

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL – CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY
Term 4 Newsletter – 11th November 2015

VISION

ASPIRE TO EXCEL

MISSION STATEMENT

To Excel in Education embracing the values and Teachings of the Catholic Faith.

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Pupils and Parishioners,
Tena Koutou Nga matua o te kura.

"PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE"

• Thankyou to all those families that attended Mass on Sunday. In particular I was most impressed by the beautiful singing – as were many others.

• It is about this time of year when we start looking at classes and structure for 2016. If you know of any possible enrolments, please point these in our direction. I would also like to know of any students, except Year 8's, not attending.

• With the weather so beautiful, well at least for the last few days, it is a timely reminder to think "Sun Safety."

At school we ask that students sit in the shade and actually wear their hat (versus carrying it around.) I would appreciate your support with this message as well – for example you could wear a hat when you collect your child, your child could wear a hat home. Coming from a family prone to sunburn and its associated effects, it is when our children are young that we need to be more vigilant. We will certainly think about "Sun Smart" when planning events. Our school has a Sunsmart Procedure which will be in the office for perusal and feedback.

• **Poosum Poison along H.B. Riverbeds.** I would like to bring to your attention that there is currently poison being laid near boundary fences and stop banks. There is quite a long list of places. So please be careful if you walk your dog or have children playing. You could contact Rural Pest Services, Napier, for precise information.

• **School Athletics.** At this stage we intend to hold our Athletics at CHB College on Thursday (tomorrow) starting at 5.30pm sharp. We know the weather might be against us and will make a decision by 12 noon Thursday and send this out on the App to all users. If we do go ahead, parent help is always appreciated. Children need to be in their P.E. Shorts and House Coloured top. There will be a sausage sizzle operating at \$2.00 each.

• **Year 8 Dinner.** Thanks to all those families that confirmed their attendance. Now is the time to start paying please. (\$22 pp)

• **Year 8 Exam at CHBC.**

This occurs this Friday and we ask that all students get dropped off at the College before 8.45am. Bus students get dropped off at the College please. Mr Henderson will meet students there and walk them back to school afterwards.

Regards
Craig Henderson
Acting Principal

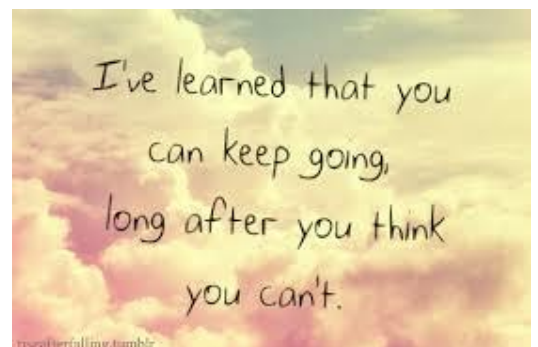
SPECIAL CHARACTER

Ecumenical Advent Wreath Blessing Liturgy

The Anglican Roman Catholic Commission in Aotearoa, New Zealand, recommends shared Advent Liturgies of the Word in the week preceding Advent Sunday. This is in the spirit of the Joint Declarations of His Holiness the Pope, and His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury and in the spirit of Jesus' own prayer "that they may all be one". In praying for unity we recognise our need to prepare for the coming of the unity that Christ brings. Advent is a good time to pray in solidarity and hope for a new creation where Christ is all in all. This Sunday the 15th November @ 11am at St Mary's, Waipukurau will be the local service. We would love to see some of our school community there.



Quote of the week



ALTAR SERVERS

For this week are Callum S, Alex and Naya.

SNAP AWARD

Awarded to students who include other students in their activities.

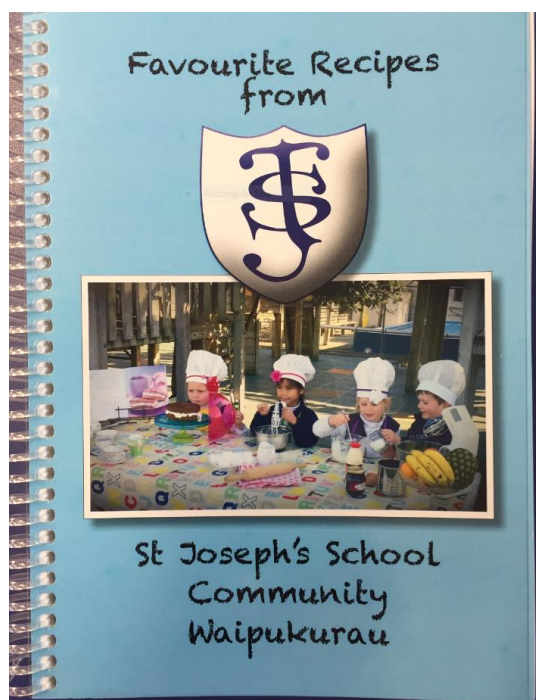
Well done to **Pryce Chamberlain and Samantha Taylor** who are this week's winners.

