



St Joseph's Catholic School Fairfield

Team Newsletters

Term 1 2021

This newsletter contains information relevant to learning across the whole school, and then it has sections from each of the teaching teams:

Puāwai - Year 7&8

Māhuri - Year 4-6

Kōhuri - Year 2-3

Matatipu - Year 0-1

Whole School Curriculum Focuses:

Religious Education:

Value Focus: This term we focus on the Fruit of the Holy Spirit - Faithfulness - Whakapono. We will focus on ways to show we are faithful, how to keep our promises to others and to God, and on showing we are proud to be Catholic

Term 1 Religious Education Curriculum Focus: Strands: Prayer and Jesus

Term 1 has many Liturgical Celebrations for us to learn about including:

Wednesday 17 February - Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent)

Wednesday 17 March - Solemnity - St Patrick's Day

Friday 19 March - Solemnity - St Joseph's Day

Thursday 25 March - Solemnity - The Annunciation of the Lord

Easter - 2 April Good Friday, 4 April Easter Sunday

Te Reo Māori:

In Term 1 the whole school is focusing on mihimihi and pepeha. The aim is that students will be able to say a simple pepeha in an age appropriate situation. Junior classes will begin with introducing themselves and naming their school, with more detail added in as students grow in age and confidence. Many of our senior students will be able to confidently say their pepeha in public speaking situations such as leading assemblies.

Health and Wellbeing - Growth Mindset and the Learning Pit:

It is important that children know how their brains learn, and that learning isn't always easy! Across the school this term we will be teaching children about the concepts of Growth vs Fixed Mindset, and "The Learning Pit" so that they come to understand the importance of taking risks, persevering, making mistakes and working hard for successful outcomes.

Puāwai - Year 7/8:

Team Leader: Rhonda McFarlane.

Teachers: Ann Wilkinson, Kirsty van Eyk, Kylie Malpass, Rochelle Wood

Welcome! Nau mai!

A warm welcome to our Year 7&8 students and their whanau for 2021. We welcome back returning Year 8 students, and we extend a special welcome to the students and families who are new to our syndicate or school. We pride ourselves on the programme we offer our Year 7&8 students and we look forward to working with you all this year. Many aspects of our programme are different to the rest of the school. We will endeavour to keep you up to date through termly newsletters, app alerts and extra notices home, but please don't hesitate to contact staff if you have any questions. The first point of contact should be your child's class teacher, who will be available in the classroom from 8.30am each day for quick queries, or you can email them directly with questions or to make an appointment.

Our Year 7&8 staff are:

Rm 1: Kylie Malpass k.malpass@stjosephs.school.nz (Kylie teaches on Mon, Thurs & Fri)
Rhonda McFarlane r.mcfarlane@stjosephs.school.nz (Rhonda teaches on Tues and Wed)
Rm 2: Kirsty van Eyk k.vaneyk@stjosephs.school.nz (Kirsty teaches Mon-Thurs)
Rhonda McFarlane r.mcfarlane@stjosephs.school.nz (Rhonda teaches Fri)
Rm 3: Ann Wilkinson a.wilkinson@stjosephs.school.nz

Team Leader - Rhonda McFarlane - r.mcfarlane@stjosephs.school.nz

Year 7&8 Term 1 2021 Curriculum:

This term our learning includes:

Literacy: <u>Oral language</u> - communicate ideas with clarity and fullness of expression <u>Reading</u> - Integrate sources of information, processes, and strategies confidently to identify, form, and express ideas. <u>Writing</u> - through a range of writing contexts, the skills developed will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- planning and development of ideas- use of punctuation for impact (editing and revising)- vocabulary choices	Maths: <u>Number Strand</u> - Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Students will be in targeted classes from Week 4 Integrated Topic: Establishing a team culture within our class and across the syndicate. Researching and learning more about how we learn and develop a positive Growth Mindset.
Religious Education: Prayer, Jesus, and Liturgical Celebrations	Te Reo: Pepeha / Mihinahi
Physical Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cricket skills- Teamwork/Team building and developing leadership opportunities	Hauora - Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Building relationships and confidence- Digital Citizenship / Cybersafety
Year 7 and 8 Tui Ridge camp: Week 5 - Wednesday March 3 until Friday March 5th	

Technology and Arts at Fairfield Intermediate

Every Friday, Year 7&8 students have lessons at Fairfield Intermediate in their specialised facilities. The first block of lessons commence in Week 3, Friday February 19th. Over the course of the four terms, students will rotate through the 5 different classes.

