



Senior Syndicate News Term 4, 2016



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back, can you believe it's term 4 already? How the year has flown by! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Edie Weber to our Senior Syndicate Team. Ms Weber has taken up the responsibility of working with M8 for the remainder of the year. Thank you and enjoy your time here with us.

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 Facebook **St Patrick's School - Napier** or Twitter **@stpatsseniors**.

Inquiry

This term our key concept is 'Consumption'. As we know, there are all sorts of things that create 'consumption' and already we have had some very interesting discussions around what it is and what it looks like. We have been talking about resources - natural, manmade and human, what drives our needs and wants, who makes the decisions? What are the effects and/or consequences for such. The students will break into research pairs and choose a specific topic that sparks their interest and will inquire to justify how "The world we live in, has been shaped by (their topic) consumption". From the conversations had already, we are really looking forward to seeing how the students develop their thinking on this subject and what they discover. Ask them to share with you at home their findings and discuss your opinions on the matter to encourage that critical thinking.

Literacy/ Numeracy

Our teachers will look specifically at strands that have not yet been covered. It will also be a good time to focus on any areas that the students would benefit from some extra revision. Our Inquiry will present numerous opportunities to link learning areas together.

Novel study

Two of our senior classes are participating in the Global Read Aloud, an initiative that connects students from countries all around the world through a shared novel and digital platforms such as Edmodo. Our other senior classes will be studying two very good novels also; 'Night Vision' by NZ author Ella West and 'The Black Snake' by Carole Wilkinson.

Religious Education

We began the term looking at prayer. This week, we will begin learning 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. This week, we start Game Sense and Fitness rotations. If you're keen to help out with P.E, or you have some expertise to offer, our sessions are as follows; Tuesdays 2.20-2.45 and Fridays 1:30-2:15.

Languages

We continue our language rotations that began last term. We offer an insight to the language and culture of France, Spain, Japan and Germany, a taste test for our students before heading off to High School!

Intensives

Students have been given the opportunity to select one of the following intensives (intensives are an opportunity for our students to experience exciting practical learning experiences); Jewellery Design, Squash, Boxing/Cross Fit, Funky Craft, Cycling, Movie Making, Coding, Photography, Container Painting, Co2 Drag Cars and Orienteering. Thank you very much to everyone who is helping out with Intensives. We are offering 11 Intensives this year. Parents/Whanau are more than welcome to come along and see their child participate in this wonderful learning opportunity.

Sports

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

- Basketball (2 teams)
- Cricket (2 teams)
- Summer Netball (1 team)
- Summer Hockey (1 team)

Thank you to all of our coaches and helpers. Without your help, we wouldn't be able to enter as many teams as we have.

Upcoming events

- Thursday 20th October: Intensives start 1:30-2:45pm and run for 6 weeks.
- Thursday 20th October: Mufti Day and PTA Sausage Sizzle
- Wednesday 2nd November: Senior Mass at school 9am.
- Tuesday 22nd November: Senior Reconciliation at school.
- Thursday 8th December: EOY School Mass at St Patrick's Parish 9:30am.
- Thursday 8th December: Year Eight Leavers Dinner at Speights Ale House 6:00 pm.
- Friday 9th December: Year Seven activity day at Splash Planet 9am-2:30pm.
- Thursday 15th December: Senior Prizegiving St Patrick's Parish 7:00 pm
- Friday 16th December: last day of Term 4.

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.

Kind Regards

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