



Tēnā koutou katoa
Welcome to our new school year and an especially warm welcome to new families who have joined our school for the first time. It has been wonderful to see all the children return ready for an exciting year ahead. They have arrived back keen and eager and we thank you for preparing them well for the first week.

Reminders

- Prayers begin at 8.45am and you are very welcome to join us for this time.
- Please support your child by arriving at school well before the 8.45am bell to ensure they are settled and prepared for the day.
- We appreciate and welcome parent help in the classroom.
- If you are able to help in any way please get in touch with your class teacher.
- Please note that the back gate is locked between 9.15am and 2.20pm each day for health and safety. If you need to come into the school during these hours please come through the office.
- Our children's safety is very important to us. Therefore children must remain in the designated waiting areas after school (outside Room 23 or outside Room 5) to be collected. After 3pm all children must wait outside Room 23. Children are only to play on the playground if they are supervised by their own parent.

Junior Team assemblies will be held on the following days.

Monday 15 February - Led by Room 8
Monday 15 March - Led by Room 4
1.50pm - in the hall.
The back gate will be unlocked before the assembly. You are very welcome to join us if you are available.

Junior Team Newsletter **Term 1, 2021**

Junior Team:

New Entrant/Year 1:

Room 10/11 – Mrs Lesley Benjamin
Room 9 – Miss Alice Shin

Year 1 and 2:

Room 4 – Miss Brooke Curtain
Mrs Claire Couchman is the Learning Assistant in Room 4

Year 2:

Room 7 – Mrs Maria Kelly
Room 8 – Miss Lee Marten (Team Leader) and Mrs Linda Priestley

ESOL

Mrs Karen Waters and Mrs Jan Botherway run the ESOL programme for the whole school.

Mrs Linda Priestley will be teaching in Room 8 on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Paula Leafberg will be teaching in Room 7 on most Fridays.

If you have any questions or concerns, please make contact with your class teacher in the first instance. If you require any further guidance please contact Lee Marten as the team leader. We value the home school partnership and we are very happy to discuss any way we can support your children.

Seesaw is the online learning journal your child will use to share their learning with you. This is a valuable tool for reporting to parents with learning goals and progress. This will also give you an insight into life at school. You will receive a letter in the next few weeks explaining how to access your child's account.



This year our overarching concept is Joy and the students will understand that we can grow ourselves to build relationships that bring joy and inspire others as Jesus does. Our Term One focus will be Whanaungatanga. Which translates to close connections between people. We are hoping the students will be able to learn about how to build positive relationships with others. Students will understand more about their own uniqueness and grow their sense of belonging. The Juniors will be placing an emphasis on the school values of Respect, Service, Justice, Courage and Resilience as well as the learning dispositions of collaborating and communicating. Each class will have their own focus for this learning which will be connected across the curriculum around the concept of Joy. We are busy planning a trip out of school for the Juniors to further develop their whanaungatanga in a new context. We will send home information shortly.

Joy "A gift from God that fills us from within" Pope Francis

Homework

Home readers will start to come home in week 3. We encourage families to make reading enjoyable by finding time to read together (we suggest about 15 minutes a day). Children will at times bring a book home that they have read before. This is to increase their fluency and understanding of the text. Due to the busyness of the school week they may not bring a book home every day, on these occasions a self chosen book may come home. Year 2s will have maths homework beginning week 3. All children require a bookbag to look after our books.

Uniform

Children are to wear PE uniform for their Physical Education lessons. All classes will have their PE on Fridays this term. Children are to come to school in their school uniform and can change into their PE gear at school. Also a reminder that hats are to be worn in Term 1, including to and from school. We are looking forward to a great year!
The Junior Team