

Welcome back to School



5th February 2019

Dear Parents, Pupils, Parishioners,

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and exciting year. Our pupils looked great on their return yesterday, full of enthusiasm, smiling and excited...just like their teachers. We have a very settled and happy school

NEW TO ST PATRICK'S

We had **42 new** pupils join us yesterday, and all looked to have settled in beautifully. A special welcome to you and your families. We look forward to getting to know you and trust that you will enjoy your years as St Patrick's. So welcome to **Fletcher McCarthy, Tom Mayer, Lukas Groves, Jessy Sahaya Vinodh, Kaydence Sparks, Beau Murphy, Shae Barnett, Leah McQuade, Tegan Steele, Amelia Draeger Danielle MacDonald, Christina Robin, Sofia Booth, Van Ceselli Ronan Rochfort, Charlotte Tasker, Scott Mayer, Jackson Ball, Jake Coffin, Isabella Bason, Krishan Morris, Zephyr Lyford, Maddison Stoodley, Laura Brassington, Kayline Thomson, Kingsley Morris, Lily McCarthy, Grant Hayes, Molly Smith, Emma Marsden, Tyrese Ngarangione-Wicks, Xavier Allen, Natalia Malley, George Briggs, Mary & Ava Richards, Madaline Bailey, Lola Nicholls, Te Aroha Hancy, Indi Paku, Georgeta Baines, Luke Ansing.**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEACHERS

Paul Wallace in M8 Todd Reid in SJ 13 Anna Piper who will teach in A4 with Jan Bevan.

We have our first School Assembly this **Friday 8th at 9 am** in the school hall where **new pupils/ staff** will be welcomed.

You are invited to join this celebration.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

BELL TIMES

School begins at 8.45 am and ends 2.55pm. Children are not to be in the classroom until the 8.20 bell (safety issue). Please don't arrive before 8am. A clearing bell rings at 3.15pm (all children to leave school grounds promptly)

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS (WEEKLY) – KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH

EVERY TUESDAY (check that bag). This is our main Form of communication, please keep the newsletter for a least a week. (if you would like yours emailed please contact the school office 843 9238 /or email admin@stpatnapier.school.nz The newsletter is also available on our school website www.stpatnapier.school.nz and through our **school app** and facebook page. By downloading our school app and following our facebook you will be kept up to date with important notices and sharing of school life.

The youngest child in each family receives a newsletter – so check that bag.

STATIONERY FOR 2019

Stationery packs were given to pupils yesterday. I hope you all appreciate these no hassle packs to start the year with. Stationery will be included in the school account which will be sent to you in late February. We would appreciate **prompt payment** – thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM - We expect children to wear it properly and proudly **to** and **from** school as well as **at** school

SUNHATS – FOR EVERYONE (BY MONDAY THE 11TH FEBRUARY)

School Sunhats are compulsory for all pupils as part of our summer uniform. These are available from the school office- **\$10.00**. We have a “**NO HAT-NO PLAY**” policy. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

CONTACTING TEACHERS

If you need to contact your child's teacher the best way to do this is by email, (email addresses are available on our website or you can do this through our school app).

Teachers are not available for phone calls during class time.

Children can be contacted or contact you with permission from a teacher through the school office.

If your child needs to bring a cell phone to school they must be **held** by the **classroom teacher** or **office** during the school day.

ABSENCES / LATENESS

If your child is absent from school please phone **843 9238** or text **027 4507813** or email through our **school app** before **9.am**. Unexplained absences are followed up to the best of our ability. Children who are **late** are to report to the office before they go to their classroom.

PARKING AT SCHOOL – PLEASE BE AWARE!

Please do not use the staff car park (near the school hall) for either parking or pedestrian use. We ask you to park along Riverbend Road and to use the pedestrian entrance near the office block. **Please do not park on the yellow lines**

PLEASE ALWAYS USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

BUS RUN – TAMATEA / TARADALE

Our Tamatea / Taradale bus runs are operated by Nimons and are shared with Sacred Heart College. The cost of our Term pass is **\$80**, 20 ride pass is **\$30** and a single trip ticket is **\$2** these tickets can be purchased from the school office

PUPIL INFORMATION SHEETS (PINK)

These sheets were given out to pupils today **PLEASE RETURN ASAP** - it is **vitaly important** in case of emergency that we have your current details. **Please return by Friday the 8th February** (First class to do so wins a PRIZE)

GOSPEL VALUE – A MONTHLY FOCUS

Each month the school will focus on a theme that is intended to develop Christian values.

February Focus – SPEAKING WITH GENTLENESS? A good way for everyone to start this skill is to say GOOD MORNING / TALOFA/ KIA ORA. Speak with kind words, and they will come back to you.

What's Happening

UP COMING EVENTS

ART DECO PICNIC

We plan to have an "Art Deco" picnic lunch at school on **Friday 15th February at 12.30 – 1.30pm**. More info next week – get that costume ready. **We don't expect parents /caregivers to buy or hire a costumes for children, something made up at home is great.**

SCHOOL WELCOME MASS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday 14th February at 9.15 in **St Patrick's Church** as we pray for the year ahead and celebrate the Catholic Character that makes St Patrick's School the special place that it is. Please join us in this celebration.

TERM DATES FOR 2019

TERM 1 - Monday 4th February - Friday 12th April

TERM 2 - Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July

TERM 3 - Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September

TERM 4 - MONDAY 14TH October – Friday 19th December

PTA MEETING – NEXT WEDNESDAY 13 February 6.30pm in the staffroom. New families are MOST WELCOME.

Be good to see familiar faces too.

PARENT/WHANAU MEET THE TEACHER EVENING – Wednesday 20 February, 5.30 – 6.30pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

To all pupils who were recognised at the end of the year prizegiving's in 2018

Particular mention to **Georgia Jones** (Year 7 General Excellence Cup) and **Patrick Mauga** who was awarded the Father Tim Hannigan Jubilee Award.

In Year 8 **Amelie Van Florenstein and Aliyah King** was awarded the General Excellence Cup and **Saoirse Kenny** was awarded the Blue Ribbon Cup for Academic Excellence.

Our Year 6 PTA Scholarship recipients were **Aleesha Beams, Noah Hyde, Trustina Aluni, Carlos Keulelaar** and **Rebecca Moioli**.

Principal's Scholarship for a year 6 student was awarded to **Baylei Byran**.

The Betty Crawford Scholarships were introduced in 2016. These were awarded to two of our Year 8 students, **Sinapati Pelenato Lafaele** and **Isabella Briggs** to assist them in their first year at college.

FINALLY

It's great to be back – look forward to meeting you all and getting to know all our pupils.

Have a great year – it's what we make it.

Regards and Blessings to you all

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL

Imagine
With all
your mind.
Believe
With all
your heart.
Achieve
With all
your might.

