

St Joseph's Whanau News

Term 4 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back for the final term of the year. This term is going to fly by as we do our final preparations for camp and plan for the end of the school year.

As usual, there is also all the other areas of our school curriculum to cover and work in.

INTEGRATED INQUIRY

Our focus is "Changemakers"- how as God's Taonga, people can make a difference for the better good. We are looking at people who have made a change that has benefited the world and then we will look at how we, as members of God's family, can make a difference through what we do and say.

SPORT/P.E.

The children are developing their skills at throwing, catching and batting and also their ability to play cricket, mini pitch and padda tennis. We also intend to continue their fitness training in preparation for their camp at Tutira where they will be doing a few walks. We are going to walk to the Botanical Gardens and have lunch there later in the term. You are invited to join us for lunch - walk with us or meet us there!

We have teams playing hockey, basketball and cricket this term.

A group of our Year 6 children have taken on the responsibility of organising lunchtime games for the children in the Angel, Mission and in their own whanau. We would like to acknowledge the commitment and leadership of our PAL leaders. They have shown wonderful nanaiore and we are all proud of them.

CAMP

There will be a stream of letters coming home over the next few weeks regarding camp. We are having a camp meeting on Thursday 14 November at 7p.m. in the school staffroom. This is for all parents of our St Joseph Whanau children- an opportunity to come and ask questions. The meeting usually only lasts about 30 minutes-it depends on how many questions there are!

We have decided to have a final quick fundraiser for camp- a raffle. We will send a sheet of 10 tickets home and hopefully each family will be able to sell some tickets. These will come home with your children sometime next week.



DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY (at this stage)

14th November: Camp meeting-7 p.m. in the staff room

26-29 November: St Joseph Whanau camp at Guthrie Smith Education Centre

28th November: Parents/Helpers Morning Tea

11th December: Combined Years 1-6 Prizegiving -11 a.m. in the school hall

18th December : End of Year Mass/Liturgy

19th December: School ends 12.30 p.m.

We would like to thank all our families for the support and help they have given us this year- whether it be transporting children to various activities, helping with coaching teams, supervision, sailing or just helping out however you are able. A lot of what the children have done would not be possible without this support and we really appreciate it.

Kaehler, Todd and Kate.