



St Joseph's Catholic School, Fairfield

Year 4-6 Team Newsletter Term 1 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the new school year and to our Year 4, 5 and 6 Syndicate for 2019. A special welcome to all new parents entering our school and to the year 4 parents. Also welcome to Steffan Beaurepaire who has joined our syndicate. As usual, we have a busy, interesting year lined up! Our syndicate is made up of:

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We look forward to meeting you at our Team Information Sessions for Parents:

On Tuesday 12 February (Week 2), there will be Team Information Sessions for Parents held across the school. These are 20 minute sessions where you will find out more information about each of the syndicates within the school. We strongly encourage you to attend one of our Year 4-6 sessions so you are kept up to date with what's happening.

Year 4-6 First session: 3.30 - 3.50pm - Room 8

Year 4-6 Second session: 5.00 - 5.20pm - Room 8

Meet the Teacher Appointments

Week 4 - Tuesday 26th (2.00-6.00pm) and Wed 27th (3.00-5.00pm)

Following on from the Team Information Sessions, we extend an invitation to you to meet one to one with your child's classroom teacher. This is a time for you to come in, meet and get to know your child's teacher and discuss how the first few weeks of school have progressed. Bookings will be made through the online School Interviews system. The code will be in the next whole school newsletter.

If you experience a problem or wish to discuss something during the year, please talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance. Then talk to the team leader if necessary.

If by chance your child cannot attend class or will be late for any reason, please inform the **office** before 8.45 am by either using the school app or emailing admin@stjosephs.school.nz. The school app is really easy to use so download it as soon as possible.

Trips- Police vetting

As a team we go on trips and participate in outside sports events every term throughout the school year. If you would like to help on any trip please check your police vetting form is up to date or become police vetted in preparation for the year. It takes up to 20 days for the results to come through from the police, so cannot be left to the last minute.

Cell Phones:

Please note that cellphones are not permitted at school unless the parents have written a letter to the Principal outlining the purpose. If this is agreed, the cellphone will be powered off and left in the Principal's office until the end of the day when it will be handed back as the child leaves the school grounds. If you need to contact your child during the day, this should be done via the school office.

Medication

Teachers are not allowed to administer any type of medication. If your child needs some form of medication this needs to be left at the office. A form is required to be filled out explaining time and dosage etc.

Sunsmart & Drink Bottles

With this sunny, hot weather all children will need to have some form of sunblock in their school bags. Please ensure they have sunblock on exposed skin **before** arriving at school in the morning. We do have extra sunblock in each class. As this term is shaping up to be a particularly hot one and the children will need to keep hydrated! Please make sure your child has a drink bottle that they may keep on their desks during this hot, hot weather. There are drinking fountains around the school but teachers would prefer that children did not need to leave the classroom to get a drink. Please name the bottle.

Expectations

Homework: Homework routines will begin in Week 3-4

Homework books are expected to go home on Monday and be returned on Friday. Sheets will be available for the children to pick up on Monday. Not all subjects will have a sheet every week.

Reading: 15 minutes each night. This may be a school reader or for those who are more independent, a novel .

Maths: A sheet may be given relating to the topic being taught in class. Maths information can be found on the school website explaining the different levels and maths knowledge taught.

Topic: Occasionally students may research depending on what we are studying at the time.

Children should be doing 30 minutes **at the most** each night. If your child is finding an activity too difficult write a note in the homework book or call in to talk to the teacher. If your child is busy with extracurricular activities after school, or tired, don't force the issue. We want children to have a positive feeling about school!

Reading Books: help!

Each class is looking for a parent to help put all reading books away into one of the reading rooms. This can be done weekly or fortnightly, around your own schedule. If you are able to help out in this way could you please let your child's teacher know.

Self-Management

At this level we encourage and expect the children to become more independent and manage their own belongings e.g. hanging up their own bags, tidying their desks, looking after their stationary. This will be something we will develop throughout the year. Children are expected to be in the class at 8:45am, they may need to arrive earlier to get organised. This means that we can get straight into our learning when the school day begins.

Kids on Bikes Lesson - Safe Cycling Skills

In the week of 4-8 March (week 5) we will be learning how to ride a bike safely. Each child will need a bike and helmet at school for the whole week. They will be locked away inside the classes overnight, ready for the next day's activities. You may want to check your child's bike is safe and ready to ride!

Maungatautari Trip.

This is scheduled for Thursday 21 March. We will be visiting the Maungatautari Ecological Reserve to learn about various birds, conservation and pest eradication, plus looking at the tuataras. We will put out a notice for parent help shortly, but remember you will need to have an up to date police vetting completed. Cost to be advised shortly.

Uniform

Please bring fitness gear everyday. This is the Kukri navy blue top and Kukri navy shorts. **School hats** must be worn **every day** in Terms 1 and 4.

Please note: girls hair ties must be navy, maroon, black or white. Fancy bows and large clips are not part of the school uniform. Earrings are simple, plain (not coloured) studs. Nail polish is not allowed to be worn at school.

Could you please name all pieces of clothing. At the end of each week there is always a pile of lost property! If clothing is named it will be returned directly to the child in question.

Learning for Term 1:

Religious Education: **Value Focus:** Faithfulness - Whakapono

Prayer: Why we pray, how we pray and where we pray. Revise Traditional prayers and responses during Mass. Meditation. Learning about Lent and Easter.

Caritas - The focus will be looking at how people in different countries live, poverty and how Caritas works in these communities. This year we are looking at South Sudan.

Curriculum Focus Term 1

Written Language: Recounts and diaries, simple poems around the topic

Oral Language: Personal experiences, pair share, reporting to class, prayers news from around the world. Reporting facts succinctly.

Spelling: Literacy Success programme

Reading: Guided reading, shared reading, teacher read - cross grouping

Mathematics: Statistics, Number - addition and subtraction, Place Value. Cross grouping

R.E: Prayer- own and traditional prayers. Responses in Mass, Lent, Easter, Caritas,

Te Reo Maori: Greetings and counting, writing a mihimihi - looking at their family tree.

Health: Stand Up Stand Tall - cybersafety & online wellbeing. Friends and belonging, rules around the school environment, cool schools and peer mediation.

Physical Education: Biking summer team sports, daily fitness

Science: Bikes - pulleys and levers, friction. Living World - native birds, introduced pests, tuataras, native trees.

Some Up-coming events for Year 4-6 Term One.

<u>Week 1:</u>	Wednesday 6 Feb - Waitangi Day
<u>Week 2:</u>	Tuesday 12 Feb - Parent Information Sessions for Year 4-6 in Room 8 at 3.30 - 3.50pm or 5.00 - 5.20pm Wednesday 13 Feb - Whole School Mass
<u>Week 4</u>	Tuesday 26 & Wed 27th - Meet the Teacher appointments
<u>Week 5:</u>	Monday 4 March - Friday 8 March - Year 4-6 Kids on Bikes Lessons - Safe Cycling
<u>Week 7:</u>	Tuesday 19 March - St Joseph's Day 21 Thursday March - Maungatautari trip
<u>Week 10:</u>	Friday 12 March End of term.

Camp Term 4

This year camp will be at Raglan. This is booked for Wednesday 4 December to Friday 6 December. More information will come home much closer to the date. The cost will roughly be around \$200. Part payments are able to be made through the office throughout the whole year.

Thank you for your support, we are excited about the year ahead.
Heather Keep, Rochelle Wood, Tracey McHaffie
Anna Crawford, Stephanie Terry, Steffan Beaufaire.

