

St Joseph's School

We learn with faith for tomorrow.
Me ako tātou. Ma te pono. Mo apopo.
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30 January 2017

Ki a koutou e tautoko ana te kura nei, Nau mai, hoki mai ki te tau hou.

Welcome back to everyone. I hope that you have had a great holiday and are rested for the new year. Welcome to our new students Pearl Pattison, Ocean Nia Nia, Sophie Allott and Kaiariki Everton and a welcome back to Awaroa Wihongi.

Dates Term 1 2017

9th February BBQ meet the staff.
22nd February Reading Workshop.
8th March Parent-teacher conferences.

Dates for the year.

We will be ending at different dates during the year, this is because we would like our teachers to have Teacher Only days for Professional Development. I have put this at the end of each term meaning our students finish one day earlier each term.

Term 1

30 January to 12th April Wednesday

Term 2

1st May to 6th July Thursday

Term 3

24 July to 28th September

Term 4

16th October to 19th December

New Staff

I would like to welcome Renee Morin, she will be teaching French and Music(instruments) each week. Renee is a teacher from Vancouver Canada. She will be working for one day a week. She will have a special component where she will be working with students who have been identified as gifted and talented by our teachers and by parents in 2016. If there is enough interest next term she may be able to privately tutor, on site students who would like to learn an instrument. Welcome back to Mrs Clayton-Greene. I am glad to say that she will be completing release for myself in Rm 1, 2 days a week. She is a talented teacher and an 'old girl' of the school as well.

Father Michael O'Donnell sm

A big welcome to Father Michael who comes to us from Manurewa Parish, Auckland. Welcome father and we look forward to seeing and being with you over the years to come.

School Roll

We had a big group leave last year in the Year 8s and we have had some families move out of the district. This means that we have small class sizes and we have been able to be crafty with the student's placement for this year. We have mixed year groups in classes throughout the school. We are averaging about 20 per class. This is wonderful, but we still need a steady stream new entrants coming in. So get out and spread the word about your wonderful school.

Books

The lists are at Take Note. If you would like a list to go home to you. Just ask. Due to our mixed classes you may already have the books for another group. Don't worry about that we will sort it out.

9th February

BBQ 5.00pm

We would like to have a mid-evening sports event, followed by a sausage sizzle and salads. So bring a salad and come and join in on the fun and at the same time get to meet your child's teacher.

22nd February

We will be holding a reading workshop. How to help your child when they are reading at home. This will have explanations about how often and when. What to do if you are experiencing problems. What types of questions you can ask your teacher. Mrs Nairn will be delivering this.

Monday Lunch Orders

A big Thank you to Mrs. Alma Hume for taking on the voluntary Osler's Lunch Order role.

Let's have a great 2017 and God bless.
Whaea Leonie

Topics, Themes and Questions
For Learning
St Joseph's School, 2017

Media

Growth

Creativity

Endangered

Space

Reflection

Space

Art/Artists

Sustainability

Cycles

Flight

**Healthy
Living**

Water

Forces

**Looking After
Ourselves**

Enviroschools

Robots

Hi Parents, These are the main themes for learning that we as teachers have come up with for 2017. If you would like to add to our major themes or have suggestions please send this back and put your ideas in the circles provided.
Thankyou for your help.