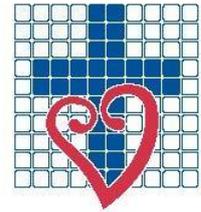


Wednesday 1st February 2017



RISE UP Time at Sacred Heart Petone 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last year RISE up time (Learning Through Play) was developed in Tui Class. It was highly successful and this year we are introducing it to all classes in the Junior School.

In Ruru, Kea and Kereru it will initially run from 8.30 to 9.30am every day.

The child-led 'learning through play' model has proven to be a powerful tool for child engagement and holistic child development. We call it RISE up time as our School values underpin the way we encourage children to learn and develop here at Sacred Heart and this part of our programme is an excellent way to promote and develop these values.

Current research and trials in primary schools, are showing how effective this model can be in Junior classes, especially in developing the Key Competencies that underpin the NZ Curriculum. These Key Competencies are: Thinking, Relating to Others, Using language, symbols and texts, Managing Self and Participating and Contributing. Further explanations of the Key Competencies can be found inside your child's Reading Diaries.

Resources and activities will be set up inside and outside for children to come in and engage with. They are able to follow their own interests to develop and extend their ideas.

Student engagement and enthusiasm for school helps everyone learn more effectively. RISE up time is aimed at encouraging everyone to develop more positive enriching learning experiences and relationships at school.

We will still be teaching our normal curriculum subjects and assessments. If you have any questions please feel free to come and discuss them with us. Parents are also welcome to observe and participate in any RISE up time.

Thank you

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