

St Joseph's Catholic School

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Newsletter #00

Update for Beginning of Term 1

Tena Koutou Katoa

Talofa Lava

Kamusta

Malo e lelei

Mauri

Hello Everyone

Welcome back to our new school year! 2020 is going to be great!

Our school newsletter will be published every second week but today here is a quick catch-up on what's happening at St Joseph's School.

Yesterday, we began with a powhiri to welcome all our new families and staff at St Joseph's Catholic School. We particularly welcome Mr Samuel Kim who is teaching in Room 15 while Mrs Gallagher-Pile is on maternity leave (she had a treasured baby boy).

This week we say farewell to Mr Mike Hooper, our caretaker who has been with us for 16 years. Mike is moving to Whangarei and finishes work here today. Mike has been so much more than a caretaker, keeping our grounds and facilities in good order, but also being a positive male role model who has contributed to the lives of so many children through the years. Many will remember his sense of humour and his stories of putting ice in the pool each morning. We thank him for his great contribution to our school community and wish him many blessings for his next venture. He will be greatly missed.

In the meantime, I would like to thank members of our school family who have come in to assist us in Mike's absence. I am so grateful to have such supportive parents, staff, and children, who help out when called upon. We hope to employ a replacement caretaker very soon.

Starting next Wednesday, the 12th of February, we will be offering a STEAMclub after school every Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:00pm which will be held in our school library/Steamroom. This year these sessions will include hands on activities in Robotics, Spheros, Science experiments, Engineering and Technology projects and are offered to students from Years 3-8. We have limited spaces so it is a first come/first serve basis. To help offset the costs of the extra supplies and equipment needed, there will be a \$20 fee for each student for the term. If you are interested in your child participating, please email Lori Mravicich at lorim@stjosephs.co.nz or come see her in the office before or after school.

Mark your calendars: We will be beginning to work with our Pasifika Boys and Girls' Performance Groups starting next week in preparation for our performance at the Franklin Cultural Festival which will take place on Saturday, March 28th. If you would like to assist with our performance groups in any way please contact our Deputy Principal, Lori Mravicich.

It's a School Fair year and I know you will be excited to help in that biannual event. Our organising PTA will be contacting you soon.

Look out for our newsletter coming out every fortnight from next week, Week 2.

**Please remember that Thursday is Waitangi Day so there will be no school!
On Friday 7th January the school will be closed - Enjoy your long weekend!!**

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 12 February - Year 7 & 8 Tech