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Whakapou Korero

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Dear Parents, Caregivers, Whanau Whanui

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION was celebrated in our church here in Matata on Sunday for Ethan and Kazaria and for Athena and Stallion today at mass during school. Thank you Sr Rita who puts so much work and aroha into our Tamariki preparing them for these important steps.



ST JOSEPH'S WHAKATANE: Weather permitting we will be having some St Joseph's Whakatane junior class students visiting next week. It will be lovely to have them visit us, play some games and enjoy their company.



PRIZE GIVING

Remember to come along to our final school mass and prize giving for the year on Thursday the 4th of December. We will farewell our Year 8 students, Te Raina Wikaire, Kaleb Hooper, Rayden and Chearonayz Peri Tai-Rakena who are all off to their respective secondary schools next year. If you can, come along to celebrate your child/childrens accomplishments during the year and this will be followed by a shared cuppa (please bring a plate) afterwards in the church hall



Sports Report by Kaleb

Last Tuesday the 11th of November, a group of students from St Jos Matatā and I went to Whakatāne for an athletics day at Rex Morpeth Park.

The sun was shining, and everyone was excited as we packed into the van early in the morning.

When we arrived, we saw lots of other schools already warming up on the big green field.

Our teacher told us to stay together and give everything our best shot.

The first event we did was long jump, and I was proud of how far I managed to jump.

Next was the high jump, and everyone cheered when someone made it over the bar.

After that, we moved to shot put, which was heavier than I expected but still fun to try.

Then we did discus, spinning the disc as far as we could across the grass.

The vortex throw was one of my favourite events because it made a cool whistling sound in the air.

When it was time for the running races, my heart was pounding with nerves and excitement.

We ran as fast as we could, and even though it was tiring, it felt amazing to cross the finish line.

Between events, we sat on the white fence, ate our lunches, and talked about our results.

Everyone encouraged each other, and it felt great to be part of the St Jos Catholic school matata's team. Over all it was a fun day and we all enjoyed it.



Sports Report by Te Raina

On Tuesday a group of students from our school went to Rex Morpeth park in whakatane for athletics day. It was held by Awakeri school which has a student roll of 316. The different types of sports that they were holding was high jump, long jump, discus, shotput, and vortex. There were also some races which were 800, 400, 200, and 100 metres long. It was very tiring. It was busy all the time with different age groups walking around trying to find what they were doing. It was super crowded but we still decided to join in on the events.

Te Raina:

It was really fun but I was only allowed to run the 200 and 400 metre races.

Zoe:

I thought it was a bit crowded, but overall I really enjoyed it and want to go next year. My favourite sport was vortex.

Kaleb:

My favourite sport was high jump because I came 2nd and 3rd.

"You've worked hard, learned much, and made progress—take pride in this week's journey."

"As we move closer to the holiday season, may the spirit of kindness, togetherness, and gratitude brighten each school day."

Friendly reminders:

- If you still owe for purchases at school eg: stationery, uniforms etc, please have these paid in full before the end of the term. Reminders were sent home recently if you still owe for stationery, payment would be appreciated.
- We are a water only school, please no fizzy drinks, sugary drinks etc, WATER ONLY. They can drink all of that at home, just not here at school. Thank you.

VISION

Ma te whakaatu...Ka mohio. Ma te mohiotanga...Ka marama. Ma te maramatanga...Ka matau. Ma te matauranga... Ka ora.
By discussion comes understanding. By understanding comes light. By light comes wisdom, which is everlasting.