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Newsletter



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term 4

NEWSLETTER

Showcasing Our Talented Students...

Performing at the Wallace Gallery last Friday



*The School
Vege Garden
Is Looking Amazing*

Way to Go Room 3



The spring weather has arrived. Our Room 3 gardeners have harvested some of the crop from the school vegetable patch. A special thank you to Meredith Vowles and Amanda Old for coordinating and managing the garden. It looks fantastic!

Thirty five of our students performed at the Wallace Gallery on Friday. This is a combined event with David St School and it the third year we have taken part. The children were exceptional, showcasing their many talents of Glee, ukulele, aerobics, cheerleading and guitar. We have received some very lovely feedback from the Gallery to say that they love having us perform.

2018

As we are currently preparing for the up and coming 2018 year. We would like to inform you of staff changes. Some of our staff are leaving to take up positions in other schools around New Zealand. At the end of this year we will be farewelling Donna Rutherford, Ashleigh Ennor and Teal Gray.

Donna Rutherford has accepted a position at St Joseph's School, Te Aroha. She will be working in the senior end of school and utilising her excellent multicultural skills. It is with a mixture of sadness and excitement for Donna, as she is very sad to leave our students and parents but is excited to work in her community of Te Aroha where she lives. We thank Donna for her three years she has given our school and we know she will be a great asset to our fellow Catholic School.

Ashleigh Ennor is moving back to her native region the Hawkes Bay to be closer to her family. Ashleigh has accepted a position at a school and will be utilising her knowledge of flexible learning classrooms to help develop a hub at the school. We thank Ashleigh for her two years with us and look forward to hearing all about the progress in her new school.

Teal Gray is moving to Auckland. She has accepted a position at a large primary school and will be working in the year 5 / 6 area of the school. Teal is also utilising her skills in flexible learning to work collaboratively with a group of teachers to further develop future focused learning. We thank Teal for her two years with us and also look forward to hearing about her developments at her new school.

The farewell assembly for students and staff leaving will be held on Friday 8 December. Time to be confirmed.

Welcome...

We welcome Kerry Horan and Ashlee McPherson who will be joining our staff next year. Kerry brings to our school lots of teaching experience and skills working with various age groups over her teaching career. She is extremely digitally savvy (alongside many other skills) and firmly believes in providing opportunities for education outside of the classroom.

Ashlee brings to our school strengths in literacy, drama, a sporting background as well as an incredible passion for teaching and learning. We welcome you to St Joseph's School along with our current staff, Julie Bennett, Simone Campbell, Jeff Bennett, Olivia Yates, Emma Hyde, Lee Hudson, Catherine Barnett as well as our amazing support staff.

We will be starting the year with nine classrooms and will be opening a tenth classroom by the end of Term 1 next year due to roll growth.

Classes...

We are currently finalising our classes for 2018. When putting classes together the teachers look at aspects such as class size, gender ratio, academic needs, social needs, learning styles verse teaching styles and ethnic balance. I ask that you recognise the experience of the senior teachers and classroom teachers in their ability to place children accordingly under the outlined criteria.

The final decision as to which child is in what class remains the responsibility of the school. If you have anything that you think we need to know regarding the placement of your children in a class please contact Simone Campbell simonec@stjoes.school.nz for Y0-4 or Julie Bennett julieb@stjoes.school.nz for Y5-8. While we respect all your requests, this will not always be met if we consider other factors to be greater.

If your family is moving or planning to move out of the Morrinsville area or your child will not be returning to St Joseph's School for 2018, please contact myself principal@stjoes.nz or drop by my office **asap**. We appreciate this as this also can affect class placements and class sizes for next year so as much notice as possible is extremely important.

Athletics

Our students and teachers have been preparing for Athletics events. The junior school will hold an Athletics Display this Friday 10 November at 1.30 pm. Athletics Day for middle/senior school will be held on Tuesday 14 November.

Whole School Mass - Sunday 19 November

We would like to honour our parish community by having a whole school mass on Sunday 19 November at 9 am. Our parish are extremely supportive of our school and this is a way to say thank you. I understand that life gets very busy but we would appreciate our students and families attending the mass on this day. Please lock it into your calendar. Students to wear school uniform please.

