturgical Celebrations - Church Strand - God Strand 	Hauora - Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Growing in the Image of God - Understanding Sexuality (see Parent Information Session date below).
Physical Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fitness - Road Running - Cross Country training - Badminton sessions (TBC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Te Reo: - Powhiri - Te Wiki o te Māori (Maori Language week)
<p>Techni Sessions: These will continue for the term at Fairfield Intermediate every Friday.</p> <p><i>NB: If you have any of the yellow school umbrellas at home, please return them as there are many missing from our class sets.</i></p> <p><i>Children need to bring their own raincoat and umbrella from home during winter as the weather can be unpredictable during our walks to and from Fairfield Intermediate!</i></p>	

RE Focus:



Our **Value Focus** is - **Patience, Manawanui. We show patience and fortitude through our words and actions.**

In Religious Education students will learn about:

Church Strand

- Jesus as Teacher.
- The significant part the apostles played as teachers in the early Church.
- The Church – a Community of Disciples is called to be a visible sign of the living Christ in the world.
- The Church is one, holy tapu, catholic and apostolic.

God Strand

- God Te Atua has created people to grow and change and, through the gift of grace to become more like Jesus by turning away from sin.
- The gifts taonga God gives to people to be used for the work of the Church to help bring about the Kingdom or Reign of Tika, Rangimarie and Aroha.
- God's desire for all people is happiness and fullness of life on earth and, especially with God forever in Heaven.

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Year 6-8 Growing in the Image of God - Understanding Sexuality Programme Information Session for Parents

Wednesday 14th August

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 14th August** from 6.00-7.00pm 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.***

Speeches

Last term a notice was sent home about our approach to speeches in Year 7&8. Not all students need to write a speech and it will not be the focus of class work. The opportunity to present a speech and enter the Waikato Full Primary Speech Competition is offered. If you missed the notice, please collect a spare from your child's classroom teacher. Students wishing to present a speech will have their first "Speeches Club" session this Thursday.

Later in the Term, the Year 8 students have the opportunity to enter our Bible Reading Competition - details to come.

Weekly Home Learning in Term 3

Regular weekly home learning for Year 7&8 in Term 3 is:

Maths Buddy Weekly Revision: – this is a set of questions at your child's level which they complete online weekly. It is expected that students will write their strategies/working out in their homework book. Ask your child to show you this – they can access their scores too.

Reading: It is important all children **read daily at home for at least 20 minutes**. A good idea for reading is <http://kiwikidsnews.co.nz>, to raise awareness of national and international news. Students do a weekly current events quiz based on this and may have classroom tasks set at times also.

Spelling: The best way to support your child at home with spelling is to help them work through learning the lists of irregular spellings that are found on our website under the Learning tab.

There is also the opportunity for children to compete in a fun, online spelling competition called **Literacy Planet WordMania**. This runs from 12th August until 30th August. Children will receive a login that can be used at school and at home.

Speeches - Those students taking part in the speech competition will have weekly homework checkpoints - see the Speeches Information Sheet sent home in Term 2 for more details.

On top of this, students may be expected to complete work they do not complete in class in their own time if this is appropriate.

Term 3 Costs:

The additional costs for Year 7&8 syndicate for Term 3 will be added to your account if/when they apply to your child:

- \$6.00 – Six Badminton sessions run by Sport Waikato at school

A series of Reminders...

Road Running:

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:45am, all students from Years 4-8 will take part in Road Running sessions in preparation for our school cross country. Children need to come to school in their school uniform, then change into their PE gear and sneakers before 8:45am.

If for some reason your child is not able to run that day, a note needs to be sent to their classroom teacher to explain the reason why. Please encourage your child to participate to the best of their ability, even if this means walking some of the distance.

All AIMS children are required to run the circuit twice.

Mission Day:

While Mission Day is not until the first week of Term 4, children will need to start thinking shortly about potential products they would like to make and sell to fundraise for the Missions. More information will be provided as the term progresses, but now is the time to start thinking about some ideas. Children can choose to work independently, in pairs or a group of three made up from children within their classroom.

As outlined in our term overview, the focus is on making products that are environmentally sound. This means staying away from single use disposable plastic products, and instead investigating how they could make products that have minimal negative impact on our environment. Ideas could include using recycled materials as one component of their product.

Uniform Reminders:

Our Year 7&8 students are great role models. Please remember:

- * No make-up or nail polish
- * No jewellery except a small pair of studs or sleeper earrings
- * Plain hair ties in school colours
- * Students need their PE gear at school every day.

Help required- Careers Unit:

We would love to invite parents along to talk to the students about their chosen career throughout the term. Children are learning about the skills, interests and training involved in different professions and we would like to extend an invitation to you to talk to the children about your life experiences.

Please contact Rhonda if you are able to help out and we can arrange a suitable time. Thank you.

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Important Dates for Year 7&8 - Term 3 2019

Week 1	Monday/Tuesday 22nd-23rd	Parent Interviews - Monday 3-6:30pm, Tuesday 3-5pm
	Tuesday and Thursday	Road Running 8:45am
	Wednesday 24th July	Syndicate Mass @ 9am
	Thursday 25th July	OPC Maths Set 4
	Friday 26th July	Double Techni
Week 2	Tuesday 30th July	Team and Group Photos
	Tuesday and Thursday	Road Running 8:45am
	Wednesday 31st July	CIS Maths Quiz 4-6pm
	Friday 2nd August	Single Techni
Week 3	Monday 5th August	Hamilton Books Alive Event at Hamilton City Library
	Tuesday and Thursday	Road Running 8:45am
	Friday 9th August	Double Techni
Week 4	Monday 12th August	Kapahaka Photos
	Tuesday	Road Running 8:45am
	Wednesday 14th August	Parent Information Sessions- Growing in the Image of God @ 6pm
	Thursday 15th August	School Cross Country Waikato Maths Quiz 4-6pm
	Friday 16th August	Single Techni
Week 5	Monday 19th August	Teacher Only Day- School closed
	Tuesday 20th August	Whole School Liturgy for the Assumption of Mary @ 2pm
	Thursday 22nd August	Year 7 and 8 Gym Regionals OPC Maths Set 5
	Friday 23rd August	Double Techni
Week 6	Monday 26th August	Year 7 and 8 Syndicate Speech Finals
	Wednesday 28th August	Whole School Mass
	Thursday 29th August	Year 7 and 8 Speech Finals
	Friday 30th August	Single Techni
Week 7	Tuesday 3rd September	ICAS Digital Technologies exam
	Wednesday 4th September	CIS Cross Country
	Thursday 5th September	ICAS Science exam
	Friday 6th September	Double Techni

Week 8	Monday-Friday	AIMS games week
	Tuesday 10th September	ICAS Writing exam
	Wednesday 11th September	Syndicate Mass @ 9am
	Thursday 12th September	ICAS Spelling exam
	Friday 13th September	Single Techni
Week 9	Monday-Friday	Maori Language Week and activities
	Tuesday 17th September	ICAS English exam
	Wednesday 18th September	Whole school Mass @ 9am
	Thursday 19th September	ICAS Maths exam
	Friday 20th September	Double Techni
Week 10	Tuesday 24th September	New Students' Liturgy @ 10:30am
	Tuesday 24th September	Student Led Conferences 2-7pm
	Friday 27th September	RE sharing assembly @ 2pm
	Friday 27th September	Single Techni and last day of Term 3

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Rhonda, Kylie, Kirsty, and Ann: The Year 7&8 Team.