

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

We learn with faith for tomorrow.
Me ako tātou. Ma te pono. Mo apopo.
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Tuesday 14th November 2017

I don't know if you managed to but I did see a whole heap of happy parents at the Kapahaka Festival on Thursday. It was a beautiful day where Tiaho set up and guided us on a cultural adventure. I would like to say how proud we were as teachers of all of the students who performed in our group on the day and leading up to the festival. The students showed our school off well with their behaviour, their caring and their own sense of pride. Thursday was a great example of what we have been trying to instill over the last term. The lovely sense of a school community where we help those that are younger by showing tolerance and patience. Where we listen to those that are older and take their guidance. As a teaching staff we had only really started practising in the second week of school with lines only formed on the Monday of last week. However, as I had discussed with the students our main focus was getting on and having a good time, which I think we had all achieved. The beauty of this performance was that the students enjoyed their songs and owned them. Melissa Paul, Tareti Tohiariki and Kelli Thompson are to be credited with the stellar actions and co-ordination of the students. Alma Wilson and Pauline Paku again, refitted and adjusted all of the costumes of the students. (I know our students love these two and enjoyed the individual preening they received. I suspect that the aunties enjoyed them too.)

I have heard some lovely korero from the wider community about the school's performance with a special emphasis upon the tunefulness and strength of the singing and I agree that we do have some strong and sweet singers. I have also heard that there was a passion in the children's efforts which I must agree with as well. If you were one of the excited parents in the crowd who cheered at the end of the performance, thank you. If you missed the performance, you can watch it on our school website in the video section which is under our photos section.

One more thing that I am proud of is that almost all of our staff were standing behind the group as they sang. They were challenged to learn the songs and the actions and they did. Awesome commitment. Next year we are considering entering the Catholic School's Kapahaka Competition.

Lastly our Kaea of Eeshay, Leighana Perston, Kathleen Johnson, Aliqua Hubbard-McRoberts and Alex Johnson kept us focussed and in tune. Thank you for your strong leadership and fearless singing. You set the tone and kept the tempo well. To all of our students we are so proud of you all. Thank you.



Pono Tumanako Aroha Manaaki SJS Kapahaka 2017



SPECIAL CHILD NIGHT

9th December Saturday starting at 5pm. Disco at 6pm. Mass, Santa and a Disco.

This will be a wonderful evening for the students of St Joseph's School. Father Arthur and I would love it if the children came to this special night. We will have Xmas mass with Father, however it will be the school that will be taking part in the ceremony. On this special night the parents are required to purchase something to place in the container. Mysteriously, Santa always turns up after mass to give a gift to the children who attended. No one is forgotten. Following this wonderful event will be the school and wider community disco. If students would like to, they are welcome to invite friends from other schools to come with them. Supper will be provided with culinary contributions from families. PARENTS PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO COME, IT WILL BE A FANTASTIC EVENING. (Grand dads are also needed to help in delivering container, please ring Chanelle if you are able to carry out this important honour.)

ATHLETICS

PLEASE COME IN AND HELP ON THURSDAY.

GALA MEETING TONIGHT

PLEASE COME IN AND FIND OUT HOW WE DID. 5.30pm

BREAKFAST CLUB

Thankyou Teresa Blake for volunteering to do this. Our students really appreciate this.

Great progress on the uniforms.

Well done everyone, stellar effort.

20th November

There will be an open eveing for parents who will be placing their children into Yr 7 at our school next year. We are a unique school and possess many characteristics that will encourage growth and learning within students. Please make sure to drop in and visit.

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE EVENING 15th November in staff room. Please come at 4.30pm to hear what the program is about. Come and meet Constable Carolyn Hodgkinson as she explains and informs our school community about KOSS.

Getting enough sleep

Please make sure that your child is getting to bed early so that they are well rested for the next day of learning.

God Bless everyone.

Have a great week.

Leonie McEwan