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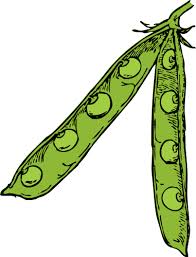
**Term 1 Week 4**

**2017**

***Kia ora, Kia Orana, Maloilelai, Talofalava, Greetings to you all.***

Special Character focus**:** This week we celebrated Ash Wednesday liturgies (at school and on camp). Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the liturgical season of lent. Here’s a few ‘gardening’ tips below to help us all use the 40 days of lent to prepare us anew for Easter.

**GARDENING FOR LENT**

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Preparedness

Promptness

Perseverance

Politeness

Prayer

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Squash gossip

Squash criticism

Squash indifference

Then plant five rows of **LETTUCE:**

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Let us be loyal

Let us be unselfish

Let us love one another

Let us be truthful

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Turn up for Mass

Turn up with a smile

Turn up with a new idea

Turn up with real determination

Then see what a wonderful garden you can grow this Lent!

Principal’s Message:

Greetings everyone – our Waitomo Camp travellers arrived back safely yesterday after a wonderful four days away enjoying the great outdoors. Thank you to Miss Bailey, Miss Townsend and our Year 1-3 students for looking after our school whilst the rest of us were away. We missed you but our camp was most definitely one for older students.

This week’s newsletter will be my last newsletter for a while as I withdraw to take up my study leave scholarship and complete my Masters degree in Educational Leadership. Maree Hickey will be taking over as acting principal in my absence. I leave our school in very capable and experienced hands. The Board of Trustees and I are very grateful that Maree has answered the call to come to Tokoroa and share her time and talents with our school community. I will still be popping in and out of school and lending a hand when needed so it’s just good bye for now ☺

Junior Camp Evening

Thanks to all the families who joined in Pacelli Class’ evening of fun on Friday night last week. It was a shame not to have had the sleep over but we still enjoyed a meal together and some fun games on the field. A big thank you to our Year 6 – 8 students who helped to plan and run the games. Thank you also to Leighton and her family for helping Miss Bailey clean up after the event. Hopefully next year we’ll have a larger number wanting to stay over so our Junior students have a camp experience within familiar surroundings.

Year 4-8 Waitomo Camp

This week our year 4-8 students have had an outdoor adventure in the Waitomo Caves area. We have gotten muddy, wet and very sweaty as we completed some very challenging outdoor activities including: caving, abseiling, bush walks and scavenger hunt type activities. We also had some indoor learning about cave formations, glow worms and our national bird, the kiwi. A real highlight was staying at Tokikapu Marae and enjoying such a unique whanau and cultural based experience.

I would like to thank our fantastic parent helpers who made the camp a huge success. These adults encouraged, supported and challenged your children. They also did a fabulous job cooking our nutritious and hearty camp food. Thanks to:

* Nelson Sheck
* Bucky Cowley
* Maree Hickey
* Mr McKeever
* Caroline
* Frau Viola Zettelmeier (German student teacher)

Thank you also to our parents who made delicious home baking and of course to our awesome kids ☺ Well done, we survived!

Swimming- this starts next week - Togs, Towel, googles & a strong plastic bag needed ☺

Swimming will be in Term 1 this year Monday 6th March - Friday 17th March. This is a two week block of daily swimming sessions from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Children can be picked up directly from the pools and we will make arrangements for the bus to pick up our bus users from the pools too. Our teachers will teach your children water safety, water confidence and stroke development to your kids. There will be a subsidized pool entry fee of $12 that will be included on your child’s school activity fees.

Student of the week – Sponsored by NEW WORLD TOKOROA

Pacelli Class – Alileah for producing fantastic writing.

Roncalli Class – Sharidan for writing an interesting and informative first blog.

Caught being good – Sponsored by DUFFY BOOKS IN HOMES

Roncalli Class – Rodger for helping George on the drums.

- Sharidan for writing an interesting and informative first blog.

School Lunches

*Wednesday’s – Subway lunches $4*

*Friday’s – Sausage Sizzle $1.50, Juicy Ice blocks $1.00*

***God Bless***

*Helen McGuigan*

***Tumuaki / Principal***

**Dates for the Diary**

**School Swimming:** Monday 6th March – Friday 17th March 1:30 – 2:30 pm

**School Mass:** Thursday 23 March @ 9:30 am (To commission leaders & welcome new families)

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