The 5 classes for 2021 will be:

Science	DVC (Design and visual communication - art and tech drawing)
Hauora	Workshop Art

Logistics for Techni at Fairfield Intermediate:

We walk to and from Fairfield Intermediate on Fridays, so students need to be prepared. This includes wearing a school sunhat during Summer and bringing a raincoat and/or umbrella if it looks like it may rain.

During Terms One and Four, children need to bring sneakers to wear for health and safety when working in the tech rooms. Please wear school sandals to school then change into your sneakers. Once we return to school, children will change back into their sandals so they are in correct school uniform.

The timetabling of Techni lessons for 2021 is different to what it was last year:

In Week A, lessons begin at 9:10am until 10:40am. In Week B, lessons start at 11:05am -12:35pm, with a break for Lunch, and then recommence at 12:55pm -2:20pm. Children will be back at St Joseph's for 2:45pm pick up.

If your child is late or has an appointment during Techni time, they will need to be taken to or collected from Fairfield Intermediate – please communicate with class teachers prior to this happening if this is the case.

Year 7&8 Immunisations - Information Session

Monday 15th February (Week 3)

The Public Health Nurse will be speaking to students about immunisations which are available for Year 7&8. Parents are also welcome to attend the session if they wish, but do not have to, as students will bring home information and consent forms for:

- Year 8's – HPV (Human Papillomavirus)
- Year 7's – Boostrix immunisation for diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus.
- **Information sessions times: Monday 15th February**
Year 7: 1.30pm Year 8: 2.00pm

If you do not wish your child to attend the information sessions please let Mrs McFarlane know.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

If your child has a laptop or ipad which can be used for their learning, **we encourage you to take up our BYOD option**. We have secure storage for devices at school. A copy of our BYOD agreement has been sent home and children are learning about safe practices in class as part of our Cybersafety unit of study. Please sign and return this to class teachers if your child can bring their own device.

Mobile Phones:

At St Joseph's Fairfield, cellphones are not permitted at school unless parents have written a letter to the Principal outlining its purpose. If this is agreed, the cellphone will be powered off and left in the Principal's office until the end of the day when it will be handed back as the child leaves the school grounds.

Home Learning in Year 7&8

Our homework routines will begin properly in Week 4. Whilst we value home learning, we are also aware that some children have many commitments outside of school hours, so we always keep homework requirements reasonable.

If your child says "I don't have any homework this week"....that is not true! Weekly homework for all students will be:

- Maths Buddy – questions that can be completed online over the course of the week (approx 20-30 minutes).
- Daily reading for at least 20 minutes each evening. This doesn't have to be students reading on their own - reading to and with your child is still important, even at Year 7&8. Read newspapers, articles online, books, comics....anything! Read and talk about it together!

In addition to these weekly tasks, students may be asked to complete class work or have projects to complete at different times of the year. Check their homework books for information on when a task might be due.

Year 7&8 House-Keeping:

Uniform Reminders:

Our Year 7&8 students are great role models. They wear their uniform proudly and it is fantastic to see everyone looking so smart at the start of the year. Please remember:

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| * No nail polish | * No jewellery except one small pair of studs or sleeper earrings |
| * Plain hair ties in school colours | * Students need their PE gear at school every day. |
| * School hats must be worn outside | * All uniform items need to be clearly named |

