

NOTICE FROM THE P.T.A.

Welcome/welcome back everyone to another exciting year at St Joseph's. Can you believe we are already coming to the end of February?

Term 1 has been action packed with school camps for much of the school at Ohiwa. The PTA was happy to help out with this knowing how hard it can be at the start of the year as costs start to mount up. Thanks to all of the parents and teachers involved, the feedback from the kids has been fantastic.

The PTA is in planning mode at the moment with the school's Gala scheduled for 30 March. This is the major fundraiser for the year and it enables us to provide better facilities and exciting opportunities for our children. To make this event a success, we really need as many helpers as possible! If you are able to help on the day or in the lead up to the event please let either me or Raewyn Clark know.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 6 March at 3:00pm in the school staffroom. If you are available, we would love for you to join us. Being on the PTA gives you an opportunity to give our school community a helping hand and to meet other parents. We try to keep things fund and are always looking for new ideas for fundraisers and activities.

If you have any questions about the PTA, would like to join or help out sometimes, please get in contact with me. My email is libby.sharp@outlook.com or find me on Facebook. I look forward to hearing from you.



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Dear Parents and Whanau

First of all a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all those who were involved with the Junior and Middle School Camps last week. What a great time everyone had. The venue was ideal, the weather perfect (if not a little hot) and so many activities to keep everyone happy and contented. There was a real 'holiday' feeling at the Camp!

Special thanks to Millie Gerrard for keeping everyone well fed and to Snow and Robyn Hargreaves for taking out their boat and giving the Middle School students lots of fun riding on the 'biscuit' and 'lake snake'.

There are lots of '**Coming Events**' happening over the next few weeks.

Monday 25 February - our **Senior School Swimming Sports** will take place at Opotiki College at 1:00pm. This will involve all students from 8 years and over. Students will travel to and from the College by bus.

Wednesday 13 March - The **District Swimming Sports** are due to be held. (Opotiki College). This will involve selected students once again from 8 years and over.

Wednesday 13 March to Friday 14 March – Years 7 & 8 Camp at the Ohiwa Holiday Park.

Thursday 14 March – Town Schools **Tsunami evacuation practice**. As yet I am not 100% sure of what is involved but will keep you informed once the plan has been finalised by Civil Defence/Council.

Tuesday 19 March – St Joseph's Feast Day.

Wednesday 20 March – Eastern Bay of Plenty Swimming Sports.

Friday 22 March – District Soccer Tournament (organised by St Joseph's).

Saturday 30 March – GALA DAY. Once again I know I can rely on your efforts to ensure the success of our Gala. Please start sorting through cupboards, sheds, etc for anything at all we can sell at the Gala.

Soccer Registration is underway and the first training session is next Wednesday 27 March, 3:30pm at Ohui Park (Magpie Park).

CARMEL COLLEGE VISIT – During the week of 4 November we can expect a visit from two classes (approximately 60 girls) from Carmel College. Over the years St Joseph's has developed a close relationship with Carmel and more than 700 of our students have enjoyed great hospitality from this Auckland School. At this stage it looks like we will require host families for perhaps two nights and then a Marae experience for the final night.

B.O.T. Elections – Board of Trustee elections are to be held in May/June so please start thinking about standing as a parent representative on our Board. More information as it comes to hand.

NITS – We have an outbreak of nits throughout the school at the moment so it would be appreciated if you would please check and treat your child's hair as required.

Skool Loop – We are trialling a new means of communication between our school and our community with a smartphone App call Skool Loop. The Skool Loop App uses today's technology to reach out to our school community. It has multiple features that will help us to do this more effectively, efficiently and instantly.

These features include Push Notifications (Instant Messaging), access to the School Calendar, Absentee Messaging, School Contacts, Notices, Newsletters and Permission Slips.

Student of the Week

Week 29/1/2019

Room 1:	Mesai'ah Raukawa Keita Pou-Tauri
Room 2:	Jayzon Jones
Room 3:	Kahurangi Gerrard Haze Nelson
WM – P:	Lennox Bryan Kyrin Rakuraku
WM – D:	Josh Johnson Cordell White Stevey Williams
Room 4:	Jazmine Green

Raewyn Clark
Principal