



Senior Syndicate News

Term 2, 2018



Kia Ora Whanau,

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Our Lakes Ranch Rotorua Camp was a huge success! It was absolutely awesome to see the unity, risk taking, respect and fun had by all! We have had a great start to what is going to be a busy term with a number of exciting opportunities for your child. We look forward to working with you to ensure that your child makes the most of the new experiences that lie ahead.

Exciting Events in Term 2

At St Patrick's School there are many opportunities on offer, so keep on reminding your child/children (we do) about making the most of their time here.

Fantastic opportunities available are: eSTEAM, Hearts Programme, Radio Kidnappers Debating, Edible Arts, Digi Awards, TACs Speech, TACs Netball, Barefoot 7's, Netball, Basketball, Hockey, Cycling Programme, Dance Festival, Science and Mathletics preparation, Enlargements, Production preparation, ICAS exams and that's just this term!

Term One Dates

Week 3: Wednesday 16th May: Hearts Programme - all Year 8 girls at Sacred Heart College

Every Friday : eSTEAM - group of Year 8 boys at St John's College

Week 4: Wednesday 23rd May: Hearts Programme

Week 6: Wednesday 6th June: Hearts Programme

Week 8: Wednesday 20th June: Hearts Programme

Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd June: Cycling Programme

Week 9: Monday 25th June: Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 26th June: Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th June: Cycling Programme

Wednesday 27th June: TACs Netball

Week 10: Wednesday 4th July: Leadership Hearts Programme - Yr 8 Girl Leaders

Friday 6th July: Last day of Term 2

Term Focus

Our term focus is based around the idea of 'Innovation and Discovery'. It is science and technology based to link in with Science Fair preparation. Science Fair projects are due in Term 3, Week 2 and is optional this year. However we have made our focus so that all students will be investigating, creating and learning about Scientific matters.

Literacy / Maths

All of the classes will be learning about debates; what debating is, how to write an argument, rebuttal and experiencing it first hand in the classroom. For maths all students will be creating a Statistical Investigation which will then be chosen to enter into the Mathematics Competition in Term 3. All classes will also continue with the rich task of creating St Patrick's new classrooms.

Religious Education

This term began with our Caritas Challenge on Thursday Week 1 where we practised 'LIVE IT' like the students in Timor Leste. We will then learn and celebrate the Ascension of the Lord (13th May), and Pentecost Sunday (20th May). From there, we will then cover the Holy Spirit and God strand. Our Gospel value for this month is Self Control. May is also the month where we celebrate Mary.

St Patrick's Seniors; The opportunity to do more

Homelearning

Home Learning will continue to be consistent across all 4 classes. Each student will have a Learning Grid (which needs to be signed at the end of each week), a weekly quiz, reading log and Maths buddy tasks. This allows you as the parent to see what is happening for your child that week. This term your child is also working on one or more investigations/projects, so extra work may be added to Home Learning at different times throughout the term.



Physical Education

All children are expected to have their P.E gear at school Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. We begin the term with Winter Sports. This involves the following sports: netball, hockey, soccer and rippa rugby. If your child is unable to participate in P.E, a note signed and dated from the parent/caregiver is expected. In Weeks 8 and 9 all students will participate in the Cycling Skills Programme organised and led by Sport Hawke's Bay.

Te Reo Maori

Students have already looked at Rotorua's history, linked with maori myths and legends. We will continue with basic classrooms commands, greetings, numbers and instructions.

Senior Camp

The students were outstanding and we received many positive comments from places around Rotorua on how well behaved and respectful our students were. I hope you have enjoyed the fun filled stories your child has shared with you about their personal camp experiences. A special thank you to the parents who attended camp, they were exceptional!

Glenn Rodger, Rose Doolan, Lou Dallas, David Briggs, Cushla Hannan, Leanne Kane, Jamie McCarthy, Keith Price, Brendon Grant, Blair Wakely and Daniel Kinney.



Sports

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

Netball: Played Wednesdays - Onekawa Courts and Hastings HB Sport Park

Basketball: Played Thursdays - Location between various venues

Hockey: Played Fridays - Unison Hockey Ground and Park Island

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher either by calling, email or coming into the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards and Blessings

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