

John Paul College, Rotorua

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Ma te pono Me te aroha – Through Faith and Love 2015 School Theme: 'Per Ardua Ad Astra – Through Adversity To The Stars'

Dear Parents/ Caregivers Kia Ora, Malo e Lelei, Talofa, Greetings POSITIVE START TO 2015

I have been very impressed with the start to 2015. Students have turned up to school with correct uniform, the right equipment and most importantly, an enthusiasm for learning and achieving.

My appreciation to Mr Chapman, Year13 Dean, and other staff who led the Year 13 camp on the Tongariro Crossing. It is a magnificent opportunity given to our students to complete a world-class walk.

OUTSTANDING 2014 NCEA RESULTS

It is with considerable pride that we report to you our interim NCEA results for 2014. They are the result of a dedicated, hardworking staff and talented student body.

It is important for you to note that the results compare very favourable with the top academic schools in Auckland and Wellington.

Congratulations to all students who were successful in gaining their NCEA Level 1 2 and/or 3.

Year 11

Year	No of Candidates	Highest # of Level 1 credits attained	# of students who achieved Level 1		
2014	138	177	134 (97%)		

46 (2013: 55) students in Year 11 gained 140 credits or more. **Tamara Solon** gained the most number of credits: 177 (L1 177)

Year 12

Year No of Candidates		Highest # of Level 1 credits attained	# of students who achieved Level 1		
2014	163	152	162 (99%)		

60 (2013: 79) students gained more than 120 Level 2 credits or higher

Fa'amuliifi Seumanutafa gained the highest number of credits at Level 2 or higher: 162 (L2 152, L3 10). 49% of Year 12 students have their NCEA endorsed (E: 33, M: 47)

Five Year 12 students gained NCEA Level 3 – Merit (3), Achieved (2).

Year 13

Year	No of Candidates	UE	Highest # of Level 1 credits attained	# of students who achieved Level 1		
2014	142	90 (63%)	161	135 (95%)		

59 (2013: 73) students gained 100 Level 3 credits or more.

Iona Kelly gained the highest number of L3 credits of 161.

37% of Year 13 students have their NCEA Level 3 endorsed (E: 24, M: 28)

God bless

Patrick Walsh

Principal

2015 UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

PLEASE NOTE: New hours for the Uniform Shop in 2015

Monday to Wednesday (Term Time Only) 8.00a.m - 4.00p.m

CLOSED 11.30a.m-12.30p.m lunch

Mrs C Constable - Uniform Shop Manager

E: Carolyn.constable@jpc.school.nz

DAILY TIMETABLE

Students **are expected** to be in Form Time for roll call and daily notices at 8.35a.m

Form Time 8.35am to 8.55am

 Period 1
 8.55am

 Period 2
 9.55am

 Interval
 10.55

 Period 3
 11.20am

 Period 4
 12.20pm

 Lunch
 1.20pm

 Period 5
 2.05pm

 End of Day
 3.05pm

WANTED Jam jars with lids

for the Faith In Action Group who are making jam to raise funds for the Fulfill Van.

Please bring them to the Office.

WHANAU SUPPORT GROUP HUI FEBRUARY 9th

Tena koutou katoa, nga mihi o te tau hou.

The first whanau support group hui for 2015 is scheduled for Monday 9 February, 5.30pm to 7.30pm in the whare.

We will be looking at a strategic plan for the whanau group and planning our activities and priorities for 2015. This includes what our vision is for our tamariki, academic, cultural and sporting goals, increasing the Maori presence at the school including more Maori enrolments and professional development for staff.

We can also look at our calendar of events so that we can prepare and plan for the year. We normally hui 5.30pm to 7pm then share kai from 7pm, we look forward to seeing you there. Na Eugene Berryman-kamp –chairperson, Whanau Support Group.

