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## ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL – CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY

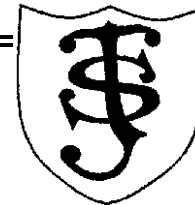
Term 3 Newsletter – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015

### 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 COMMENT

#### • Hui Reflection

**Thank you** to all those parents that were able to attend the Hui on Monday night – even in atrocious weather! A big thank you to the P.F.G. who cooked sausages and prepared nibbles and hot drinks. The main Hui Topics were about future leadership, communication and future focuses. In short; the BOT is currently starting the process of looking for a Principal to start in Term 1 (2016) and at the Hui, parents gave suggestions on what attributes they would like the future leader to have. If you have any suggestions please email them to me (by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September) and I will ensure the Board receives them. The Board identified the importance of getting the right person and ensuring they take their time. The Board is being supported by the Catholic Education Office throughout this process. We also discussed “communication” and the need for the school to have and maintain effective communication with parents, whānau and the wider community. To date we have an updated website (which we are getting positive feedback on) and early in Term 4 will launch a phone app to support this process. It was noted that communication had improved in Term 3 but the school still needed to make an effort to ensure everyone knows what is happening. A large part of effective communication is ensuring everyone is working towards the same vision. Meetings will be held in Term 4 to give parents a say in this.

As Acting Principal I shared my thoughts on the current strengths of the school; dedicated teachers and support staff, great kids, supportive parents, modern teaching practises to name a few. I also indicated the need to focus on building our IT capability to support learning as well as developing student agency (voice) in learning. Our school is being supported through all of this by the Catholic Education Board, Ministry of Education, Education Review Office and NZ School Trustees Association.

We know that we can definitely make a positive difference to our children's learning and are determined to do so.

If you would like to discuss any of the above or share ideas/concerns, please contact me. I am happy to listen.

#### • School Photos

These were postponed due to rain. This prevents quality photos as we struggle to keep students dry. They will now be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. PLEASE HAVE STUDENTS IN TIDY WINTER UNIFORM ON THIS DAY.

#### • School App

This is live but not quite ready for parent usage. We will launch this in Term 4, Week 1 and offer support and training. This is a great communication tool that is free to parents who have a smart phone. We intend to use this as one of our main communication tools in Term 4.

It would be great if the majority, if not all, of our parents could use this app as we can communicate with you all at the push of a button. Today would be a prime example of when this app is worth its weight in gold. We would have just sent you an alert telling you of our decision to postpone. You would have known within minutes of the decision being made. I think it will certainly make communication easier and more effective.

#### • Prizegiving

Originally Prizegiving was advertised for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. However this needs to change as our last day of school is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, therefore Prizegiving will be on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.** I apologise for any inconvenience.

#### • School Speeches

Congratulations to all those students who presented speeches. It was a very entertaining afternoon. The judges spoke on how great our speakers were which was a credit to students. Congratulations to **Lachie Keir** (our winner) and both **Piper Taylor** and **Trelise Durham-Hunt** who were runners up. Both Lachie and Piper presented their speeches to Rotary this week. Both of them enjoyed the experience.



### • Maths Evening

What a great time we had! Nibbles, fun and laughter, frustration, elation and that was our parents! Thankyou to all those who attended. The evening was won by the **Hanham family**, with the **Tiuka family** in runner-up position. Maths was definitely the winner on the day. The solutions will be posted on our website soon. We are looking at holding a Literacy Quiz Evening in Term 4.

### • Mathletics

**Amber McMullan, Tony Lyon and Naya Mugot** competed in the Mathletics Competition last Wednesday. I had the pleasure of spending half the evening supporting and it was great. Our team was placed a very creditable 18<sup>th</sup> out of 40. Congratulations to you all.

### • Production Wizards

Congratulations to **Jemma Nesbit, Rebekah Minehan, Ben Berry and Isobel Thomson** who are all starring in the latest production called "Whistle Down the Wind." I know they have been practicing hard and I wish them well for the opening performance on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

*I thank you for your support this Term, wish you a peaceful holiday and look forward to catching up on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October - the first day of Term 4.*

Regards  
**Craig Henderson**  
Acting Principal

### SPECIAL CHARACTER

This Sunday is the Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul.

