



18 February 2020

## TO THE PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF ROOM 5 STUDENTS

Welcome back to St Joseph's for 2020. I hope you had a great break over Christmas with your family.

This class letter will give you some insight into the routines of Room 5.

### Papatuanuku

Room 5 is part of the Papatuanuku Syndicate along with Rooms 1,2,3 and 4. Together as a syndicate we have *Discovery* every other Friday and have the same focus during our Integrated Studies learning. This term our integrated studies focus is *Te Arahia - A Pathway to Life*.

### Integrated Studies - Te Arahia - A pathway to life

This term we will unpack Te Arahia by looking at the following areas:

- EOTC
- The Key Competencies
- The Mercy Charism
- Keeping Ourselves Safe
- The Learning Pit

### Homework

Homework consists of reading, basic facts/number knowledge, unfinished work and occasionally integrated studies tasks that may need input from family members. Students are also welcome to use websites such as **MathsBuddy** and **StudyLadder** at home. Any other websites that we are using for our learning will be advertised on our classes facebook page to inform parents. The spelling cards that are in the students reading packs are part of an in class programme, of course students are welcome to practice these words at home.

### Banqer (Banker)

Banqer is a financial literacy based programme/website that will be integrated into our maths curriculum as well as used as a reward system within the classroom.

## **Fitness/P.E.**

We have fitness each day and a P.E. lesson two times a week. These lessons will likely be on a Tuesday and Wednesday. It would be great if the students could bring sports shoes to change into for P.E. and fitness.

## **Devices**

It is very helpful if the students who own devices bring them to school fully charged each morning. Class work is often planned around students having their devices at school. Class work is completed using a combination of book work and devices. Devices are not compulsory as we have class devices to use but if you were considering buying a device then chromebook's are the preferred option across all classrooms.

## **EOTC**

Room 5's EOTC will be held from **11 - 13 March**. Wednesday will consist of activities around Timaru and at school. Thursday will be activities at Raincliff and Geraldine, followed by a sleepover in tents on the field at school. If you can help during the EOTC please click on the following [link](#).

## **Communication**

Please feel free to contact me via email [james.mccarthy@stjosephstimaru.school.nz](mailto:james.mccarthy@stjosephstimaru.school.nz) if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year.

Thanks,

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