Kia Ora from the Board!

One of the things that the Education Review Office picked up on when they were in our school last year was the development of our "curriculum". This is one of those "education lingo" terms that can be confusing, and it has changed quite a bit since we (parents!) went to school. Craig has been helping lead the board through a review of our curriculum, what we teach and how, and whether it is meeting the needs of our children, parents, community and staff as well as the legal requirements for the Ministry of Education. We want our children to be learning in a way which is relevant, engaging and responsive so that it specifically reflects the values and expectations which are unique to OUR school. We will be asking parents to get involved in this process so please start thinking about your children's future - what skills, knowledge, attitudes, values would you like them to have at the end of their time here? And what do you want them to have that they can't get at another school? Hopefully by the time you read this, you will have been contacted by one of our board members to participate in some chats on this topic - if not please give Alex a call on 8589582.

Also - applications for the role of Principal closed last Friday and the next step of our recruitment process is underway - the applicants are currently being reviewed by the Diocese office and we hope to have a shortlist for interviewing very soon. We will keep you informed on the progress of this very important job!

Cheers
Alex



The School Cookbook is on view at school. Ordering and payments can be made at the office. \$15 each.

BIRTHDAYS

Charlie Mabin – 7 years old on the 9th

P.F.G NEWS

Dear Parents, Carers and Whanau,

Another busy, busy term. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all at the Athletics on Thursday evening, weather permitting. The PFG will have a sausage sizzle going to keep energy levels up!

A reminder that our **Garage Sale** is on **Saturday the 21st of November starting at 9am**. We would love to see you all there. The PFG have a Christmas raffle, a sausage and bacon butties stall, cake and fresh produce stall, and an anything goes white elephant stall. Treasures and Treats for everybody.

So what we need from you is anything you think we can sell at our garage sale. Plants, preserves, jams and pickles, kids toys that are no longer needed, vases, bowls, books, clothes etc. What we cannot accept is anything electrical or broken. Please drop your items off at school in the hall as soon as you can.

We will gladly put a price on it and sell it at the Garage Sale.

Finally our recipe book is ready for order here at school. You can take a look at the book at the office where Trish has it out on display. There is an order form for you to place your orders. Books cost \$15 each, and will make a great gift for Christmas for loved ones and family. There are some great photos of your children in as well as some fantastic recipes, so make sure you get down to school and take a peek.

Thank you all for your support. As always, we are looking for new members to join our team. We meet once a month, and our next meeting will take place on Monday the 7th December at 7pm here at school. We would love to see you there.

Kind regards
Jacqui Mabin

THE VALUE OF RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility is "Taking ownership of our thinking and our actions." This week's children living the value of Responsibility are **Samantha Taylor, Charlie Mabin, Ella Jackson and Raeleen Del Mar**.



SCHOOL BANKING IS TOMORROW

SCHOOL CUPS/TROPHIES

Could those who received these last year please return them to school as we begin preparation for 2015 Prizegiving. Many thanks.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

D Grade Rugby Reps

Well done to **Rueben Taylor** and **Aidan Cairns** who played in the CHB D Grade Rep team. Their team was unbeaten throughout the competition with Aidan and Rueben both scoring a try each. Each player received a Medal and Coach's comment - Rueben for his "Good skill set and great attitude" and Aidan for his "Growth in confidence throughout the season and wonderful skills."



Touch Notice for U13 Team

There is No game for this team this Monday 16th due to Takapau being at Camp. However the team will have 2 games the following Monday 23rd. Times are **4.00pm** and **5.10pm**. Please let Mr Henderson know if you are unable to play both games.

Reminder – To check our School Website for current Sports Draws.

CHB Junior Cycle Series

The next race is:

Sunday 15th November – Otane School
Registration forms are available at the school office.

CHB Junior Rugby AGM

Change of date

17 November @ 7pm at the Leopard. All welcome

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

1st Prize - Hamper Valued at \$200

2nd Prize - Christmas Cake

3rd Prize - Yoghurt Maker & Kitchen bits and bobs.

Tickets are available at the School Office.

\$2.00 per ticket.



COMING EVENTS

Nov:

12th - School Athletics 5.30pm

21st - School Garage Sale

24th - CHB Athletics

Dec:

1st - Splash Planet (Traffic Wardens)

7th - Year 8 Retreat

- PFG Meeting 7pm

10th - End of Year Mass

- Year 8 Dinner

14th - PFG Meeting 7pm

15th - School Prizegiving

16th - Last day of Term 4

Dear Parents

We need your Spring Clean Out items to sell at this fundraiser.

Donated items can be dropped to the hall up until 20 November.

Thanks so much for your support

St Joseph's PFG

GARAGE SALE

St Joseph's School 21 November