

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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Greetings to everyone. We are a GOGO for the GALA!!!

A big welcome to our new 5 year old student Parker Taumata and Orian and Truson Karangaroa. We welcome you into this school whānau and hope that you have a great stay and learn lots. Nau mai, hoki mai!

A couple of very important corrections to our last newsletter.
KAPAHAKA in Mahia performance whole school is on the 16th of November.

WICKED MATHS GAMES MORNING is the 29th of November.

THANKYOU VERY MUCH MORNING TEA is the 30th of November. Wednesday morning. (We would really like parents to send in morning tea to say thankyou to those that have supported the learning and sports activities of students this year.)

Only 3 more days till the GALA...

Kapahaka on the 16th of November.

We will be having a dress rehearsal next Wednesday for both groups. On the day we will be getting ready and dressed at school. Then we will go by bus to Mahia School to perform not much longer after we get there. This is important because we will be leaving together from school, dressed and ready. Therefore students who are in our groups will be expected to be at school prior to going and not anywhere else.

Performance Times

Teina(Junior) 12.45

Tuakana(Senior) 1.00

Please ensure that you are there at these times to see your children perform.

There will be more detailed instructions for our uniforms next week, but just a message for the parents of boys. PLEASE BUY BLACK UNDERWEAR FOR THEM TO WEAR ON THE DAY.

CHANGE IN DATE

WICKED MATHS GAMES MORNING is the 29th of November.

We accidentally double booked on that day. This is changed to the **29th of November**, the Tuesday morning. Please come in and see the great maths games then.

School Photos 14th November

Get out the combs and big smiles

We have Apex managing our school photos this year. Rob Worlledge will be taking them. I realise this may be a rush, but it was a bit hard to get someone to fit in before the end of the year. Forms for ordering will go out tomorrow. If you have problems getting the money back to us. Place the order and pay later. This way we will definitely get our pictures back before the end of the year.

Gifted and Talented register beginning

If you know that your child has a certain gift in their academic life and would like to include them on our Gifted and Talented register please let your teacher know. Over the next week or so we will be developing a pathway for a register to identify those students who need extra extension in all areas of schooling. This is a question for the child, you as parents and the teacher to answer.



Communion of Saints

DID YOU KNOW...

That on November 1st it was the feast day of All Saints. The word Saint means to be holy. All of God's people are called to be saints. There are some special saints that the Church canonize to acknowledge them formally. The Patron Saint of our school is St. Joseph and the Patron Saint of the Catholic churches in Wairoa are St. Peter and St. Theresa.

On November 2nd it is the feast day of All Souls. This is when Catholics especially remember those who have died. You could talk to your child about special people you

would like to remember on this day and why they are so special. Our hikoi/pilgrimage to the cemetery will be our way of remembering family, friends and members of our school and parish who have passed away.

Each class is learning about the Communion of Saints Strand. The communion of Saints is the belief of the church that all of its members are joined in one great unity (in Christ) of the belief and worship of God. This includes those now living and those who have died. Over the next few weeks you can help your child with the Religious Education by:
Ask them to name some saints and ask them why those saints are special.
Ask them what makes saints great role models?

Keeping people who have passed away in our thought and prayers.

What things they can do to be more like Jesus and a disciple of Christ?

Yvonne Nairn DRS

Pet Requirements for the Pet and Flower Day 23rd November

Preparation for the day

No pets at school before 12.30. All dogs must be on a short lead and must be able to be handled by the child.

Cats must be boxed or caged.

Farm animals must also be on a lead.

Please, to save everyone from embarrassment, no animals that are in season!

Pet Categories:

The pet categories are:

1. Cats
2. Dogs: Big
3. Dogs: Small
4. Caged Animals (rabbits, guinea pigs, birds etc.)
5. Lambs
6. Farm Animals

Novelty Pets (for those of you who do not have pets, this section is for you!)

Flower Show Requirements:

The following is a list of requirements each child will need for the Flower Show. Please check each Room's list requirements carefully and name all items.

Room 4:

1 saucer, 1 bowl, 1 Vase, Vegetables, assortment of flowers, toothpicks (preferably in a bucket or a box)

Room 5:

1 saucer, 1 bowl, 1 Vase, Vegetables, assortment of flowers, toothpicks (preferably in a bucket or a box).

Room 2:

Container for a miniature garden, 1 vase, unusual container, assortment of flowers, weeds, grasses and vegetables (preferably in a bucket or a box), tinfoil and toothpicks.

Room 1:

Container for a miniature garden, 1 vase, unusual container, assortment of flowers, weeds, grasses and vegetables (preferably in a bucket or a box), tinfoil and toothpicks.

Flower Show Categories:

Room 4:

Sand Saucer, Wax Picture, Arrangement for the Teacher's Table, Floating Bowl, Vegetable Character.

Room 5:

Sand Saucer, Wax Picture, Arrangement for the Teacher's Table, Floating Bowl, Vegetable Character.

Room 2:

Miniature Garden, Arrangement for the Teacher's Table, Lady's Spray or Men's Button Hole, Unusual Container, Vegetable Character, Arrangement of Weeds and Grasses.

Room 1:

Miniature Garden, Arrangement for the Teacher's Table, Lady's Spray or Men's Button Hole, Unusual Container, Vegetable Character, Arrangement of Weeds and Grasses.



Speeches

Don't forget to be getting onto your speeches students. Start now so you are not rushed later. Good luck. Remember you can talk about a topic that you choose.

Working Bee

A HUGE thankyou to the parents who came to the working bee this Saturday. We truly appreciate your help and the school is looking beautiful. Huge thankyou to Michelle and Tracey who manned the crew. Also a big thankyou to those parents who instead of coming in on Saturday have come in during the week to finish their jobs for the school. Again thankyou. Lastly there have many people helping out with this and that around the school. For the last few weeks prior to GALA it has been phenomenal the amount of parents who have been in. Just to let you know, we love seeing you and thank-you for your help.

Thank-you for the report feedback. Get the sheet in if you would like to say more.

Still needing
A Susan Hopley lunch
order stand in please.

Breakfast in Schools
mother/father for
Tuesday or Thursday
morning.

Blessings to you all,
Leonie McEwan.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

No created thing can every come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ (8:31-39)

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give.

How wonderful is Gods' love. We are all blessed when we consider that he gave up his own son for the benefit of us, mankind. So that we may live an eternal life. How often do we think of the Catholic social teaching where we complete tasks for the common good as opposed to our own individualistic needs? I think the involvement of parents within our school sings loudly to the collaboration and support that we have as a school. The challenge for all of us is to spread this understanding of selflessness to others of our community, those who are sick, those who are less fortunate, or even amongst ourselves, because when we practice and do something often enough it becomes second nature. The kapahaka kids know a lot about this. (Whaea Leonie and Melissa think your are all the tops, by the way.)

