

Special points of interest:

- Maori consultation feedback
- Active schools



19th August 2009

Week 5 Term 3

Tena koutou.

Welcome to the school newsletter for week 5. The term is certainly moving. Please make sure that you are keeping up with what is going on through the school calendar.

Parent Helpers

We are seeking anyone out there in the parent community that might be able to help the school with hearing students read. Once we have a few, we will set up a roster. Any time is appreciated preferably from 11:30am—1:00pm. Thanks to those that have already offered.

Active Schools

Currently, the school is involved in an active school contract. This involves professional development for the staff on how to teach physical education better within the school. Non traditional games are being taught that focus more on physical skills and team social skills rather than the normal softball and touch rugby approach. Physical Education and Health are curriculum areas that have to be taught in all school's in New Zealand. This is a current theme at the moment nationally.

We hope to promote healthy, physical life long practices with our children.

Maori Consultation feedback

Thanks to all the parents that turned up for the very successful meeting that was held last week. Ozzie Peri was there and his input was very constructive and positive as always. Below are some of the ideas that came out of the meeting. All people that attended and those that came to see me or wrote ideas down onto paper, will receive a feedback pack of the outcomes. There will also be a copy held at the office for anyone to have a look at.

- ⇒ Continue to use religious education programme to emphasis the special nature of Tapu and its relationship to Maori Spirituality.
- ⇒ The need for an annual Marae visit to encourage all children to experience and value Maori Tikanga. Local Maraes used so that children and school get an understanding of different protocol and build relationships with local iwi.
- ⇒ Develop the children's confidence in and out of the classroom so that aspects of whakamā do not affect engagement and achievement.
- ⇒ Make sure that all parents understand that a day off **does** affect their child's learning. Absenteeism is monitored closely however ownership of this stays with the parents.

⇒ Setting up a roster for Maori parishioners to come into school for Maori Prayer and general Te reo spoken

⇒ Continue to focus on integration of Te Reo within the normal classroom practice. This takes place and will continue to be part of the planning process each term.

⇒ More sports codes introduced into the school. This encourages positive relationship with school and this can be taken into the classroom.

⇒ Build upon the positive relationship (whakawhanaungatanga) already established between home and school. Research tells us that when this is strong, Maori students feel more valued, affirmed and comfortable. This in turn reflects in their achievement results and levels of engagement at school.

⇒ Continue to build on school values and align these with Maori concepts of Tika, Pona and Aroha



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6.00 - 8.00 pm
Tuesday 25 August

Meet the teachers, meet our students and see
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Enrolment packs will be available.

Enrolments close Friday 25 September 2009

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Have a safe and blessed two weeks everyone.
Yours in Christ
Daniel Pepper

Assessment this term

At the end of this term, teachers send home the children's learning sample folders. These are a collection of the children's learning over the term. The children currently are choosing pieces of learning and collating these folders so that you can get a realistic picture of their learning within the classroom.

Lost property

Today, the lost property was set out in the courtyard. This pile just grows and grows and the sweatshirt company just keeps on making sweatshirts. Can you please make sure that you or your child/ren look through this pile. It will be out front again tomorrow.

Also naming of school uniforms is a must.

Summer Uniforms

Just an early reminder about summer school uniforms. All children need to be in black sandals and hats are compulsory. Please make sure these are named. At times, buying sandals is difficult in Kaitia so an early reminder might be the answer this year.

BOT Meeting August

The meeting will be on the 31st August this term not the 24th August.

Catholic Review Week 9 14/15th September

This is an exciting review for our school. Neil Laureson and Sister Lucille from the Auckland Diocese will be coming into the school and will report back to the BOT and you, the parents, about our school's special character. They are here for two days. They observe teachers, talk to children and meet with me and the senior team so that they get a clear picture of how our school upholds its catholic character. I have asked that they meet with other groups that make up our school community. Parish members, a parent group and also our student council. By them meeting with a range of people they will get an idea of all that is our great school, and why our children are fantastic. In the next newsletter I will be setting times for these meetings so that we get as many people as possible along.

School Camp 2009

Year 4 will be going to *Coopers Beach Camp* on the 9th/10th November over night stay.

Year 5-8 will be going to *Marsden Point Christian Camp* Whangarei on the 16th—19th November.

Start to ask for time off if possible.
A letter will be out next week about this.

Special Character Column

It is almost time to say farewell to Father Rodney who has already been here for nearly two months!! He leaves us this time next week, and as DRS, I would like to formally acknowledge the wonderful work he has done whilst here at Saint Joseph's Parish. He has been great with the students at school, sharing his time and teaching. He has also been wonderful at engaging the students at class and school masses.