For us at our Parish we have two groups that sit under this Saint. The Young Vinnies (here at school) and St Vincent de Paul Group. Both are very important in expressing our Catholic Character.

Our Young Vinnies fundraise for various causes and our SVDP group give practical help to those in need by providing furniture, household items and food.

Please pray for the work they both do.

### ALTAR SERVERS

For this week are Elizabeth, Riley and Lachie.

### SNAP YOU'RE CAUGHT

Last week's winner was **Erica Harrison**. Others who were in the draw were **Haelie McClelland-Paul, Jiva Rose Niegos, Isobel Thomson, Raeleen Del Mar, Zyra Mugot, Heath Lawrence, Jomel Dave, Ben Berry, Justin Botha, Hugo Mabin, Niamh McNally, Rhoxanne Tumagos, Erica Harrison and Emily Peters**.

### BIRTHDAYS

In the holidays!!

Riley Crump-Shrouder – 13 years old on the 7<sup>th</sup>

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder that we change into summer uniform after the school holidays, with a phase in period until after Labour Weekend, when everyone will be expected to be in summer uniform.

*HOWEVER STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE IN TIDY WINTER UNIFORM FOR THE SCHOOL PHOTOS ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> Oct.*

Story's Clothing in Waipukurau are expecting the new items of uniform to be in stock any day now. If you have any queries regarding the uniform changes, please ask at the school office.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Hawke's Bay Cross Country

Congratulations to **Callum Shanks** on his 3<sup>rd</sup> placing – a fantastic effort!

#### Good Luck .....

To the following students who are playing in Rugby Tournaments over the holidays.

**Callum Shanks and Pryce Chamberlain** in the Ross Shield Tournament, **Piper Taylor** in the Wakely Shield and **Aidan Cairns** in the D Grade Reps.

#### Touch

We have entered 3 teams starting in Term 4. Team lists are on our Website. I am just finalising Coaches and will issue uniforms first week back. Please contact me if you have any questions.

#### Miniball Results:

St Jo's Suns lost to Pukehou Pelicans 20-16. A game where we had lots of shots but the ball didn't know the way to into the hoops.

St Jo's Rockets lost to Waipawa Whip Its by 19-16. A game of lost shooting opportunities but full of effort and promise.

#### Draw for Friday 25th

Dynamites vs Waipawa Dunkers - 3.30 Memorial Hall  
All Stars vs Tiko Titans – 5.30 Memorial Hall  
Rockets vs Onga Lakers – 4.00 Stadium  
Suns vs Waipawa Whip Its – 3.30 Stadium

### Cancer Society Event for your diary!

#### C.H.B. WALK FOR CANCER

Family Fun Walk. Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Registrations at 5pm. Walk begins at 6pm - starting & finishing at Russell Park. Adults \$5.00. Under 12 yrs – koha. Spot prizes – Band – Dress Up- Food and Entertainment and more!

## **ROOM 6 READING AWARDS**

**50 nights reading award**

**125 nights reading award**



Madison Murdoch (15.09)



Isabel Forster  
(09.09)

**150 nights reading award**



Molly Wagstaff (11.09)

Charlotte Ashton (14.09)

Stella Minehan (14.09)

Emily Nesbit (16.09)

### **P.F.G. NEWS**

Hey guys, how fantastic was our Hui on Monday night! It was a great opportunity to mix with members of the Board of Trustees and get to understand the direction our school is heading. A huge thank you to Donna Keir and Di Minehan for providing the cakes, and thanks to Jo Taylor for braving the cold and serving up the hot sausages to a very appreciative crowd.

Well in typical spring style, the weather was dismal for our Sunday sweet stall. I would like to say a huge thank you to Trina Kohleis, Louise Simpson and Di Minehan who braved the cold to sell our sweets on Sunday at Taniwha. Despite the Arctic conditions we managed to sell over \$300 worth of sweets. Kelly Annand and Jo Taylor are continuing to sell the remaining sweets this week. So thank you to all the wonderful parents and carers who contributed the sweet treats. We really appreciate your efforts.

