

St Joseph's Whanau News

Term 2 2019



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 2 has begun well. The children are busy and it is always great to see them back after the holidays. We hope you all enjoyed your Easter weekend.

DMIC (Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities)

Teachers and children are working on a new way to approach maths where students can question, explain, and justify their mathematical thinking. Teachers are being observed and mentored twice a term by specialist facilitators. Other schools have had huge success with this programme that addresses the needs of all students.

Inquiry

Our focus in our integrated Inquiry unit, 'Taonga' is Aotearoa and its history. This focus will determine most of our learning in Literacy, Mathematics and Visual Arts. The R.E. strands- Sacrament and The Holy spirit will also be a part of this integrated theme.

Sport and P.E.

As usual this term always begins with our annual gymnastics programme at Omni Gymnastics Centre. The children quickly recall the skills that they have learnt previously and it is great to see the enjoyment and the skill development that occurs. The staff at the centre are positive and encouraging and many of your children willingly step out of their 'comfort zone'.

St Patrick's has joined a group of schools known as the Coastal Cluster and during the year the children will be given the opportunity to participate in various sporting and cultural activities. On 30 May we will take part in a 'Two Touch' rugby tournament as part of this cluster.

Netball, hockey and basketball are the after school sports happening this term and we have teams participating in all three codes.

Once gymnastics is over our focus in P.E. will be developing large ball skills. We will be covering netball/basketball, soccer and touch.



Cultural/ Curriculum

As you would have read we have a group of five children participating in the HB LitQuiz being held this Friday night 10 May at Napier Intermediate. The children have been working hard and will hopefully have an enjoyable evening and be successful.

We have registered a team of children in the annual "Meeting of Minds" workshop that is being held at the Aquarium on the 7 June.

E.O.T.C.

We intend to do some fundraising for our camp at Guthrie Smith which is from the 26-29 November. Our programme is almost finalised and even though we won't need to do as much as last year, it will still be helpful if we are able to raise extra money to help keep costs down for families. We will be paying for a bus and instructors at the camp.

We will apply for grant funding and then have sausage sizzles. If anyone has an idea for a fundraiser that isn't constantly tapping into our school community that would be really helpful. Please let us know if you have!

We are looking forward to another busy and successful term with your children. There are 3-way conferences in Week 9 but if there is anything you want to talk to child's teacher about before then, please contact them. Remember too that incidents at home impact on your children at school- it is important that we are aware of happenings that could affect them.

With thanks

Kaehler, Todd and Kate.

