



Welcome to Kakapo 2022

Kia Ora Parents/Caregivers,

We would like to welcome you and your child to the Kakapo Team 2022, a special welcome to Thomas, Alex and Joseph and their families who are new to St Joseph's School this year. We will spend the first few weeks learning and discussing routines and expectations as well as getting reacquainted with old friends and meeting new ones.

As the teachers of the Kakapo Team, we strive to provide the very best learning environment and opportunities for the children. To achieve this we aim to create a safe, happy, caring, warm, and supportive team atmosphere.

Your child is in the Kakapo Team. The Kakapo Team is made up of 6 home groups. The teachers will be collaborating together to create a cohesive learning programme accessible via our team website <https://sites.google.com/sj.school.nz/kakapoteam2022> and in our classrooms.

The teachers in the Kakapo Year 3/4 Team are:

- Home Group 6:** Mrs Inge Pienaar - ingep@sj.schoool.nz
Home Group 7: Ms Carol Braithwaite - carolb@sj.school.nz
Home Group 8: Mrs Meidy Lambert - meidyl@sj.school.nz
Home Group 9: Miss Katie Scott - katies@sj.school.nz
Home Group 10: Miss Michelle McEwan - michellem@sj.school.nz
Home Group 11: Miss Natasha Luxford (AP) - natashal@sj.school.nz
and Ms Kate Casey katec@sj.school.nz

We will be assisted by Mrs Rose Douglas, Mrs Angela O'Grady and Mrs Michelle Kim as our Learning Support Assistants.

Some important information:

- Devices

We ask that children who are bringing in devices do so from **Week 3 only** as we will be spending the first few weeks discussing digital citizenship and how to be safe online. Children from Year 3 onwards are allowed to bring a device to school for classroom use only, chromebooks are preferred as they are easiest for the children to use.

- Headphones

We encourage children to bring in their own set of headphones to be used with devices. Please name your child's headphones.

- Book Bag

Could all children please bring a named book bag to school to put their home learning and reading books into.



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- Uniforms, Sun Hats & Sunscreen

Children will need to wear their sun hats (by Week 2 at the latest). It is important that children wear their hats throughout Term 1 & Term 4 when they are outside. The expectation is that children wear their hats at morning tea and lunch breaks ("no hat, no play"). We recommend that children apply sunscreen before coming to school and that they bring their own sunscreen to school (roll-on is preferred). Please name your child's sunscreen. Please ensure that sandals, shoes, sun hats, school vests, lunch boxes and drink bottles are all **clearly named**. Lost property increases daily and if the items are not named they cannot be returned to the rightful owners. The lost property box is located outside HG 10 and 11. If your child is unable to wear correct footwear to school please ensure you provide a note to explain the reason why.

- Birthdays

We value your child's birthday but ask that birthdays are not celebrated at school. Please do not send in cakes or other goody bags as we have children in our team who have severe allergies to particular food items. We also ask that children hand out party invitations either before or after school as children feel left out when they are not invited.

- Morning routines

The children are expected to hang up their bags and bring their book bags and devices into the home group. Please encourage your child to be independent and let them do these tasks on their own. Any notices being returned to school, should be given to home group teachers, in a named envelope please.

- Drink bottles

Your child needs to keep a drink bottle inside the learning space. It is important however that the bottles are named and contain only water.

- Communication

Important dates and events are on the **school calendar** on the school website, www.sj.school.nz. All newsletter alerts, notices, teacher and team emails are sent to the parent email address on the school records. If you have any questions or concerns during the year please communicate them with the home group teacher as we will be able to help answer your questions and clarify any confusions immediately. The best way to address any concerns is to arrange an appointment with the **teacher** via email as above.

We look forward to an exciting year filled with learning,

Kakapo Team Teachers



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Welcome back to a new term of learning in Kakapo

Here is some of the learning we will be encountering in the first few weeks of Term 1...

<p>Religious Education: <u>Strands:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer • Jesus <p><u>Liturgical Year:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ash Wednesday • Shrove Tuesday • Holy Week • Ascension • Easter 	<p>Maths: Topics to be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number knowledge • Place Value • Addition and Subtraction • Statistics <p>Please help your child to complete the Mathletics activities for these topics as this will support their school learning.</p>
<p>Writing Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narratives • Personal recounts • Handwriting • Writing process 	<p>Reading Focus: Reading strategies we are going to be working this term include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predicting • Retelling • Phonics and phonemic awareness • Vocabulary skills <p>Through the genre of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiction - narratives and short stories • Poetry
<p>Physical Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small ball skills • Team building games 	
<p>Social Sciences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All about me <p>Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical World - Volcanoes <p>Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Safety 	<p>Key Competencies: During prayer and our programmes we have an emphasis on developing the Key Competencies. Thinking, Relating to Others, Understanding Symbols and Texts, Managing Self, Participating and Contributing. What will these look like and sound like for the Kakapo children?</p>

Home Learning: Home Learning will start from week 4 onwards. Please remember to sign your child's weekly home learning.