We are in the final stages of our recipe book, and hope to have the books ready for sale early next term. They will make great Christmas presents or gifts for loved ones.

Maybe you would like to consider joining our PFG next term. We are always looking for more members to support the school, and it is a great way to meet other parents. In the meantime, have a wonderful and well earned break, and we look forward to catching up with you next term.

Regards  
Jacqui Mabin

## **THE VALUE OF RESPECT**

Respect is being courteous and caring for ourselves, others and the environment. This week's children who have shown respect are **Aaliyah Tiuka, Jonty Kohleis, Rhoxanne Tumagos and Lucy Nesbit.**



## **SCHOOL BANKING IS TOMORROW**

### **ADVICE FROM THE DENTAL CLINIC**

(5 South Service Lane, Waipukurau 858 6725)

**DO** introduce a toothbrush as soon as teeth appear – it can be used at Bath time as a toy

**DO** introduce a regular cup as soon as possible

**DO** enrol your child in the community dental service, it's FREE

**DON'T** put your baby to bed with a bottle

**DON'T** put sugary drinks into bottles or sipper cups

**DON'T** let children carry a bottle or sipper cup around

**DON'T** use a bottle when your child can drink from a cup

### **COMING EVENTS**

September

25<sup>th</sup> - Term 3 ends

Oct

12<sup>th</sup> - Term 4 begins

13<sup>th</sup> - School Photos

Dec:

15<sup>th</sup> - School Prizegiving

16<sup>th</sup> - Last day of Term 4



## ROOM 4 NEWSLETTER

For writing we have been learning to write a narrative. To do this we have been learning to include language features in our writing as well as describing our setting and characters. Some of our language features include; dialogue, onomatopoeia, similes, past tense verbs, imaginative adjectives and time linking words. Here are some examples taken from our writing:

### Heath - Simile

The water horse swam like he was a killer whale, his tail smashing up and down.

### Niamh - Character Description

There once was a boy named Angus McMorrow who had brownish, blackish hair and hazel eyes. He loved collecting shells at the shore and he liked Taco Tuesdays. Angus also liked to wear a navy blue shirt with maroon shorts. He is also cheeky, kind and caring.

### Jemma - Dialogue, Speaking Verbs

"Oh no", cried Angus. "Are you Okay? Hop in to this bucket. Angus!" screamed his mum. "It's dinner time. See you tomorrow Kelpie", whispered Angus.

### Rueben - Character Description

"Rise and shine", yelled Mr Mobley. Mr Mobley is a handyman that works for Mrs McMorrow who looked like your typical handyman. He had rugged shorts and a worn out top. He wore glasses that were cracked. His camo tramping boot laces were undone and he had a goatee.

### Kate - Hook Sentence

One sunny morning a little boy called Angus, with blue eyes and brown hair, went down to the beach and was collecting shells. He saw a slimy egg covered in seaweed that looked kind of like a rock.

### Tejaye - Onomatopoeia

When the egg hatched, there was something in it that ran out of the egg and hid from Angus. Then Angus heard a CRASH! BANG! BANG! in the shed. He said "Oh No! there is something hiding in my dad's shed".

### Trelise - Personification

Just then Ella heard the dog do his barking song.

### Billy - Simile

Curusoe was as big as a girrafe's neck.

### Kate - Personification

The egg moaned, "stop poking me".

In RE we have been learning how to grow in holiness and to talk about how other people grow in holiness. Here are some of our ideas;

**Heath** - My dad is a truck driver and he grows in holiness when he drives safely and delivers goods to people all over Hawkes Bay.

**Erica** - My dad is a Real Estate Agent and he grows in holiness when he sells houses for people to live in.

**Ben** - My grandad is a bee keeper and he is growing in holiness when he cares for them, looks after them which helps plants to grow. He sells honey so that everyone can have some.