

St Josephs Fairlie



Learning & Living with Faith

Tena koutou. Malo e lelei, St Joseph's Fairlie whanau.

This newsletter is to help set the school year ahead as I know there were a few uncertainties, especially with the notice of Mark's resignation. While I am obviously familiar with St Joseph's Fairlie, I want to reassure you all that my intent is to move the school forward and not go back to 2018. Mark had some wonderful initiatives and future focused thoughts in mind and I would like to continue with those while I am in the state of being a kaitiaki (guardian) of the

school for Term One 2020.

I would like to personally thank Mark Scully for his year of principalship. It is a challenge coming into a small rural community and one that he rose to. I kept in touch with the learning opportunities at St Joseph's Fairlie over the year and enjoyed seeing how engaged the students were with the programmes. Mark will be missed by many, especially his students. He did comment on how much he enjoyed working with the children at St Joseph's Fairlie and that it reignited his passion for teaching that level. We wish Mark well as he resettles in Christchurch.

The main items I would like to discuss in this newsletter are

- Classroom Set Up (Year Levels, Teachers and Stationery)
- Behaviour Management
- Literacy Programmes
- Welcoming All Families

Most of you know me, but for those who do not I want you all to know that I am approachable. If there is anything that you want to share, are worried about or want to know please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

The best form of contact for me is via email to angela@stjofairlie.school.nz and we can organise a meeting if needed following this.

On a final note I want to let you know that I have surprised myself and am actually enjoying being the principal so far! I look forward to working with you all this term.

Manaaki Te Atua,

Angela

CLASSROOM SET UP

Hillary - Year 4-6

This term Hillary students will be taught by Mrs Story and Mrs Marshall. Mrs Story will alternate between three to four days per week and Mrs Marshall will alternate between two to three days per week.

MacKillop - Year 0-3

This term MacKillop students will be taught by Mrs Eason and Mrs Marshall. Mrs Eason will alternate between three to four days per week and Mrs Marshall will alternate between two to three days per week.

By teaching in this way we are ensuring that there are shared school wide expectations of both behaviour and learning. This will also help with the transition from single cell classrooms to a shared learning space in the near future. Your child's classroom teacher will explain this further in their first classroom newsletter. You can expect this in the first week of the term.

Stationery 2020

Corrine will be in the office from Monday 28th to 30th January 2020 from 8:30am to 1:00pm for any stationery/uniform purchases. The classroom teachers have put together a list of stationery items. These will be given to Corrine on Monday 28th January - so please ring/visit after 9:30am to allow her time to work through the lists. These can be emailed out if you wish during this time.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

Last year Mrs Story and Mrs Eason both undertook professional development in a programme called Incredible Years for Teachers. This is a programme endorsed by the Resource Teachers for Learning and Behaviour (RTLB). The programme focuses on Positive Behaviour for Learning. This term there will be a big push on recognising and encouraging positive behaviours in students in order to allow time for learning.

We will be using a range of strategies including positive praise, class dojo points, certificates and rewards. We will explain these further in the school newsletters with a focus on one or two strategies that we are using.

Playground duty during all break times will continue, with the playground duty staff member being easily recognisable in the orange fluro vest.

LITERACY PROGRAMMES

After looking at the end of the year data our school wide literacy programmes are needing to be a priority across the school. Our teaching sessions are going to have a range of teacher modelled, teacher guided, student led and independent work. Both classrooms are going to run the same programme but at adjusted age appropriate levels. Examples of student work will feature on ClassDojo and our programmes will be in the newsletter.

WELCOMING ALL FAMILIES

With small roll numbers it is an ideal time for parents to get to know each other better. We also have some new families to St Joseph's Fairlie. A few functions will be planned for the term ahead. If you are interested in meeting for coffee or a playdate in a park get in touch with Sophia Osborne or Angela Marshall. As soon as something is organised we will let you all know!

Term Dates for 2020

- Term 1 Monday 3rd February to Thursday 9th April (94 half days)
- Term 2 Tuesday 28th April to Friday 3rd July (94 half days)
- Term 3 Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September (100 half days)
- Term 4 Monday 12th October to Tuesday 15th December (92 half days)

Public Holidays in Term Time:

Waitangi Day Thursday 6th February 2020

Easter Good Friday 10th April 2020 (School Holidays)

Easter Monday 13th April 2020 (School Holidays)

Easter Tuesday 14th April 2020 (School Holidays)

Anzac Day Monday 27th April 2020 (School Holidays)

Queen's Birthday Monday 1st June 2020

SC Anniversary Monday 28th September 2020 (School Holidays)

Labour Day Monday 26th October 2020



LJ Hooker Mackenzie Country Real Estate have launched a "Support A Local" campaign. The campaign will run from 1 August 2019 through to January 31 2020.

If you are selling your property within this timeframe, the vendor is able to nominate a local charity - or school !

LJ Hooker will donate \$250 to the nominated school once the sale becomes unconditional.

A promotional poster for the 'Breadtags for wheelchairs' campaign. The title 'BREADTAGS' is in large green letters with a white outline, and 'for wheelchairs' is in a black cursive font below it. The text 'BE A PART OF THIS AMAZING PROJECT!' is in red, bold, uppercase letters. At the bottom, it says 'A record of 72 wheelchairs was donated in 2018', with '72' in a red circle. The poster features three circular photos: a young girl in a wheelchair, a man and a woman sitting together, and a group of children. The background is light blue with white circles and several breadtag icons in blue, red, and black.

BREADTAGS
for wheelchairs

**BE A PART OF
THIS AMAZING
PROJECT!**

A record of **72** wheelchairs was donated in 2018

Don't forget to keep those bread tags. We are building quite the collection. Thanks to those parents who have sent them in.



Calendar of Events

February 2020

Monday February 3 - First Day of School

Thursday February 6 - Waitangi Day

Friday February 7 - School Mass

Wednesday February 26 - Ash Wednesday (Mass)



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