



Term 3 2020

Curriculum, Events and Team Updates

Whole School:

Religious Education:

Value Focus:

This term we focus on two Fruits of the Holy Spirit - Rangimarie & Aroha - Peace and Love

Religious Education Curriculum Focus: Sacrament

Te Reo Maori:

Our Term 3 Te Reo context will be 'Weather'. Our focus is something that is ideal for this time of the year, as our weather changes from day to day. It is also something that is significant in Māori Myths and Legends. Within the classes there is also a continued focus on using classroom commands and general greetings in Te Reo.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori is 14-20 Mahuru (September). Students will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities across the week.

St Joseph's School Science Fair:

In term 3 we will hold a school wide science fair, where at an age appropriate level students will:

- Build knowledge of the scientific method for investigating
- Build knowledge of scientific terms
- Build visual presentation skills
- Be encouraged to be inquisitive and curious about science
- Develop their writing skills with a science lens

At the end of the term we will be inviting parents in to share our learning in Science across the school.

PE - Cross Country:

Our whole school will go to Porritt Stadium for Cross Country on Tuesday 11 August. We will send home more information closer to the time - save the date! Students are training now with Road Running in Year 4-8 and laps around the school grounds for Year 0-3.



Puawai - Year 7/8:

Team Leader: Rhonda McFarlane

Teachers: Ann Wilkinson, Kirsty van Eyk, Kylie Malpass, Rochelle Wood

Term 3 Curriculum Focus:

Written Language: The topic of “Survivors” has been chosen as the theme for writing. Children will organise texts using a range of appropriate structures (in particular, diary form). They will organise ideas into paragraphs with increasing confidence and show a developing understanding of text structures through their choice of words, variation of sentences and images.

Speeches Club begins in Week 2 for those children who have opted into writing and presenting a speech. Information was sent home last term outlining the process for speeches in Year 7 and 8.

Reading: Novel studies and Independent Personal Reading.

Key indicators are that your child can select and read texts for enjoyment and personal fulfilment.

Through the study of specific novels, the focus is on making sense of increasingly varied and complex texts by applying a range of processing and comprehension strategies.

Mathematics: Specific and targeted needs of each maths class will be addressed. These include key learnings from the Number and Algebra Strands such as fractions, decimals and multiplication strategies.

Health: Growing in the Image of God. Five sessions.

Children will be able to identify factors that affect personal, physical, social, and emotional growth and develop skills to manage these changes. *Remember the Parent Meeting Monday 27 July at 6-7pm for more information.*

Science: St Joseph’s Science Fair Exhibition is to be held in Week 10.

In class, children will work together to build on prior experiences and share and examine their own and others’ knowledge. We have four scientists from Waikato University working alongside children helping to facilitate their ability to ask questions, find evidence, explore simple models, and carry out appropriate investigations to develop simple explanations.

Below is a brief overview of some upcoming key events for senior school students.

(Please note that they may not apply specifically to your child.)

| Week 1 20-24 July | Week 2 27-31 July | Week 4 10-14 Aug | Week 5 17-21 Aug | Week 6 24-28 Aug | Week 7 31-4 Sept | Week 8 7-11 Sept | Week 9 14-18Sept | Week 10 21-25 Sept |
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| Thurs- OPC Maths Set 3 | Wed - Cath Math Quiz 4:30pm | Tues - Cross Country Wed- Waimath Quiz | Thurs- OPC Maths Set 4 Fri - No Techni | ICAS Testing Mon - Team Speech Finals Wed - Y7&8 Speech Finals Thurs-Gym sports | ICAS Testing Wed - CIS Cross Country Thur/Fri - Catholic Interschool Sports Event | Regional speech final-TBC Thurs- OPC Maths Set 5 | Wed - WFPS Cross Country <i>and</i> WFPS speech finals | Tues - Science Fair judging Thurs- Gym Sports Regionals |

Mahuri - Year 4-6:

Team Leader: Heather Keep

Teachers: Anna Crawford, Stephanie Terry, Tracey McHaffie, Steffan Beaurepaire, Rochelle Wood

Finlay Park Camp: Wednesday 11 November to Friday 13 November

Accompanying this newsletter is a notice with important information about camp, including costs and the form for parent help for the 3 days. If you would like to come and help, please check your police vetting is up to date. Police vetting lasts for 2 years and then needs to be renewed.

Speeches:

Term 3 is speech writing time! A letter was sent home with your child at the end of last term. All children should have a topic and some research ready to go. Could you please help your child with the gathering of ideas for their speech and talk about the format they will present. Speech writing is part of their homework this term.

Health:

Year 6 - Growing in the Image of God. Five sessions.

Children will be able to identify factors that affect personal, physical, social, and emotional growth and develop skills to manage these changes. *Remember the Parent Meeting Monday 27 July at 6-7pm for more information.*

Year 4/5 - Keeping Ourselves Safe - more information will come out soon about this topic and there will be a parent information session prior to the lessons.

Winter Tournament: Tuesday 15 September. Week 9.

This is a fun tournament for the Year 5 and 6's where they compete in teams against schools in our cluster. We take every year 5 and 6 child to Southwell with us. Sports include soccer, rippa rugby, hockey and netball. We need some enthusiastic parents to help supervise a team on the day. If you can help one of the teams could you please let your child's teacher know.

Headphones

Each child needs a set of headphones to use at school please. Many children appear to have lost/ broken or never had any. Earbuds are acceptable but are not as robust or as soundproof as headphones. If your child does not have a pair of headphones could you please purchase a pair. We use them every day when working on computers to cut out any noise issuing from a chromebook.

Term 3 Curriculum Focus:

Written Language: Speeches, Explanations, Science Experiments

Oral Language: Presenting a speech. Newspaper articles, personal opinions

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

Mathematics: Number - multiplication, division. Addition and subtraction revision.

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| Week 2 27-31 July | Mon 27th Parent meeting for Y6 parents. Growing in the Image of God programme. |
| Week 4 10-14 August | Tues 11th Cross Country |
| Week 6 24-28 August | Tues 25th Interschool cross country |
| Week 9 14-18 September | Tuesday 15th Fairfield cluster winter tournament (Y5/6) |
| Week 10 25-28 September | Tues 26th St Joseph's Science Fair |

Matatipu / Kohuri - Year 0-3:

Team Leader: Erin Clayton

Teachers: Caitlin Hollis, Aleise White, Daniel Towner, Dianne Felix, Penny Finn, Donna Fitzwater

Year 0-3 Curriculum Focus Term 3:

Written Language: The place of an audience when writing. How do we write for others to read? Simple re-counts that capture personal voice. Factual descriptions that share information and understanding

Oral Language: To hear and use new vocabulary. To share understanding by speaking out loud

Mathematics: Strand: Geometry- exploring shapes Numeracy- addition and subtraction strategies

Science: The scientific process and contributing to a Science fair

Art: Observational drawing

Technology: Identifying a need and going through a process to find a solution

Physical Education: Cross Country training. Team winter sports