

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

\* The school opens at 8:30 am and the school day starts at 8:55 am.

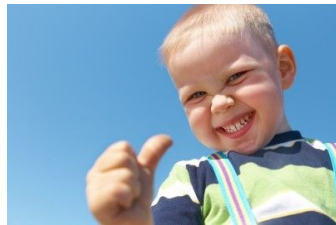
When the bell goes we recommend that you say goodbye and let your child know that you'll be back to get them at the end of the day.

Leaving your child can be hard and some children become upset at the thought of Mum or Dad leaving, but quickly settle down once you've gone. You can phone the office later in the day to check how they're doing if you wish.

If you are positive about the first day at school then your child will probably be the same.

\* School finishes at 3:00pm

You can pick your child up from outside the classroom. If they are on the bus they meet at a designated area and are checked off by a bus monitor.



It is important that your child knows what they are to do after school. If circumstances change then the school must be notified BEFORE 3pm so that the message can be passed on to the teacher and the child.

It is important to us that your child has a happy and smooth introduction to school.

If you have any enquires please ask. The school can be reached on Ph 8788190 or you can email: [office @stjosephsk.school.nz](mailto:office@stjosephsk.school.nz)

# St Joseph's School Te Kuiti

*Together we will provide a quality all round education,  
developing valuable contributors to society who reflect the  
teaching and values of Jesus Christ.*

## **New Entrant Information booklet**

Welcome to St Joseph's School. We  
trust your association with our school  
will be a long and happy one.

## STARTING SCHOOL:

Starting school is an exciting event for your children. They have heard many stories about school from family and friends and now it is time for them to become part of this new community.

Attending school will involve changes for your child as he or she establishes new friendships, learns new routines and takes the first steps towards independence within a primary school

## PREPARING YOUR CHILD:

- ☒ Talk about school in a positive way.
- ☒ School is a place to learn and have fun.
- ☒ School is a place to make new friends.
- ☒ Encourage independence - children need to be able to dress themselves for swimming, pack and unpack their school bag.



## SCHOOL VISITS:

☒ Prior to your child starting school some visits can be organised. These are between 9-11 am These can be arranged 1 or 2 weeks before your child starts school. You are welcome to stay with them but if your child is happy for you to leave for all or part of this time we would encourage you to do so.

- ☒ Stationery packs are purchased from the school office
- ☒ School uniform can be purchased from the Te Kuiti Warehouse

## YEAR LEVELS:

When 5 year olds start school they are classified as either Year 0 or Year 1.

At St Joseph's school, children who turn 5 in the Christmas school holidays or within Term 1 are classified as Year 1. They will be Year 2 at the beginning of the following year.

Children who turn 5 in Terms 2 ,3 or 4 will be classified as Year 0. They will be Year 1 at the beginning of the following year.

## Lunches:

During break time children sit in a designated area to eat. Children must remain seated for 10 minutes and then if they have finished eating they are dismissed by the teacher on duty.

Morning teatime: 11:00

Lunchtime: 1:00 .

Suggestions for lunch boxes:

sandwiches/ buns/wraps/ yoghurt/  
fruit and maybe a small treat e.g.  
biscuits/cake / muffin. A drink bottle of  
water , especially in summer, is also a  
good idea.



There are also drink fountains around the school.

At this stage school lunches are available to buy daily. A list is available from the office. Children put their money in an envelope and write their name and what they want on the outside of the envelope and take it to Elmarie in the office.