



# St. Joseph's Catholic School, Fairfield

## Year 4-6 Newsletter - Term 4 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the Year 4, 5 and 6 syndicate for Term 4 2018. This term is always an extremely busy one so keep an eye on the school website and the calendar, especially towards the end of the term.

The Core Value focus is: Fruit of the Holy Spirit - self control.

RE Focus: God

Prayer: Traditional prayers. We begin each term with saying the Traditional prayers and learning the responses said during a Mass. Please say these with your children.

October is the month of the Rosary so children will be using the prayers involved and learning about the Mysteries.

If by chance your child cannot attend class or will be late for any reason, please inform the office before 9:00am by either calling (07) 855 5434 or emailing [admin@stjosephs.school.nz](mailto:admin@stjosephs.school.nz). Remember the school app for phones is able to do this quickly and efficiently so download it now. The school app is the preferred option as the office staff are able to access this quickly and efficiently.

### **Mission Day: Wednesday 17 October**

Don't forget, the Year 4-6 syndicate children make **decorated cupcakes** to sell on the day! Please name all cupcake containers that come to school on that day. All children wear mufti with a donation for the missions.

Part of this day will be beginning to plan and put together a shoe box to give to a community charity. In groups, children will collect some small, old toys in good condition, stationery items, toiletry items, a piece of clothing etc. to place in a shoe box to give to a child in need before Christmas. So start saving those boxes, sort toys etc.

**This term we have 3 trips planned so keep these dates in mind. You will need to have been police checked before accompanying us on these trips.**

### **Zoo Trip - Monday 29 October**

The syndicate will be visiting the zoo on Monday 29 October. We will travel by bus leaving at 9.00 and returning before the end of the day.

Cost: \$17.00

### **Golf Day - Horsham Downs Golf Club - Wednesday 28 November**

Over 5 Wednesdays of term the children will be learning a form of golf culminating in the trip to Horsham Downs Golf Club. We will need parents to help on the trip day. No

experience necessary! We will be travelling by bus- Rooms 5 and 6 at 9am, and Rooms 7 and 8 at 11.30am. We will all have lunch at the golf course before Rooms 5 and 6 return first.  
Cost: \$10.00

**Day Camp: Friday 14 December.**

This camp is at Ngaruawahia Christian camp. We leave school by bus by 8.30am and return by 3pm.

Cost: \$27.00

**Swimming Lessons at St Paul's:**

Week 4 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

Week 5 - Monday, Thursday, Friday.

Week 6 - Monday, Thursday, Friday.

Cost: \$60 will be charged to your school account.

**Topic Focus:** Science and technology - Living world looking at zoos, animals, enclosures, enrichment activities for animals etc This topic follows on from last term's environmental focus.

**Maths**

Don't forget to keep going over the basic facts with your child eg. all numbers that add to 10, to 20 and all the times tables. Remembering these instantly and correctly is important when using different strategies.

**Uniform**

Summer uniform this term. Fitness gear must be in their bag **every day**. This is the navy kukri shirt, and the navy kukri shorts. As our athletics day is coming up we will be doing some form of practise every day so please make sure their fitness uniform is present every day. It is difficult doing long jump and high jump in a dress!

**Hats**

During the summer terms the wearing of a school hat is compulsory. Children must have a hat to wear every day. These can be purchased from the school office. Please name these in a clear way!

**Please, Please, Please name all items of clothing** especially the new hats and sandals.

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 ( on both fingers and toes) 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, dangly ones or unusual shapes.

**Curriculum Focus Term Four**

**Written Language:** Explanation, information reports, letter writing.

**Oral Language:** Newspaper articles, personal opinions

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

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

**Mathematics:** Number - multiplication, division.

Social Studies: Christmas festivals

Physical Education: Athletics, golf, swimming, summer games

Health: Daily fitness. Healthy eating.

**Up-coming events**

Week 1 15-19 Oct.	Mission Day - Wednesday 18
Week 2 22-25 Oct	Labour Day Monday Golf - Wed
Week 3 29 - 3 Nov	Zoo Trip - Monday 29 Golf - Wed
Week 4 5-9 Nov	Swimming - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. Golf - Wed
Week 5 12-16 Nov	Swimming Mon, Thurs, Fri Athletics day Porritt Stadium Tuesday 13. Golf - Wed
Week 6 19-23 Nov	Swimming - Mon, Thurs, Fri Athletics interschool Golf - Wed
Week 7 16-30Dec	Golf Day - Horsham Downs Golf Course -Wed.
Week 8 3-7 Dec	Water Day fun - Friday.
Week 9 10-14 Dec	Day camp - Friday 14
Week 10 17-19 Dec	Prizegiving - Monday Final Mass - Wednesday 9.00 End of Term 12.00 Wednesday

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

Thank you,

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