



Senior Syndicate News

Term 4, 2014



Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Welcome back, can you believe it's Term 4 already? How the year has flown by. We have another busy term ahead and we will endeavour to include as much as possible in this newsletter. To keep up to date with all of the latest events, follow us on Twitter @stpatsseniors.

New Teachers

This time last year, our syndicate had quite a different 'look' about it. We have been very lucky to bring such enthusiastic and passionate teachers to our team. I would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment to our syndicate. Year 7's, 2015 looks very exciting indeed.

Inquiry

This term our key concept is "Decide, Access, Use." It will be an Inquiry around the discovery of natural resources and the effect that can have on local communities. We will also look into 'fracking' and find out what it actually entails.

Literacy/ Numeracy

Our teachers will look specifically at strands that have not been covered yet. It will also be a good time to focus on areas the children would benefit from some extra revision. Our Inquiry will present numerous opportunities to link learning areas together (for example, imagine the language and mathematical opportunities when finding out about how an oil platform operates!)

Religious Education

We began the term looking at prayer. This week, we started to learn about The Communion of Saints, specifically life, death and Christian hope. We will then find out about the season of Advent.

Physical Education

We began the term with class games. In week three, we start our summer sport rotations (Cricket, volleyball, basketball and touch rugby) If you're keen to help out with P.E, or you have some expertise to offer, our sessions are as follows; Tuesdays 1:30-2:15 and Fridays 1:30-2:15.

Intensives

Intensives are an opportunity for our students to experience exciting practical learning opportunities.

Students will be able to select one of the following intensives; Dissection, Jewellery Design, Lawn Bowls, Boxing/Cross Fit, Gastronomy, PT Craft and Squash. There is no charge for intensives. Costs are covered using the remainder of your General Purpose Fee paid at the start of the year.

Sports

This term we have teams representing our school in the following sports;

Basketball: Tall Pats play on Thursday nights at PGA. Coached by Mr Taufale.

St Pats Lightning play on Thursday nights at PGA. Coached by Wayne Start.

Volleyball: Played Monday afternoons at the PGA (Coached by Fiona Kenny and Louise Dallas).

Cricket: Played Saturday morning at a number of grounds around Hawkes Bay (Coached by Bill Donkin).

Calendar of events

Wednesday 29th October: Start Intensives (Every Wednesday @ 1:30 for five weeks)

Tuesday 4th November: Primary Pasifika Festival

Tuesday 11th November: TACS Athletics @ St Mary's Hastings 10am-2pm

Friday 28th November: TACS Softball competition @ School 10am-2pm

Thursday 11th December: End of year Mass @ St Patrick's Church 9:30am

Thursday 11th December: Year eight leavers dinner @ Speights Alehouse 6-8pm

Friday 12th December: Final Year seven activity day

Tuesday 16th December: Fun day @ Onekawa Aquatic Centre

Wednesday 17th December: End of term

Note: We will have a Syndicate Mass this term (Date yet to be confirmed).

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please feel free to call in and have a chat to your child's classroom teacher.

Regards and Blessings

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