

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 2:

*Pauly Williams, Nivahn Wright, Sharla Winder,  
Hunter Erickson, Aiden Brown, Aaliyah Jones,  
Cyrus Williams, Jasmin Short, Maiesha Sharma,  
Morea Harley, Martina Lowry, Maeva Harley*

Week 3:

*Finn Morrison, Leni Sears, Davey McMurtrie,  
Tiare Rotumah, Maia Forde, Ella Sears, Zuri Gloyn,  
Maeva Harley, Harleen Kaur, Morea Harley*

Week 4:

*Riley Carradice, Karaa Sharma, Debra Dondi,  
Katiana Makoare, Billy Ashford, Nivahn Wright,  
Jayzon Jones, Liam Fisher*

Week 5:

*Isla Amoamo, Dontaeva Aramakutu, Ashley Hyde,  
Keira Brown, Ezekiel Grace, Nav Kaur, Mckenzy Collier,  
Charlize Burgess, Charlotte Roberson, Regan O'Donnell*



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Dear Parents and Whanau

What a long hot summer we have had – aren't we lucky to be living in a beautiful part of New Zealand where we can appreciate the beaches, rivers and surrounding bush?

A big **Welcome** to Leni Sears who began school recently.

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of **Lent**. Lent lasts for forty days and is the Religious Season leading up to Easter. During Lent we are asked to put ourselves out more for others, to do acts of kindness and with the students, reinforcing our School Virtues of Respect, Reverence and Responsibility.

### **GALA:**

Gala Day is set down for Saturday 30 March. Please start sorting through your cupboards, garage etc for anything at all that can be sold. With regards to Used Clothing – only used clothing that is in good condition please – clean and unsoiled.

Each family is asked to sell one raffle book and with only 15 Tickets and 8 draws this should not be too difficult.

The Gala Day is our main form of fundraising for the year. The profits go into the P.T.A. account and over the past year this money has assisted with the Auckland Trip, the purchase of a large number of Library Books and all the accommodation expenses for all School Camps at Ohiwa Holiday Park.

As well the P.T.A. has purchased a new freezer and is replacing many of the chairs in the Hall.

Parents, please be generous if you are contacted regarding helping at the Gala as we are only wanting your assistance for three hours max.

#### **SWIMMING SPORTS:**

Selected students from aged 8 upwards will take part in the District Swimming Sports at the College Pool next Wednesday. Please refer to a separate Notice.

The Eastern Bay of Plenty Swimming Champs are on Wednesday 20 March.

#### **YEARS 7 & 8 CAMPS:**

Parents of Years 7 & 8 will have received a separate Newsletter regarding the Camps.

#### **DISTRICT SOCCER TOURNAMENT:**

This will be held at Memorial Park on Friday 22 March. St Joseph's is organising this tournament and the P.T.A. is providing refreshments, e.g. sausage sizzle etc.

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

#### **Netball:**

The Opening Day for netball is March 30<sup>th</sup>. However we will not be taking part on this day as it is our School Gala. Netball will begin for us on April 6<sup>th</sup>. There is NO netball in the holidays.

We still need coaches and managers for some teams. Please let Mrs Atkinson know if you are able to help. There is a workshop explaining different rules for different age groups on Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm at Memorial Park.

#### **Consent Forms:**

We are preparing a generic consent form that will allow us to obtain permission for students at St Joseph's to participate in activities in the year ahead. It will save us having to send out permission slips for every activity with the Ōpōtiki District. Once it is ready we will send it out via Skool Loop and also a paper copy to ensure we get all parent's permission.

#### ***A Reminder:***

Online Safety Tips:

Some things you can do to help your children stay safe online include:

- Install software on your computer which either blocks restricted content or monitors activity so that you can review online behaviour.
- Know who your children are making contact with online. If they are not your children's actual friends then question their cyber friendship.
- Know which social networking sites your child is on and what information they are posting.
- Check that your children understand the dangers of posting personal information on social networking sites.
- Do not allow your children to use the computer in private areas of your home.
- If you or your child becomes suspicious about a person online, stop contact immediately.

Netsafe has plenty of advice on staying safe in cyberspace. For more information visit their website <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/>

#### **WHERE TO FIND HELP AND SUPPORT**

Need to talk? – Call to text 1737

Lifeline – 0800 543 354

Youthline – 0800376 633, text 234, email [talk@youthline.co.nz](mailto:talk@youthline.co.nz) or online chat

Samaritans – 0800 726 666

Depression Helpline – 0800 111 757

Suicide Crisis Helpline - 0508 828 865

In a life threatening situation call 111.