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TO THE PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF ROOM 5 STUDENTS

Welcome back to St Joseph's for 2019. 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.

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.

Banqer

Banqer is a financial literacy based programme that will be integrated into our maths curriculum as well as used as a reward system within the classroom. The students are currently looking at writing a basic C.V. to apply for jobs they would like to be responsible for within the classroom.

Fitness/P.E.

We have fitness each day and a P.E. lesson two times a week. These lessons will be on a Tuesday and Thursday. It is helpful if the students bring sport shoes to change into for P.E. and fitness.

Devices

It is very helpful if the students who do have 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 27 Feb - 1 March. Wednesday will consist of activities around Timaru and at school. Thursday will be activities at Peel Forest and Geraldine, followed by a sleepover at school. If you can help during the EOTC please click on the following [link](#).

Facebook

Reminders and photos will be posted on the class facebook page. If you have not yet joined the page please click on the following [link](#) and request to join.

Communication

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

Thanks,

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