



Tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome back to the last term of the year. Christmas will be here before we know it! Let us take the opportunity to welcome families who are joining us this term. The Junior Team continues to grow and our newest New Entrant class in Room 10 and 11 is humming with enthusiastic learners. We hope your years associated with Our Lady Star of the Sea are enjoyable and a time to be treasured.

Reminders

- We appreciate and welcome parent help in the classroom.
- If you are able to help in any way by putting away readers, mounting art etc please let your classroom teacher know.
- If you have moved or changed any of your contact details such as phone, email or mobile number please advise the school office.
- If you are late to school for any reason please bring your child to the office to sign in before going to the classroom.
- A reminder that the back gate is closed and locked between the hours of 9am and 2.30pm. However it will be open for assemblies.

Uniform

Children may wear their summer uniform inclusive of sandals and hat from Week 1. All children are to be in full summer uniform by Tuesday 29 October. Please refer to the school website for further information.

Children are to wear PE gear for their Physical Education Lessons. NE/Year 1 – Friday. Y2 – Wednesday. Children are to come to school in their school uniform and can change into their PE gear at school. Please help us out by ensuring all items of clothing are named - especially shoes.

If you have any questions please make contact with your child's teacher, then Lee Marten as the Team Leader.

Junior Team Newsletter **Term 4, 2019**

Swimming 2019

The Junior Team will be participating in a swimming programme next term. As in previous years we will be travelling by bus to Lagoon Pools where lessons are facilitated by experienced YMCA Swim School instructors. All abilities will be catered for. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 19th November to Friday 22nd November (week 6) and Tuesday 26th November to Friday 29th November (week 7). The programme will run for a total of 8 days. The cost for these activities is covered by your general purpose contribution, as noted in your Board's letter at the beginning of this year. This enables you to claim a tax rebate on the cost of this trip as part of your general contributions, with the added bonus of not needing to send in any additional sum of money at this time of the year.

Gala

A reminder that the school Gala is on Saturday 19 October. Thank you all for your support so far by generously donating items. Thanks to our wonderful PTA who are working tirelessly behind the scenes. If you are able to help on the day please get in touch. We look forward to seeing you all there.



This term we continue with our year long, overarching, connected curriculum, concept of Joy. Each class will be looking at this through the context of Future Possibilities. This term we will bring together the previous terms learning of Adventure, Harmony and Action and now look at ways we can put our learning into practice to make a difference to our and others futures. The driving curriculum focus this term will be Religious Education, Social Sciences and English. Classes will be investigating how we can use our faith to shape our actions and bring joy in the future.

Home reading

The first few years at school are a particularly exciting time as you watch a child's literacy skills develop. There are a few simple things that you can do to help foster your child's love of reading.

- Read together and make it an enjoyable time
- Allow them to see you reading for enjoyment.
- Share the reading if necessary and praise them for their efforts.

At times, your child will bring home a book that they have seen before. This is not a mistake. Allowing children to reread texts builds their confidence as they are familiar with the vocabulary. It also gives them an opportunity to practise their fluency (reading more like talking). This supports their understanding of what they are reading which is increasingly important as they move to more complex texts. Thank you for your support with this.

Junior Assemblies - Term 4

Monday 1.50pm in the hall

Wk 3 - 29 October Led by Room 10/11 (Tuesday due to Labour Day)
Wk 5 - 11 November Led by Room 3
Wk 7 - 25 November Led by Room 9
Wk 9 - 9 December Led by Room 2

Important Dates additional to those on the school wide calendar are:

Junior Team Athletics - Monday 9 Dec 9am - 12.30pm
Junior End of Year celebration - Wed 11 Dec
Thanks for your ongoing support. We look forward to working with you this term. The Junior Team