



Tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome back to the last term of what has been a crazy year. Christmas will be here before we know it! Let me take the opportunity to welcome families who are joining us for the first time this term. The Junior Team continues to grow and our New Entrant class in Room 10 and 11 is humming with enthusiastic learners. We hope that your years associated with Our Lady Star of the Sea are enjoyable and a time to be treasured. We are here to help so please just ask if you have any questions regarding your child's learning.

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 27 October. Please refer to the school website for further information. Physical Education Lessons for all Juniors are on Fridays. Please send PE uniforms to school on these days. 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, 2020**

Swimming 2020

The Junior Team will be participating in a swimming programme this 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 17th November to Friday 20th November (week 6) and Tuesday 24th November to Friday 27th 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. A letter with more information will be coming home in the next few weeks.

Upcoming dates for the diary for Juniors.

Junior Athletics Day

- Wednesday 02 December (morning only).

End of year Outing -

Wednesday 16 December. This year the Juniors will be staying at school and the entertainment will come to us!



This term we continue with our year long, overarching, connected curriculum, concept of Taonga. This term we will bring together the previous terms learning of Explore, Patterns and Innovation and now look at ways we can put our learning into practice to serve others by protecting the taonga that God has given us. The driving curriculum focus this term will be Religious Education, Social Sciences and English. As you will know the Junior's focus has been around patterns in our natural world, particularly gardens, bugs and insects. The hands on nature of this learning has been wonderful and the engagement from the children has been great. We look forward to a busy fun term.

Homework

Book bags are an essential item at school to look after reading books, notices etc as they travel to and from school. Please support your child to bring their book bag to school each day as this helps to look after our books which are a valuable resource. We encourage children to read at home for around 15 minutes each night. Try to make this time enjoyable and fun. Give your child time to work out words. 5 -10 seconds is reasonable, then encourage your child to use the following strategies.
"What do you think the word is?"
"Read the sentence again and see if you can work it out"
"What does it start with?"
"Get your mouth ready to make the first sound"
"Can you see any parts of the word you know?"
Do share the reading if your child wants you to.

Junior Assemblies - Term 4 Monday 1.50pm in the hall

Wk 3 - 27 October Led by Room 8 and 12(Tuesday due to Labour Day)
Wk 5 - 9 November Led by Room 9 and 3

You are welcome to join us.

Thank you all for your support so far this year.

The Junior Team Teachers