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SPECIAL NEWSLETTER Term 4 Week 9

Friday 12th December 2014.

Dear parents/ caregivers,

Just a reminder that **EVERYONE** is invited to our end of year celebrations...

Tuesday 16th December 2014.... Prizegiving Assembly @ 1:30pm in the church.

End of Year Christmas Liturgy & Farewell to our Yr8 Leavers@ 6:30pm in the Church...

All students to attend in school uniform. Students to meet their teachers on the netball courts at 6:15pm (students who have parts to play in the Christmas liturgy – Mrs Carr will give them particular instructions)

Wednesday 17th December 2014...End of Year Mass @ 11:45am - (students may be collected after this mass approx. 12:30pm from classrooms) **School Closes for 2014 @ 2pm** - (buses run at the normal time)

Accounts... Thanks to all of you who have cleared your children/child's account. We still have over \$6,000 owing. Please make every effort to finalise your account before school closes on Wednesday, 17th December 2014. Our bank account details are as follows: St Patrick's Catholic School, BOT, ASB Bank, Te Awamutu, Account No: 12-3134-0048177-00. Thanks

Staff changes 2015.

We are saying goodbye and a huge thank you to : Deb Sanerivi who takes up a position at St Peter's in Cambridge and to Amy Knight who will be doing an OE – we might see Amy back doing some relieving next year.

We are saying goodbye to our long standing office lady Sue Cresswell who will leave us early in the new year, we will be having a farewell for Sue in early February. We welcome of course, Marcus Oxenham as our new AP.

Classrooms for 2015...

Rm 1 – Mrs Gabrielle Balemi – Yr1

Rm 3 – Mrs Vivien Davies – Yr1

Rm 5 – Mrs Nicola Prescott – Yr3/4

Rm 7 – Miss Michaela Jesney – Yr2

Rm 9 – Mrs Patsy Wisniewski – Yr6

Rm 11 – Mr Marcus Oxenham – Yr7/8.

Rm 2 – Mrs Judy Graham – Yr1

Rm 4 – Mrs Raewyn Jackman – Yr4/5

Rm 6 – Miss Aimee Connors – Yr2/3

Rm 8 – Mrs Paula Carr – Yr5

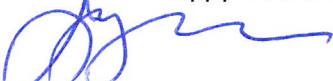
Rm 10 – Mrs Michelle Russ – Yr7/8

As you can see, some teachers will be teaching at a different year level and are looking forward to broadening their teaching experience.

Children's classes... This information will come home Wednesday with the last newsletter for the year.

Mathletics.... All students will participate in this excellent online Maths resource next year at an annual cost of \$20.00 per student (pay next year), see the information attached. Your child will come home with a username and password on a card. This will allow you and your child to go online over the holidays as It's live now!!!

God bless & Happy Christmas


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MATHLETICS

Dear Parent or Guardian

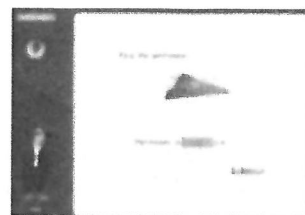
Your child's class is currently using Mathletics. Mathletics is New Zealand's leading online resource for Maths. It's the next generation in learning, helping students enjoy Maths and achieve outstanding results.

About Mathletics

Your child has 24 hour access to Mathletics. By using their unique username and password your child can access the Mathletics website at www.mathletics.co.nz. Your child will have access to:

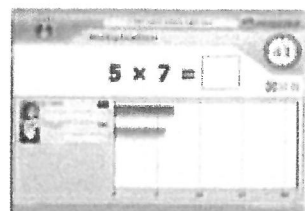
Interactive Curriculum Activities

- ✓ Adaptive activities that respond to your child's needs
- ✓ Instant feedback
- ✓ Animated support that guides students through concepts
- ✓ Activity sets can be repeated – with different questions so practice not memorisation reinforces understanding
- ✓ And lots more!



Live Mathletics Game Engine

- ✓ Exciting real time challenges with students all over New Zealand – and the world!
- ✓ Amazing for developing basic maths skills



Free Parent Access!

You can register for free parent access so you can view your child's progress and certificates.

- Visit www.mathletics.co.nz/parent
- Fill in the required fields and submit
- Record your new username and password

A screenshot of the "Student Sign In Details" form. It includes fields for Username, Password, Parent details (First Name, Surname, Email, Confirm Email), and Country (a dropdown menu with "Select Country" as the placeholder).

Each student's Mathletics account holds information relating to individual results and progress. Please ensure that your child is the only one to access and use their account.

STUDENT DETAILS

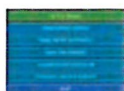
Username Password

** Your teacher will give you this information on a card.*

****Please see overleaf for ideas on how you can help your child on Mathletics***

How you can help your child – student goals

To gain the greatest understanding of how Mathletics can benefit your child, we encourage you to spend time looking at Mathletics with them. You could also set them 2 or 3 goals a week to provide some focus and then celebrate their achievements at the end of each week. Check out the ideas below for some inspiration.



Complete homework tasks set by the teacher



Work on “green bar” activities yet to be mastered. Complete each activity at least 3 times or until mastery is achieved. You will be asked different questions each time you repeat an activity.



Use the Support Centre to view worked examples, which will help you to improve your understanding of concepts you are yet to master.



Improve your speed and accuracy when recalling basic facts by attempting all levels of Live Mathletics that are available, and earn credits when you beat your personal best. Just 10 minutes at the beginning or end of each session on Mathletics is all it takes.



Widen your bank of strategies and gain more mathematical knowledge by:



- ✓ looking up words in the Concept Search. You can minimise this window to come back to it if you get stuck on a word or concept when completing practice activities or tasks.
- ✓ completing some of the Problem Solving or New Activities



Review your progress and set goals for yourself. Find out what your weakest operation is on Live Mathletics so you can practice it. See which activities you need help with.



Earn a Participation Certificate every week by gaining 1000 points or more from Monday morning until Sunday night.

You will need Adobe Flash Player v.10.3.x.x or later for Mathletics to work on your computers. If you need to update your Adobe Flash player please delete your Temporary Internet Files afterwards. If you have any questions please email customerservice@3plearning.co.nz or phone 07 307 0340.

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