Thank you Father Rodney from all of us—we hope you visit us again!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many helpers at our Family Mass this past Sunday. There were many comments on how delightful and how polite our students—your children—are!

Something Father Pat says quite often, is that if you want to "get good at playing soccer", you need to attend practise regularly so that you can perform well at the big game. The comparison to that is: Heaven is the big game or match so to speak, so going to Mass every now and then should improve our skills to get picked for the playing side at the big game... just a little thought that came to mind when I noticed how many students and parents made the effort to come along on Sunday.

By coming to our school, we all acknowledge that we believe in God, if we didn't, we would go to a different school. At this school we teach the skills and traditions that make up the bones of our Catholic faith. The follow up and practise is for *you* as parents to bring your children to Mass, so that they can grow and put some flesh onto the skeleton that we help them to build at school. Our faith is the only reason that Pompallier CATHOLIC school was ever established and now continues to exist.

Please feel free to pop in any time and see me if you have any queries about your child's faith journey or about what they are learning in the Religious Education programme at our school. I will do my best to help you.

Remember that Mass is at 9am every Sunday and we'd love to see you there.

God Bless
Michele Mill DRS

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Recent Catholic Statistics

Worldwide, the number of Catholics grew to 1.147 billion in 2007, the number of priests increased to 408,024, and the number of bishops reached 5,000. The percentage of Catholics remains at 17.3% of the global population.

Food For Thought

A child's teachers during the first six years of school will largely determine the nature of that child's attitude to authority and the educational climate in junior and senior high school (and beyond).

James C. Dobson

Student of the Week

- Room 1a Charlotte Pepper / Eternity Hanara
- Room 1 Jack Philip
- Room 2 McVay Lloyd / Aleeshia Ujdur
- Room 3 Jac Kennedy / Renei Thaggard
- Room 4 Lucy Hale / Bradley Hartnell
- Room 5 Niskyla Pritchard / Jessica Stitt
- Room 6 Rahul Patel / McKenna Jones
- Room 7 Harrison Bell / Marcella Daun

School Values

These are the values that we have been focusing on over this week.

LOVE

Helping others in the class and in the playground

- ⇒ Sharing equipment and materials
- ⇒ Letting others go first
- ⇒ Being there for others when they need a hand
- ⇒ Waiting your turn

Respecting and including others

- ⇒ Letting everyone have their say
- ⇒ Being open to new ideas
- ⇒ Making sure everyone feels they belong
- ⇒ Allowing others to join in games.

This values fits in well with the Key Competency

'Participating and Contributing'

In order to be part of a group/class/club, you need to be showing LOVE for others around you. By valuing and affirming others you yourself will be treated with respect and feel like you are being listened to.

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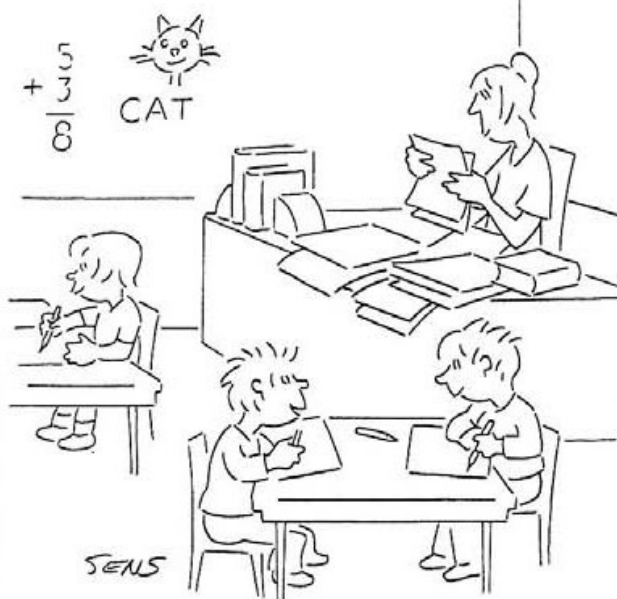
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House Group Points

Thankyou

To all parents that helped with last weeks trip and the trip today. Having parent support is brilliant and makes EOTC adventures that much easier to organise.



"What I like about talking is that you don't have to worry about spelling."

**Please remember
x-country on Friday at Har-
ris farm
Leaving 9:10 am**

All children must have the following.

- ⇒ Mufti
- ⇒ Warm jacket/Sweatshirt
- ⇒ Rain coat
- ⇒ Healthy lunch/morning tea
- ⇒ Drink
- ⇒ Plastic bag (In case)
- ⇒ Manners and a winning attitude

