

St Joseph's Intermediate Information - Term 2, 2015

Kia ora, talofa, greetings family and Whanau,

Welcome back to a busy term. We are trialling a new style newsletter. Our hope is that this will be a more digestible format. Please let us know what you think on the reply slip.

There is an Intermediate blog, accessible from our school website, but we are looking at creating an Intermediate Facebook page. We would value your feedback regarding this.

Calendar of Events for Term 2

Friday **24th April** - School photos – Impeccable school uniform please

Monday **27th April** - ANZAC Day (no school)

Wednesday **6th May** 7:30pm - information evening for year 4-6 parents. Our councillors will present at this evening.

Friday **15th May** - reports go home

Tuesday **19th** and Thursday **21st May** - Three Way conferences (student, teacher and parent(s)). Bookings will be able to be made soon.

Monday **1st June** - Queen's Birthday (no school)


Friday **19th June** - Cross Country Relay - Saxton's Field

Friday **26th June** - Inter school Cross Country at Rabbit Island

Important information ...

- Homestudy for the first two weeks involves students reading a minimum of four times per week for 30-45 minutes, and recording information about literary devices e.g. personification, simile... and then writing a 1000 word (or less) piece of writing, transferring their learning into their writing. Due Friday 1st May.
- Welcome to Sarah Bouchut. She will be working in Room 13 in the afternoons while Chris is released to work with students in the Intermediate, as part of the ALL's (Accelerated Literacy Learning) programme. We are so lucky to have this opportunity provided by the Ministry of Education.
- PE uniform and sensible running shoes will be needed everyday. If you child is unable to participate - please send a note or a quick text to let us know.
- Thank you so much to the Room 14 parents Paul Hammett, John Esposito, Blair Donald, Brian Riley, Jane Lynch, Sarah Priest and Theresa Thomas for being so fabulous on camp and for giving up their time.
- Weeks 4 and 5, 11th – 22nd May, the Intermediate students will be working with Senior Constable John O'Donovan on the **KOS** (Keeping Ourselves Safe) programme.
- Next term, Thursday 13th and Friday 14th of August our students will be taking part in the Interschool Winter Tournament. We will be billeting St Mary's students for the 12th and 13th. Please keep that in mind.
- We are currently planning visits to the museum (to do with WW1) and also to The Suter (Drawing) We will let you know when the dates are finalised.
- Congratulations to our councillors this term:

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:50 – 9:00	Roll Karakia (Prayer)	Roll Karakia (Prayer)	Roll	Roll Karakia (Prayer)	Roll Karakia (Prayer)
9.00 – 9:30	Religious Education God Strand – theme - Stewardship		Technology (Nelson Intermediate) Year 8's Food and Soft Materials Technology Year 7's Hard Materials and Biotechnology	Religious Education God Strand – theme - Stewardship	
9:30 – 10:30	Extension Writing Girls – Room 14 Boys – Room 15 Targeted Extension group - Room 13	Interchange Science - Nature of Science and Science Fair (Mr Edwards) Social Sciences - ANZAC (Mrs G) Art – Illustrations (Mrs Hewitt)		Interchange Science - Nature of Science and Science Fair (Mr Edwards) Social Sciences - ANZAC (Mrs G) Art – Illustrations (Mrs Hewitt)	Interchange Science - Nature of Science and Science Fair (Mr Edwards) Social Sciences - ANZAC (Mrs G) Art – Illustrations (Mrs Hewitt)
10:30 – 10:50	Morning Break	Morning Break		Morning Break	Morning Break
10.50 - 11:00	Languages ** Japanese/French/Te Reo	Languages ** Japanese/French/Te Reo		Languages ** Japanese/French/Te Reo	Strand Maths This term - complete measurement unit then begin a Statistical Investigation
11:00 - 12:00	Maths – Numeracy Focus: decimals, fractions, percentages and Algebra	Maths – Numeracy		Morning Break	
12-12:25pm	Fitness / Physical Education (Please note PE uniform and sports shoes must be at school everyday) A variety of training methods that will improve students fundamental sporting skills and maintain and support cardiovascular fitness: Cross Country Training – long and short distances Rugby Skills Progression with the Tasman Rugby Union (Year 8's will be building onto the programme they started last year). Winter Tournament preparation.			Maths – Numeracy	
12:25pm – 1:20pm	LUNCH BREAK				
1:25 – 1:50	Teacher Reads Classroom teachers select different genres to share with the students.				
1:50 – 2:50	Literacy Creating children's picture books first 6 weeks, then into speeches and debates for the last 5 weeks.	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy / Assembly	Sport / Fitness Team Training for Winter Sport Tournament and Fitness - preparation for Cross Country
	Room 13 and 14's Library Day			Room 15's Library Day	

Please note, this timetable is a guide and may change as other events / opportunities dictate.

** Science (Mr Edwards), Social Sciences (Mrs G) and Art (Mrs Hewitt) are taught on a rotational system, as are the Languages (Japanese/French/Te Reo) classes.
Maths is taught in streamed classes. Please see your child's teacher if you require further information.