

# ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

We learn with faith for tomorrow.  
Me ako tātou. Ma te pono. Mo apopo.  
56 Queen Str, Wairoa, Hawkes Bay Ph 8388306, [office@sjwairoa.school.nz](mailto:office@sjwairoa.school.nz)



1 March 2017

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Welcome to the first day of March. Lets have a great one!

## Swimming Sports next week on Friday

We are hoping to have everything finished by the beginning of lunch. We will be starting at 9.30 with the Junior students. The Seniors will start at about 10.00. Please come.

## Parent Teachers & Friends Assn.

We will be holding a meeting on Thursday 9th March at 5.00pm in the Staffroom. If you are new to the school or would like to join us please come along. (Leslie Johansen)

## Teacher Interviews 8th March

You will receive a letter with a time on it for teacher parent interviews this week. Please make sure that you return the slip so that you have the right time confirmed for your visit. This is a good time to have a check in with the teacher about where your child is going in their learning and goal setting. Please know that if you ever want to set up a meeting with a teacher you can have this at anytime you would like. Do not feel that you are inconveniencing us, when you are not, the more conversations and face to face meetings we have with our parents allows us the opportunity to make better connections and understand our students.

Interviews will start at 3.30 and last for 10mins. If you want more time make another meeting date.

## Absent students

Please parents remember to keep in mind the amount of absent days your children have. Justified absences include sick day. When a student is not at school they are unable to access the learning that they need and teachers have to catch up students when they are not here for the learning. National guidelines recommend that the typical days of absence are only 6% of the total year. In actual days this is roughly about 12 days from the school year.

Please be aware that Health Plans are needed for students who are away for long periods of time, these will be put together with the support of the Health Nurse.

The message here is; LETS KEEP OUR KIDS HEALTHY...

- Let them have exercise when they need it.
- Let them rest when there is time.
- Put them to bed at 8.00pm.
- Good food to eat that combats bugs.
- Make sure they get the rest their growing bodies need.
- Look after yourselves as parents, so that you are better able to look after them.

Thankyou,  
Leonie McEwan

Make sure to have a good look on the website to check out what we have been up to. Coming out soon will be a St Joseph's app for android phones. You will be able to see newsletters and set absences at the flick of a button.

## Getting to school on time

Our school day begins at 8.40 at St Joseph's School. We start earlier because as a Catholic School we observe the practise of religious education, this is specifically granted as a special character school under the Integrated Schools Act. This time is spent at the beginning of the day to gather our thoughts and begin our reflection. At the beginning of the day we usually have prayer, this is a special time where we get to converse with Jesus and pass over to him our concerns, worries and or successes. As we sit together as classes remembering Jesus's love for us the holy spirit comes amongst us and works within our classes and school. Please parents drop off your children before the start of the day so that they are able to relax and prepare themselves for a busy day with the rest of the class. Please drop them off in time to begin their learning with the class at 8.40.

## Activity Fees

Due to a misunderstanding we do need to add activity fees back on to the school fees. This is a minimal fee that pays for busses and extra events that we might not otherwise be able to fund. I do apologise for this and if you would like to talk to me further about this please let me know personally. My email is

[principal@sjwairoa.school.nz](mailto:principal@sjwairoa.school.nz).

Fees are as below. We also now know the fees for the manual training for Yr 7 & 8 students as well. They are now included.

## 2017 Class Room Requirements

### Room 4 Class Requirements:

Colouring Pencils (Jumbo)	5.00
Home Reading Book	5.00
Activities Fees	15.00
Religious Education Curriculum	20.00
	<b>\$45.00</b>

### Room 5 Class Requirements:

Homework Reading Book	5.00
1 x Box of H.B Pencils	5.00
Activities Fees	15.00
Religious Education Curriculum	20.00
Total	<b>\$45.00</b>

### Room 2 Class Requirements:

Religious Education Curriculum	20.00
Home Work Book	5.00
Activities Fees	15.00
	<b>\$40.00</b>

### Room 1 Class Requirements:

Religious Education Curriculum	20.00
Activities Fees	15.00
Technicraft fees (Manual)	55.00
	<b>\$90.00</b>

Pay by cheque or cash at school office.



## Music Mania

Have a look at our Musicians! I would really love to have her again next term. So fingers crossed.



Students are learning how to play the marimba! We are benefitting by having Madame Morin teaching the students different instruments. We have students learning how to play piano, students learning how to play ukelele and recorder. As you can see there are many whom are benefitting. Watch the calendar as there will be a recital soon.