KAMAR PORTAL

Please make contact with Mrs Stewart, <u>maree.stewart@jpc.school.nz</u> for details to access your child's portal

School Website

Our school website has been upgraded. One new feature is the search button. Please have a look at the new website. We would appreciate feedback to <u>maree.stewart@jpc.school.nz</u> Our website address is www.jpc.school.nz

!! PRE-WARNING - YEAR 12 CAMP !!

At Finlay Park will be held on Tuesday 28th April to Friday 1st May 2015

Cost will be approximately \$220.00 approx It is expected that all Year 12 students attend the camp.

Mrs S. Brewer - Year 12 Dean Sherry.brewer@jpc.school.nz

BUS STUDENTS

Putaruru

All enquiries to Bethlehem Coachlines 07 571 0360

Rotorua and surrounding areas

All enquiries re routes and times please ring Ritchies Coachlines 345 5694

Mr Cook (xtn 8109) **Bus Coordinator**





!! Be Prepared !!

for a fun start to the school year

JPC SWIMMING SPORTS – Thursday 5th February

- 5th February 2015, Aquatic Centre Tarewa Rd, Rotorua.
- Champion and Non-Champion events plus fun House activities.
- Bring: togs, towel, food/drink, sunscreen, hat, extra clothing if cold.
- Students are to make their own arrangements for getting to the Aquatic Centre.
- Late bus students will be bused down from school.
- Students to be at Pool entrance at 8.30am for roll check with form teacher – finishes at 2.30pm
- BBQ food is available for purchase
- Students will not be allowed to enter the Aquatic Centre indoor pool area or shop
- Wear house colours!
- Have fun

Parents are to make own arrangements to pick their children up from the pool or students will need to walk back to school if they need to cathome.

Mrs Brewer - Teacher in Charge
E: sherry.brewer@jpc.school.nz



JOHN PAUL COLLEGE SWIMMING CHAMPS Thursday 5th February 2015

ENTRY FORM

Student Name		Date of Birth	
Form Class	House		Age Group

Swim	200m	50m	50m	100m	50m	50m
Events	Medley	Butterfly	Freestyle	Freestyle	Backstroke	Breaststroke
Tick box to enter						

All students who play Water Polo are required to enter at least 2 or 3 Championship swimming events.

Championship Points System: 1st 6pts. 2nd 3pts. 3rd 1pt

The more events you swim the more points if you place in top 3. (Also House points for entries)

Please drop your entries at Mr Faulkner's office located in Edmund Rice Building.

Entries Close: 3pm Tuesday 3rd February.

You can e-mail your entry to: arthur.faulkner@jpc.school.nz

EXTRA TUITION AVAILABLE FOR LITERACY AND NUMERACY

The College offers a highly successful, individualised computer programme called 'SuccessMaker'. The numeracy lessons are best suited to students from Year 3 to Year 8, and the literacy tuition is suited to students from Year 3 to Year 10. It is possible to offer numeracy and literacy tuition during one lesson. We have used the programme since 2008. In many cases it has raised reading ages of students by 3-4 years

The College will offer this tuition to students after school hours at a fraction of the cost of other tuition methods. If you wish to supplement your child's learning in English and Maths, please contact Natalie Erasmus on Natalie.erasmus@jpc.school.nz

Places are limited and there was a waiting list last year, so reserve your place as soon as possible. Lessons will begin in the second week of the term, and run from 3.15 - 4.15pm, Mondays to Thursdays. Students may attend one or more lessons per week.

Need to learn the times tables?

** Join the Times-Tables sessions at JPC on Tuesdays and Thursdays **

MULTIPLICATION TABLES BLITZ!

