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Tena koutou katoa

Dear Parents/Caregivers and friends,

Week three already and the children are working well. Last Thursday we welcomed three new students to school, Zac Williams -Year 1, Meika Laman-Trip - Year 2, and Lachlan Williams - Year 3. We wish them a happy and successful time at St. Joseph's School.

Our year 7 & 8s had their first Technology class for 2011 last Thursday at Paeroa College. Year 7s have started with a six week block of Fabric and the Year 8s ICT. The children benefit greatly from these classes and very much enjoy them.

Monday was also the first day for Music lessons for 2012 with Wella Tasma. This was a great success last year; we are very fortunate to have someone of Wella's credentials and experience to work with our children. Wella tells me the children have made an awesome start!

A big thank you to our PTFA who have just donated new sandpit toys, the children are very excited to see all the shining new equipment.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, we are having a school Mass at 11.00am - all welcome. Our school leaders in Year 7 & 8 will be attending a leadership course on that day put on by Project Energise.

For the next month or so, while swimming is on, I will be in Room 4 in the mornings for the first half hour (except Thursday). Parents of Room 4 children can access the teacher's timetable on the noticeboard in the classroom.

Shaun O'Leary

Have a great week ahead!

Principal

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Ash Wednesday: Next Wednesday we begin six weeks of Lent with Ash Wednesday Mass at 11.00 a.m. The sign of the cross with ashes which Monsignor places on our foreheads is a symbol of dying then rising to new life with Christ's resurrection at Easter.

UP-COMING SPORTS EVENTS:

**St. Joseph's School Swimming Sports at Waihi Central Pool
Friday 2nd March starting at 9.25 a.m to 10.30 a.m.**

School classes will be walking to the pool as usual. We hope to have lots of parents joining us for this day.

**Year 5-6 Waihi District Swimming Sports
Wednesday 7th March**

A team will be named shortly. Our best Year 5-6 swimmers go on to represent our school competing against the other Waihi Schools. Children who place go on to represent Waihi at the North Cluster event at Katikati on Friday 16th March.

HOCKEY BIG DAY OUT - THURSDAY 29TH MARCH

Rooms 2, 4 and 6 will be attending this event at the Ngatea Hockey Centre. We will need a lot of help with transport so please put this date in your diaries - more details closer to the day.

Lucky Book orders:

These are due in to Mrs Corney tomorrow, Thursday 16th.

Anyone with historical photos of St. Josephs??

Please let the school know if you happen to have any of these. Trish Roff (nee Ritchie) is looking for photos with her father in them, who would now be 95 years old.

COMING EVENTS

- 22nd Feb Ash Wednesday
- 23rd Feb B.O.T Meeting at 7.30 p.m
- 2nd March St. Josephs Swimming Sports at Central School
- 7th March Waihi Cluster Swimming Sports
- 16th March North Cluster Swimming Sports
- 19th March St. Joseph's Day



A big "Welcome" to our new students Meika and Lachlan in Room 2 and Zac in Room 1 who started last week.

SMART SWAP #3



SAUCES

Try:

- Light evaporated milk instead of cream
- Coconut flavoured evaporated milk instead of coconut milk
- Swapping a creamy based sauce for tomato based sauce
- When making cheese sauce, use low fat milk and small amounts of Edam cheese which is lower in fat