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TERM 3 UPDATE

Thank you all so much for your support during the recent Lockdown. It was tricky switching to home learning at such short notice. I would like to acknowledge our staff and the community for your patience and support during this time. We have a few notices below which are important regarding school organisation and events.

Family Contact Details:

It is really important that the school has up to date contact details for families. If you change address, email or your phone number please let the office know via email or by using the update details function on the school app.

School Communication:

The School App is our main means of communication. Please make sure you have the school app downloaded - download the SchoolApps NZ App then search for St Joseph's School NP. Make sure notifications are turned on. Information may also be sent out through parent emails. The latest notifications from the school app are also on the front screen / home page on the school website. We also have a Facebook page that we recommend families follow – St Joseph's Catholic School, New Plymouth.

St Joseph's School, NP - Catholic Special Character and Religious Education Survey 2021:

The Board of Trustees and staff of St Joseph's School NP are surveying the community to check in on our Catholic Special Character and on how we are delivering the Religious Education Curriculum (survey closes Wednesday 22nd September 2021). The survey is very quick, click the following link: <https://forms.gle/Gd9aidykpWNXbuRv5>

Cross Country:

We are looking at holding the school cross country sometime this week or early next week. If we are at Level 2 we will not be able to host spectators. We would like children to bring a change of clothes each day from this Wednesday and a named drink bottle. We will look for suitable weather windows to hold the races. The NP Schools Cross Country Competition has been cancelled for this year. We are awaiting further information regarding the Taranaki Cross Country Champs.

Term 4 Sport:

Term 4 Sport registrations were completed during lockdown for Summer Hockey, Cricket and Touch. We are still awaiting updates from these codes (along with Yr 1 & 2 Netball) as to how these sports will operate in Term 4. We will only charge sports fees for these codes if the season begins. More information will come from the coordinating teachers when we have further information. **Please return all winter hockey and netball uniforms to the school office.**

Mufti Day & FOSJ Raffle:

This Friday, 17th September, is a mufti day for our raffle fundraiser. We would like all children to please bring an item for our grocery hampers – tinned, packet goods, toiletries etc. We are planning to release the raffle tickets for sale after the school holidays this year.

Learning Conferences:

Our Learning Conferences which were planned for the last week of this term will now be held in the third week of Term 4. Learning Conferences will take place after school and evening on Tuesday 2nd November and all day / evening on Thursday 4th November (OSCAR will be available on Thursday 4th Nov for families who require care).

Life Education:

Unfortunately, Harold was unable to visit us because of the lockdown. Harold has sent along a pack of tissues for each child as a little gift. We will look forward to seeing Harold again in 2022.

OSCAR:

Our afterschool care and holiday programmes are back up and running. A holiday programme flyer will be ready sometime during this week. As we are in level 2 we ask that parents do not enter the OSCAR Building at pick up time. Ring ahead or our staff team will spot you on the driveway.

Mike Dowd
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