

# SENIOR SYNDICATE NEWS

## TERM ONE 2013

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the Senior Syndicate News for Term One 2013. We have had a great start to the year and appreciate all you have done to ensure your child is well organised for the start of term.

Please refer back to this newsletter from time to time to keep informed of the dates of various events taking place during this term. It is a 12 week term with Easter Break in the middle of it this year.

There are four classes in our Senior Syndicate – Rm 12 and 16 are Year Seven classes and Rm 13 and 17 are Year Eight classes. Mrs Alderson and Miss Halas are our year seven teachers and Mr O'Neill and Ms Dudding are our Year Eight teachers. Miss Halas is getting married in a fortnight's time and will be known as Mrs Somerville from then on. We wish her all the best for her wedding day and married life.

### HOMEWORK ;

All classes will be given homework during the week – this is likely to include a list of spelling words, maths and reading activities and any work that has not been completed in the allotted time at school. If your child says they have no homework you might like to check that spelling has been tested, maths sheets have been completed and their daily reading diary has been filled in. Marking of work will be done on Friday mornings and it is the child's responsibility to ensure it is packed and ready for school on that day!

### SWIMMING PROGRAMME:

We have swimming lessons starting this Friday – all children are expected to take part in these lessons as it is our PE component for the start of the year. Below is the timetable for classes. Please encourage your child to participate fully.

#### Swimming Timetable: 2013

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.30 Rm 13  
10 am Rm 12  
10.30 Rm 17  
11.00 Rm 16

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 11.30 Rm 17  
12pm Rm 13  
12.30 Rm 16  
1pm Rm 12

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> F 11.30 Rm 13  
12pm Rm 12  
12.30 Rm 17  
1pm Rm 16

Wed 20<sup>th</sup>, Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wed 27<sup>th</sup> same times as Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Swimming sports Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 12.30-2.3

Swimming will be followed by our Athletic programme which will run for 4-5 weeks – our Athletic sports will be held later in the term – date to be confirmed.

Children must wear **PE uniform** for PE which includes blue shorts, blue and white sports shirt, shoes and a hat.

The **TACs triathlon** is taking place in Week Five – March 1<sup>st</sup> information will be handed out to those children wishing to take place and we would appreciate any help with transport to and from Hastings on this day if you are available.

**Beach Fives** will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> March – children wishing to take part will be given information in the next couple of weeks and again, any offers to help supervise and transport children would be appreciated.

The **sports** offered this term are Basketball and Cricket – forms will be handed out this week and teams will be entered if we have enough interest and are able to find coaches for both sports.

**Computer Awareness and Safety Considerations:**

Constable Mackey will be addressing our syndicate about the importance of being safe on the internet at our syndicate assembly on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February in the school hall at 11.45** All parents are welcome to attend this talk to help find ways to keep their child safe while using social media sites and chat rooms etc.:

**OUTDOOR EDUCATION DAYS**

**Year Eights** will be heading to Wellington for four days in Term Three – 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September. The cost for the Year Eight camp is \$175.00 per child. We rely heavily on fundraising to ensure the camp costs no more than this as actual costs are much higher. You are welcome to start making payments for the camp to the school office from now until term three.

**Year Sevens** will have two outdoor education days – the first is in term one and the second in term four. The term one date is **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** and will be held down at the Ahuriri lagoon. The activities include canoeing and team challenges and the day will be run by Kiwi Adventure. We will bus to and fro the venue but need help with supervision. Please complete the form below (yr 7 only) to grant your child permission for the trip and to indicate if you are available to help from 9-2.30pm.

The cost for the two days outdoor education activities is a total of **\$50.00** per child and can be paid this term. We shall fundraise as a syndicate throughout the year to keep these costs as low as possible. We will start in term one with a spellathon which we ask every child to participate in. If you have any new ideas for fundraising please mention it to your class teacher as we are always keen to try new things if viable.

Finally I would like to congratulate the House Captains for the first half of the year who were elected last week: We look forward to seeing them develop their leadership skills and be wonderful role models for the younger students at St Patrick's School. We encourage them to wear their badges with pride.

Aubert – Georgia Kittow and Phillip Halpin

Barbier – Maia Briggs and Grace Burrell

Forest – Reilly Hannan and Ella White Shaw

Marcellin – Kurtis Weeks and Maddison Tabuteau

Thanks again for making the start of the year such a positive one for your children – we look forward to seeing you throughout the term.

Yours truly

Sharon, Mary, Aaron and Kim

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**YEAR SEVEN OUTDOOR EDUCATION PERMISSION SLIP;**

\_\_\_\_\_ HAS MY PERMISSION TO ATTEND THE OUTDOOR EXCURSION ON 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH

I AM AVAILABLE TO HELP SUPERVISE ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH Yes / No

Contact Number (if able to help)

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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