Important Dates for Year 7&8 - Term 1 2021

Week 3	Monday 15th Feb	Immunisation information sessions
	Wed 17th Feb	ASH WEDNESDAY whole school mass @ 9am Year 7 Retreat day onsite Year 8 Leadership day onsite
	Friday 19th Feb	Techni starts at Fairfield Intermediate -Week A 9:10am start School Swimming sports after Techni session
Week 4	Monday 22nd Feb	Meet the Teacher appointments (Day one)
	Tuesday 23rd Feb	Meet the Teacher appointments (Day two) Cricket skills Session One
	Thursday 25th Feb	Camp Meeting for parent helpers- 5:30pm Room One
	Friday 26th Feb	Techni at Fairfield Intermediate - Week B 11:05am -12:35pm/12:55pm -2:20pm
Week 5	Tues 2nd Mar	Cricket Skills Session Two
	Wed 3rd-Fri 5th Mar	TUI RIDGE CAMP
Week 6	Monday 8th Mar	Teacher Only Day - school closed
	Tues 9th Mar	Cricket Skills Session Three
	Wed 10th Mar	Whole school Mass @ 9am- Year 9 Leavers from 2021 returning
	Friday 12th Mar	Techni at Fairfield Intermediate -Week B
Week 7	Wed 17th Mar	Immunisation sessions
	Thursday 18th Mar	St Joseph's Day celebrations(TBC) CIS swimming sports
	Friday 19th Mar	St Joseph's Day- Whole school Mass @ 12pm Techni at Fairfield Intermediate - Week A
Week 8	Friday 26th Mar	Waikato Full Primary Schools Swimming Competition - WFPS Swimming Techni at Fairfield Intermediate - Week B
Week 9	Thurs 1 April	Whole School Easter Liturgy @ 1:40pm
	Friday 2nd April	Good Friday- No school
Week 10	Mon 5th/Tues 6th	Easter Monday- No school Easter Tuesday- No school
	Wed 7th April	Whole School Resurrection Liturgy @ 11:30am
	Friday 9th April	CIS Touch Tournament Techni at Fairfield Intermediate -Week B
Week 11	Wed 14th April	New Students' Liturgy @ 10:15am
	Friday 16th April	Techni at Fairfield Intermediate -Week A Final Day of School Term

Māhuri - Year 4-6 :

Team Leader: Heather Keep

Teachers: Anna Crawford, Stephanie Terry, Shannon Dons, Steffan Beaurepaire, Rochelle Wood.

Welcome to a new school year in the Year 4-6 syndicate. A special welcome to Shannon Dons who joins us this year teaching in Room 7. We all look forward to working with the children and with you over the coming year. Don't hesitate to contact the classroom teacher with any questions, thoughts, problems etc. If you would like to discuss something at length please make an appointment to talk to your classroom teacher.

Our syndicate is made up as follows:

Heather Keep - Team Leader - Y4/5 - Room 8 h.keep@stjosephs.school.nz

Stephanie Terry - Y4/5 Room 6 s.terry@stjosephs.school.nz

Shannon Dons - Y4/5 Room 7 s.dons@stjosephs.school.nz

Steffan Beaurepaire - Y6 Room 4 s.beaurepaire@stjosephs.school.nz

Anna Crawford - Y6 Room 5. a.crawford@stjosephs.school.nz

Rochelle Wood - release teacher r.wood@stjosephs.school.nz

Police Vetting:

The Year 4-6 often travel out of school on trips and require parent help. We also have a camp every year. This year it is a day camp only at Ngaruawahia Christian Camp in Term 4. If you would like to help during any outing, please make sure your police vetting is kept up to date so you can help out over the whole year.

PE Gear:

The school PE uniform can be purchased from the office and it is expected that by Year 4 all children will have their own set of fitness gear to get changed into during the school day. Weather permitting, we usually have some form of exercise each day and require the children to get changed. Can you please remind all children to keep their gear in their bags.

Headphones:

Each child in Year 4-6 needs a set of headphones to use at school please. If your child does not have a pair of headphones could you please purchase a pair. We use them every day when working on computers to cut out any noise issuing from a chromebook.

Year 4-6 Term 1 Curriculum Focus:

Written Language: Recounts, descriptions.

Oral Language: Mihi presentation,

Reading: Select texts, read aloud, expression

Mathematics: Statistics, addition/ subtraction knowledge and strategy

Topic: Myself, growth mindset, friendships.

Year 4-6 Upcoming events:

Week 2	Tuesday 9 Feb Parent information presentation
Week 3	Ash Wednesday 17 Feb- Swimming Sports - Friday 19 Feb
Week 4	Meet the teacher - Monday and Tuesday. Cricket - Friday
Week 5	Cricket - Friday
Week 6	Teacher Only Day - Monday 8 March. Cricket - Friday
Week 9	Holy Week. Good Friday - April 2
Week 10	Easter Monday, Easter Tuesday. School closed.
Week 11	New Students Liturgy - Wed 14 April. End of term - Friday 16 April

We look forward to seeing you at school over the coming term. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

From the Middle Syndicate Team



Year 0-3:

The Year 0-3 Team operates in two hubs:

Kōhuri - Year 2-3:

Team Leader: Tracy Svendsen
Teachers: Claire Velzian, Tracey McHaffie,
Maria Cameron, Alicia Goodhall

Matatipu - Year 0-1:

Team Leader: Donna Fitzwater
Teachers: Dianne Felix, Penny Finn, Maureen
Henry

Welcome to the Junior School Year 0-3 for Term One 2021.

