

# ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

We learn with faith for tomorrow.  
Me ako tātou. Ma te pono. Mo apopo.  
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Dear Parents,

As we rush towards the end of the year, remember to ask your child's teacher if you have any questions about their achievements. We have a high standard of expectation for our student's behavior as well and as a staff we work together to ensure that they are just that. If you know of or are made aware of issues to do with behavior of our students' please let us know. It is important that we all work together to set the standards high for our students as to how they should be interacting with each other. We do not tolerate swearing, violence or street talk at our school, but we are also aware that students are very good at changing their speech when teachers are around. As a staff we have high expectations of how we speak and interact with each other and we expect this of our students as well.

## Keeping Ourselves Safe

Last week we had an Introductory workshop with Carolyn Hodgkinson the education police officer. She was highly informative and spoke about the program that we would be completing. This was a time for parents to come in as well and ask questions if they had any. In saying this we will be doing the KOS program in the first term of next year and are looking forward to working through this programme with our students towards keeping them safe.

## DATES

21st November Regional Athletics  
9th December Xmas Children's Mass & Disco  
13th December Prizegiving  
14th December Wairoa Pools  
15 December Last day of School 2017  
18th December Call back day for School Staff.

## School Photos

Make sure your child is here on the day, spruced up and ready to gleam. All payments and such are to be directed to the office.

## Information evening for Yr 7's and 8's into 2017

PLEASE COME ALONG IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THIS WILL LOOK LIKE AND WHO YOUR NEW TEACHER IS. 5.30 TONIGHT IN ROOM 2.

## School Children's Mass

Below is a special attendance form for us to know who will be attending so that we can include them in our preparation. Please send back to the class teacher as soon as you can. Whilst we want our students attending the disco, we need to know they will be there at our mass as well. If not we may need to cancel the event (the disco that is not the mass).

## Athletics Day

Thank you to the parent helpers who came in early to help us set up. We really appreciate your help and support. GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF OUR CHAMPIONS GOING OVER.

**CAMP MEETING KAITAWA 2017**  
**Only for the parents of students who went camping this year. Room 2 at 5.30 on Thursday.**

## The passing of Val O'Sullivan

Mrs O'Sullivan's funeral will be held on Tuesday at St Peter's. I know that our deepest wishes of sympathy are with this family as they lay to rest their mother and grandmother. I make mention of this because of all of the O'Sullivan's who have passed through this school and we recognize their support of the school over the many years that have passed.

## Disco Invitation to other friends or family members

Students are encouraged to invite other family members and friends to this event.

## Athletics for the district

**DUE TO THE WEATHER ATHLETICS WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER.**

## FATHER JOHN'S DAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

On this day we will be going up to the cemetery to visit the graves of the past Priests that have been involved in our school and church. Please come if you would like to come. This will be in place of our morning Liturgy. We need parent help. If it is raining we will be postponing it to the nearest possible time we can do it.

## ENVIROSCHOOLS

We are just about to set up the projects that the students would like to work on over the coming years. From this they will choose out jobs that they would like to do this year. Once they have a group project they will plan to complete it. On the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup> we will be doing the jobs together.

Family Deals for Christmas...Check out these Noel Leeming Bargains.

Leonie McEwan  
Principal.