Lessons for JPC Students and Primary School Siblings

"It is vitally important for students to be fluent with times tables. If they don't have this basic skill, it is like asking a builder to build a house without hammer and nails" (Val Cooney, JPC Maths Teacher)

"If you want your child to enjoy their education and be great problem solvers, ensuring that they have their times tables committed to memory is a great start" (Jenny Somerville, JPC Maths Teacher)

"It takes so much stress off your child's shoulders if they know their times tables and can recall them without having to waste time working it out" (Carien Botha, JPC Maths Teacher)

GAMES SESSIONS FOR ANY STUDENTS FROM YEAR 5 AND ABOVE WHO NEED TO LEARN THE MULTIPLICATION TABLES

Computer and desk-based Multiplication tables games and quizzes
Student progress carefully monitored and recorded
Parents will receive a progress report at the end of the term

Sessions start on Tuesday 10th Feb to Thurs 2nd April at 4.15 – 5.00pm in Room C17 at JPC Cost: \$50 for as many sessions as you like

Spaces Limited – book your place now Contact: Natalie.erasmus@jpc.school.nz before Thurs 5 Feb

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

YEARS 7 and 8: MATHS BUDDY: Learning Online - Mathematics At Home

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

The Mathematics Teaching Staff of John Paul College have decided to incorporate the online Maths Buddy resource as part of the compulsory teaching program for 2015 for year 7 and 8. This is instead of the Mathematics homework book. The website is designed to provide support to students in their Mathematics learning.

The key features of the Maths Buddy website are:

<u>Virtual Tutor</u>: An on-screen lesson for different mathematical concepts with a pause/rewind/fast forward facility which allows your child to learn and control the lesson at a pace that suits them or to go over a lesson as many times as they wish.

<u>Homework setting</u>: Teachers will be setting homework through the Maths Buddy website. The homework will be tailored to your child's ability in Mathematics and all marking of work is done immediately

<u>Progress reports</u>: Parents can receive automatic weekly reports on their child's programme use and mathematical progress.

Before access is given to any student, the following acknowledgement form must be filled out and returned to Mrs Boyce in the accounts office, with a payment of \$24. An individual login will be given to your child giving them access to the entire Maths Buddy program and its improvements until the end of January 2016. For students who do not have computer access at home, there will be an opportunity to access Maths Buddy in the library during break times and during the homework club run by John Paul College on Monday and Wednesday after school.

Please fill in the following notification, and return the portion below the dotted line to school ASAP in an envelope

JOHN PAUL COLLEGE LAKE SAFTEY 2015



Re: Yr 9 Lake Safety Safety Programme, Wednesday 11^h, and Friday 20th Feb 2015

The above Programme is scheduled to be held at the Blue Lake, Rotorua.

The Lake Safety programme is an opportunity for students to experience a fun, safe educational day in a lake setting. The Programme is delivered in a structured manner by qualified instructors based at the Rotorua Aquatics Centre in a disciplined environment that sees the students taught lake awareness through a combination of theory and practical participation.

The morning programme will run at the Blue Lake from 9.30am to 11.30am and the afternoon programme from 12 Noon to 2.00pm. Mr Kowalewski, the Year 9 Dean will run the Bush craft Skills programme. A decision will be made before 8.30am if the weather is unsuitable for safety reasons.

All students and parents assisting with supervision are to meet at the JPC Bus Bay ready to depart by 8.45am. The bus will return to JPC in the afternoon before 3.05pm

The following classes are scheduled for:

Wednesday 11th February - 9BC / 9VC / 9PK Friday 20th February - 9TW / 9MO / 9SM

Students will need sufficient food and fluids for the full day. There is no access to shops. Some suggestions are filled rolls/sandwiches/pita breads, snacks, fruit and a drink etc. It would be advisable that students involved in the morning programme have a hearty breakfast or eat some food before we depart.

They are to wear appropriate mufti, suitable for both activities.

Please ensure they have the following:

Towel / Food / Togs / Wetsuit (If available, very worthwhile)

Suitable footwear for the bush walk (including socks) e.g sports shoes

Warm change of clothes Jersey
Jacket/Rain coat Beanie

Sun Hat / Cap/Sun Block Plastic bag for wet gear.

Day pack Water bottle

Caregivers / parents are more then welcomed to attend but no supervision will be needed on the day..

Please complete the consent form and return to your childs form teacher by Monday 6th February. If you do not wish to travel by bus with us to Blue Lake, please inform the student's form teacher. If there are any queries do not hesitate to contact me on 0275388466.