First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation Programme

We have enrolment forms for children who would like to take part in the First Communion Programme for 2018. The child must be at least eight years old and have been baptised. The forms are in the school foyer to fill out. We will also send an invitation to all of the children on our roll who qualify. Please see me if you would like more details. Frances Gillard will be leading the programme (thanks Frances!)

Parent/Whanau Survey

Next week a survey will be available via class dojo/ school app or scanning the code. The survey is part of our Morrinsville Community of Learning. Our Morrinsville group of schools is interested in feedback about learning, education and ways to improve as a cluster of schools. We value your opinion.

Uniform Survey

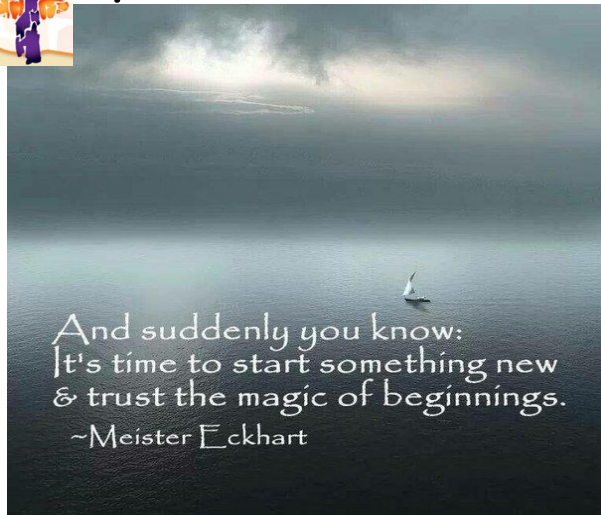
Thank you for your interest in potential discussion around changes to our school uniform. The Board have collated the responses and the results indicated that discussion about our school uniform would be welcomed. A small survey will also be available next week onwards where you can have your say about what potential changes you would be interested in looking at for our school uniform. Your feedback is very important so please take the opportunity to respond.

Have a wonderful week. Take time to enjoy the sunshine.

God Bless you all. Andrea Colebourn, Principal



Reflection



And suddenly you know:
It's time to start something new
& trust the magic of beginnings.
~Meister Eckhart

Please Check..

CLASS & INDIVIDUAL PHOTO ORDERS..

Family orders were sent home yesterday.
Please check and if not received contact
the school office.

Sport & Cultural Photo Order

These are currently being processed and
will be sent home shortly.

YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Care Meals Initiative



In follow-up to a letter of request
for assistance ...REMINDER to
Room 5 and 6 Families:

For those that are able, could your
contributions please be dropped off at
the school office by Tuesday, November
14th. A huge Thanks in advance.

Regards, Your PFC



Friday, Nov 10th
**1.30pm Junior School
Athletics Display**

Tuesday, Nov 14th
**Senior/Middle School
Athletics**

Wednesday, Nov 15th
Yr 7/8 GHD Girls Night

Thursday, Nov 16th
1.30 Junior Joes Rm 9

Friday Nov 17th
PFC Mufti Day
Bring a Can Xmas Raffle

Monday, Nov 20th
Team to Catholic
Interscholar Athletics



We would like to
Welcome
to St Josephs

to Room 9 Jackson Kite
Kaitlyn Seng

*It is great to have you and your family
be a part of our school.*

SCHOOL HOUSEKEEPING

Class Mass: Wed, Nov 8th Rms 4 & 7

Sausage Chefs: Thursday, Nov 9th
Richard Scott & Justine Cameron

**One on One Learn to Swim Lessons
Starting December**
For more information contact
Rebecca on 0223686981

Term Dates 2017

Term 4	Mon 16th Oct	to	Fri Dec 15th 12.15pm finish
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NB: Buses will not be available for afternoon
run Dec 14th or morning and afternoon
runs Dec 15th

2018 - Term 1 commences
Tuesday, January 30th

Mass Sunday
Nov 12th
11.00am
Welcomers:
Room 4

SCHOOL Sausage Sizzle
Thursday,
Nov 9th
\$1.50 each
Place order at
school kitchen

**Junior School Fun
Fun Day ^{this} week**
Friday, Nov 10th
**Senior School
Athletics Day 2017**
Tuesday, Nov 14th
Information sheet sent home last week



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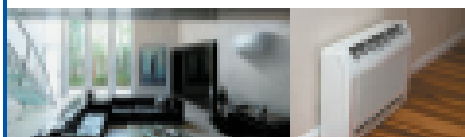
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