

# ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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Hi everyone,

Its been quite a busy couple of weeks and it will be as we work our way towards the end of the year, but hopefully through planning and communication we will be able to get through these busy days with a big smile and a can do attitude! Enjoy the pictures and stories of the newsletter.

## **Calendar till the end of term!**

29 November Maths games morning.  
30 November Thankyou very much morning tea.  
1st December Speech competition  
7th December Thanksgiving Mass  
9th December Disco  
Reports handed out to students.  
13th December Prizegiving  
15th December Morere  
Swimming Trip  
16th Last day of 2016

29th November

## **Maths Game Morning**

Come in, between 9.00 and 10.30 and learn how to play some new maths games. You can even get some easy links to be able to make or download the games.

30th November

## **Thankyou very much morning tea**

If you have helped us over the year with specific school jobs you will have received an invite to morning tea next Wednesday. If you haven't received on but know that you have helped us, forgive our oversight and come in anyway. The Board of Trustees have generously offered to fund the morning tea as their way of valuing the efforts of the many who help make our school the positive and great learning place that it is.

1<sup>st</sup> December

## **Speeches**

These are at various stages throughout the school at present. Every student has been involved in some way. Those who are chosen for the 'Grand Final' which will be held 1<sup>st</sup> December, will no doubt be practicing for this event.

Names and a programme of the event will be sent out next week with the newsletter.

**Please Note:** *That the school wide speech final will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> December there may have been some information sent your way that said the 2<sup>nd</sup> I apologise if this was the case. This due to junior swimming on that day.*

Yvonne Nairn

## **9<sup>th</sup> December Disco**

This will be held in the Parish. The theme is Fairytale stories. Come along and have a boogie and a good time. It will start at 6.00 and go through to 8.00. Please bring a plate.

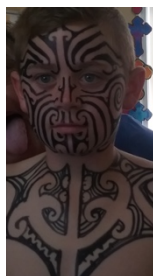
## **Kapahaka**

If you were lucky enough to come and see the students perform on Tuesday morning you were able to see how wonderful both groups were. I was even more prouder when they stood at Te Mahia School and showed themselves to be confident and knowing of their songs. Well done to both of our groups. You deserve to feel proud of your efforts and you have upheld the high performance reputation of the school. A special mention to our Kaea, Kopu, Kathleen, Kasey and Moby. You did an outstanding job guiding the groups. One more mention to our soloists, Connor, Naomi and Kathleen again. I was impressed with the confidence, clarity and volume of our beautiful voices. Lastly to all of our students, you were gorgeous, fierce and fabulous! Ka mau te wehi!

Finally a big thankyou must go to the crew who helped make and redesign the costumes. There were many hours of work put into the earrings, the head gear, pois and the dresses. A huge thankyou to Raewyn Smith, Alma Wilson, Pauline Thompson, Alma Hume, Kelly Thompson, Sandra Johnson, Arahi. Te mutunga pai o te mihi!



## **Kapahaka 2016**



**7th December****Thanksgiving Mass**

Please come down for our Thanksgiving Mass

**9th December**

Reports will be handed out to students. Please check and make sure that you get yours. If you have any queries be sure to check it out with the teacher before the year ends. .

**Prize Giving****13th December**

1.30 Whole School Certificate Presentation.

5.30 War Memorial Hall, special prizes presentation.

Parents are invited to both assemblies but note that one happens during school time and the other begins at 5.30. All students will be required to attend both in school uniform.

**Visit from All Black**

St Joseph's will be hosting a visit from a very famous All Black. At the moment I heard he was in the British Isles negotiating injuries in the latest test match. He will be visiting on the 12th of December and will be working with our Developmental team and the rugby players of St Joseph's School. I am still awaiting the time that he will arrive but please keep this in mind before blocking in your calendars.

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

"I know, too that you have patience, and have suffered for my name without growing tired. Nevertheless, I have this complaint to make: you have less love now than you used to. Think where you were before you fell; repent, and do as you used to at first." An angel was sent to John to relay this message.

How close we are to Jesus when we consider our relationship with him. As we live our busy lives we remember to never let anything come between him and us. As we err or make mistakes we are reminded to check ourselves and what we do and remember the people that we were before, this is our reminder from the Lord. Repent. Remember the good people that we are and return to those practises in what we say, do and think. Yes, another way of ensuring that nothing comes between us and the Lord. Be happy in your day.

Its getting hot. When it gets hot, hot I will let you and the students know when the school will be able to wear shorts and tshirts only and leave the smocks at home.

Thanking you,  
Leonie McEwan