Kind Regards,

Natasha Rogers Physical Education

JOHN PAUL COLLEGE Consent Form Lake Safety Programme

Swimming ability

*	Is your child able t	to swim 50 metres?	Yes		No		Don't k	now		
*	Is your child water	confident in a pool?	Yes		No		Don't k	now		
*	Is your child confi	dent in deep water?	Yes		No		Don't k	now		
*	Is your child able t	to tread water?	Yes		No		Don't k	now		
*	Is your child able t	to survival float?	Yes		No		Don't k	now		
*		dent in the sea or in open		ater? Yes		No		Don't l	know	
				Yes		No		Don't l	know	
Permis	ssion and Healt	h								
1.	I would like									
	I	(child's name) to tal	ke part in	the Lake	Safety F	rogramn	ne			
				Yes		No				
2.	I have read the info	ormation provided about Yes □	the event	and agre	e to my o	child takii	ng part in	the Prog	gramme.	
3.	I consent to any en	mergency treatment requir	red by my	y child du Yes	uring the	course of	the Progr	ramme.		
4.	I confirm that my	child is in good health and	d I consid	ler him/ l	ner fit to	participat	e.			
5.	Indicate any health	n information the college	should be	Yes e aware o	□ f:	No				
Signed:					Date: _					
Full name of parent/ legal guardian:										
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To be returned to Form Teacher by: 6th Feb 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1

February

- 4 Tabloid Sports (NB) 1-3pm New students Mass 5.30-7.30pm
- 5 Swimming Sports (BE) Aquatic Centre
- 11 Caritas Leaders Day Hamilton Year 9 Lake Safety (RN)
- 12 Investiture Mass 10.00-11.30am
- 16-27 ERO visit
- 17 Waikato Uni visit-Y13 Common Room
- 18 Ash Wednesday Liturgy 2.15-3.05
- 19 Auckland Uni visit-Y13 Common Room
- 20 BOP Snr Tennis Papamoa Year 9 Lake Safety (RN)
- 24 Yr 9-13 Athletics (NB) Yr 11 to Waikato Uni (HS)
- 25-27 Yr 8 Pilgrimage (FB)
- 26 Yr 9-13 Athletics (NB)
- 27 YES E-Day (WM)

March

- 2-4 Yr 8 Beach Trip (LC)
- 6-8 NISS Rowing Champs Karapiro
- 14/15 NISS Mountainbiking
- 14/15 WaiBOP Track and Field
- 16/17 Yr 13 Retreat St Mary's Church
- 17 BOP Lawn Bowls (BM)
- 20 School photos
 - Interim Reports Issued
- 23-29 MAADI Rowing (ST)
- 23 NZSS Ultimate Frisbee (CW) Taupo
- 24 Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.30-6pm Signum Fidei Meeting –Whare – 4-6pm
- 26 French Trip Departs (CH)
 NZSS U15/U19 Rugby 7s Tauranga
 Yr 12 Parish Mass St Michaels
 Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.30-6pm
- 26-28 Yr 13 SSC Camp (NB)
- 28 NZSS Track & Field Auckland Shakespeare Festival (TG) – RLHS
- 30 Yr 11 Road Safety Expo (WM)

April

2 Holy Thursday Liturgy

Tweens and Teens Toolbox Parenting Course (12-18)

The teenage years can be like riding a roller coaster. Toolbox courses aim to take out a few of the nastier twists and turns on the track and also to help parents hold on and enjoy the ride.

Six week course

Starting Thursday 12 February at 9.30am to 11.30am

St John's Church Cnr Ranolf & Victoria Streets Central Rotorua

Contact Dee Horne,
The Parenting Place Coordinator Rotorua

Rotorua@theparentingplace.com

0276139067 or 07 345 5447

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Contact sue.rowles@jpc.school.nz in the first instance, then an invoice will be issued by the JPC PTA.

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