We hope that you and your children have had a wonderful break and enjoyed the summer sun, and are ready to start a new school year. We trust that everyone is settling into their new classes. No doubt this beautiful weather will continue over the next few weeks, so make sure your children come to school with their hat and a large bottle of water each day, thank goodness we all have air conditioning!

This year in the junior school Tracy Svendsen is leading the Kōhuri team and Donna Fitzwater is leading Matatipu.

Our Junior Team Teachers are:

Matatipu: Donna Fitzwater d.fitzwater@stjosephs.school.nz (Team Leader)

Dianne Felix d.felix@stjosephs.school.nz

Penny Finn p.finn@stjosephs.school.nz

Kōhuri: Tracy Svendsen t.svendsen@stjosephs.school.nz (Team Leader)

Clare Velzian c.velzian@stjosephs.school.nz

Tracey McHaffie t.mchaffie@stjosephs.school.nz

Maria Cameron m.cameron@stjosephs.school.nz

- ❖ A reminder that all children are required to wear a hat at break times. The school policy is; **no hat, no play outside the shaded areas**
- ❖ Also be on the lookout for those little creatures (head lice). They particularly enjoy the warmer weather so please check your child's hair regularly and treat when necessary. Junior children are particularly prone to head-lice as they have close contact with each other. It is helpful to inform your class teacher if you discover your child has head lice.

During the next few weeks homework will begin to come home. This generally takes the form of a reader and spelling type activities. Please ensure that all homework material sent home is returned to school every day. We have a **Junior School Home Learning Guide Book**, which most will have received as your child entered school, please refer to this for guidance in regards to home activities. Please see your class teacher if you do not have one of these.

In the Junior School, literacy and numeracy are our core focuses.

- In written language we encourage children to become independent writers from the beginning. The children are asked to attempt to write their own stories, regardless of their letter or word knowledge. All approximations are accepted and correct letters and words are modelled by the teacher. If your child wants to write at home, first encourage them to write independently.
- Most nights (starting next week) your child will bring home a reading or alphabet book for you to share together. Listen to your child read. If they are at the beginning stages of reading, help them to point to the words. Encourage your child to gain sense from the story. Resist jumping in and correcting errors but ask questions like; "Did that sound right?" "What does that word start with, can you make some of the sounds for that word?" Our aim is to create in children a love of books and to lead them towards being independent readers. To do this, we teach them strategies to cope with an unknown word. You can help by setting aside a regular time each night to read to your child. The bedtime story is the most valuable way to ensure a healthy attitude towards reading. Please refer to the Junior School Home Learning Guide.
- Mathematical concepts are found in everyday life. It is important that your child understands that mathematics is all around them, it is not just something that you do at school. Encourage them to read numbers. Say the number that comes before and after. Play board and card games as a family. Get your child to help read recipes. Take everyday situations and use them in a simple number story. Check the Maths ladder page in the home learning guide for strategies to support learning in the class.

Children progress with their learning at different rates. It is important to remember not to compare your child with another.

We have started a unit based around understanding what learning is and building relationships as a learning community. Later in the term we will begin a Health Topic; Firewise. Our local fire services will be assisting us with this and your child may have some tasks for you to complete as a family.

Dates to remember this term:

- Junior School Water fun day (Notice to follow) Wednesday 24 February
- Ash Wednesday 17 February
- Teacher Only Day - Monday 8 March
- Tennis Coaching Week 4-7 on Friday's
- Easter Break 2-6 April
- End of Term Friday 16 April
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Remember if you have any questions or queries please ask the teacher. If you would like to discuss a matter at length please make an appointment to meet with the teacher concerned.

Many thanks for your support,

From the Yr 0-3 Junior School Teams - Kōhuri & Matatipu

