



Serving with Faith and Love

30th January 2020

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Bula, Malo ni, Makadini, Annyoung, Witamy, Welcome,

Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back to the start of a fabulous year. Here are a few scripture passages for a promising new year.

- Fruits of the spirit;** The Holy Spirit produces: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- Bravery;** Remember that I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Don't be afraid or discouraged, for I, the Lord your God am with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)
- Confidence;** I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me. (Philippians 4:13)
- Trust;** Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely in what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and He will show you the right way. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- Wisdom;** But if any of you lack wisdom, you should pray to God, who will give it to you: because God gives generously and graciously to all. (James 1:5)
- Understanding;** So give me the wisdom I need to rule your people with justice and to know the difference between good and evil. (1 Kings 3:9)
- Help;** The Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in his name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you. (John 14:26)
- Rescue;** Good people suffer many troubles, but the Lord saves them from them all. (Psalm 34:19)

Thank you Lord, that you go before us. You have prepared the way, giving us strength to accomplish everything You've assigned us to do. When a concept is hard we will push through. If we feel like we are failing, we will trust in Your ability to help us win. Our confidence is in You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Early next week you will receive an email with a lot of forms which we will ask you to complete. These forms are very important as they require permission from you, as parents and caregivers, to be assured that we will look after your children when they are in our care.

Contact details are very important. These quite frequently change, and, from experience, sometimes it is very hard to contact parents and caregivers when the address we have on file has been changed or phone numbers, emails, etc. and the office has not been informed. Please spend the extra few minutes to complete all the forms, even if you feel that we already have the information. I thank you in advance.

OPENING MASS

Next Wednesday, 5th at 9.00am, we welcome everyone to join us at our opening mass. Our children would love your support and it is a nice time to meet some of our new parents.

Whanau Information Afternoon

Also on Wednesday 5th we have an information afternoon for all parents and caregivers starting at 3.15pm in Room 5. This is a chance for new parents as well as existing parents to have an insight to where the school is heading, to learn about our focus of Sustainability, to inform everyone regarding updates in the NZ Curriculum and to introduce our teachers and their roles in their classrooms.

Uniform

Uniforms, with the school logo, can **ONLY** be purchased now from NZ Uniforms Ltd, 7 Rata St, New Lynn. You can either go into the store or visit their online shop at www.nzuniform.com Ph: 09 972 0272

The fitness uniform is black shorts for both girls and boys can either be purchased from NZ Uniforms or any other store. The light blue polo shirts or T-shirts can also be purchased at any shop.

The sandals are to be black and are compulsory for all students during the summer. Any style is allowed as long as there is no other colour or logo on the sandals.

The hats are also compulsory as we have a 'No hat No play' policy. The hats are navy blue bucket hats. We have some in stock with our school logo but the logo is not compulsory. NZ Uniforms also have them in store.

Stationery

Stationery is now available from the school. The total costs are below. The costs include 1 PR1ME maths book, photocopying, classroom stationery and RE digital resource.

As a school we have negotiated a very good discount price from our supplier for the stationery and we ask parents not to buy separate stationery as the bags we have are all prepacked.

As soon as these are paid for they will go into the classroom for the teacher to distribute.

Year 0/1	\$58.00
Year 2	\$60.00
Years 3 & 4	\$59.00
Years 5-8	\$70.00

After School Care

After school care is available and will start in Room 10 every day from 3.15 – 5.20pm Monday to Friday, \$6.00 per session. There is a discount for more than 1 child. This will start on Monday 3rd February. Take note that Thursday 6th February is Waitangi Day, which is a public holiday, so there will be no school.

Garden Help!!

We need your help! Our garden is looking neglected and we would love people to come around to do a bit of weeding and tidying up. We have also been blessed again with some bark for our playground and need some help to spread it around. If you need some bark for your garden, you are welcome to help yourself and at the same time come and spread some on the playground and help us with some weeding.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our January and February birthdays;

May God always keep you close to His heart.

Term Dates

February 3 rd	Monday	After School Care starts 3.15pm – 5.20pm
February 5 th	Wednesday	9.00am Opening Mass
February 5 th	Wednesday	3.15pm Whanau Information afternoon
February 6 th	Thursday	Waitangi Day – NO SCHOOL
February 11 th	Tuesday	Swimming lesson start
February 26 th	Wednesday	9.00 Ash Wednesday Mass
April 9 th	Thursday	Holy Week Walk
April 9 th	Thursday	Last day of term 1

Website link: <http://www.st-joseph.school.nz/>

God Bless
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