

5 March 2019

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

“Charity begins at home, JUSTICE begins next door”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

BRAND NEW TO THE WORLD

Congratulations to Alex and Scott on the birth of their daughter, Addison.

A beautiful sister for Layla and Madelyn. Also congratulations to Carmen and Luke on the safe arrival of Emma, a little sister for Mia and Victoria.

OUR LATEST TREASURE

We welcome **Vera Leger** (A1) and her family to St Patrick’s School. A new taonga for our Angel Whanau. She had a lovely first day.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Sam Nguyen**, a Year 6 student who is always smiling, shows initiative, independence and kindness. Sam is a great example of “Living the St Pats Way.”

MUFIT DAY THIS FRIDAY

Thanks to Lachlan and Logan for their good idea we have a **GOLD COIN** mufti day this Friday 8th March to raise funds for our local charities. Should be a great day.

TRIATHLON CHAMPS AT ST PATRICKS

We had a fantastic day at Frimley Park with our Marist Whanau (senior) students.

Outstanding results for: **FIRST- Lola Nicholls** – Year 7/8 girls individual (run, bike and swim) **Lily McCarthy 4th**, **Lola Parlato 7th**. **Freddie Salter 10th**, Year 7/8 boys individual (40 competitors). Teams event: Year 7 **5th Caitlyn Montaperto-Wells, Molly and Paige Jones. 6th Mckenzie Benbow, Maddison Stoodley, Isabella Basin.** Year 8 **10th Monique Alexander, Lily Barnett, Alice Dravitzki.** Thank you to all parents who provided transport and your cheers and also thanks to Mr Wallace.

EPRO 8

Last Tuesday our Senior Technology Team won the Napier Epro8 Challenge, competing against local Intermediates. The team of **Jack Hendery, Kim Alizzi, Oliver Hollands** and **Alice Dravitzki** worked so well together and proved that team work is the key. We are proud of our students.

ASH WEDNESDAY-WE CELEBRATE TOMORROW (40 DAYS OF LENT)

We celebrate Ash Wednesday tomorrow with Whanau Group liturgies and the distribution of ashes throughout the day. It marks the beginning of Lent.

THE ‘40 DAYS’ OF LENT

Our “40 days” is a round number with symbolic meaning. The Jews spent “40 years” in the desert on their way to the Promised Land. Jesus spent “40 days and 40 nights” fasting in the desert before beginning his ministry.

However, fasting was always prohibited on Sunday, which meant there were only 36 fasting days in the six week period. To make the Lenten fast include 40 days, the Church added four days of fasting (Ash Wednesday, and the Thursday, Friday and Saturday after Ash Wednesday). Lent itself ends on the evening of Holy Thursday (the vigil of Good Friday). We then begin the **Triduum**, the most sacred three days of the year, lasting through Easter Sunday evening.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

ST PATRICKS DAY MASS AND FREE LUNCH

St Patricks Day is celebrated on **Sunday March 17th** with a special Mass at St Patricks Church (**10am**) followed by entertainment and a **FREE LUNCH**. We would love to **PACK THE CHURCH WITH OUR FAMILIES** on this special day. A number of students will be involved in the Mass, so we ALL have a part to play.

Put it on your calendar – **FAMILY TIME 17 MARCH.**

OUR SCHOOL VALUES - A FRESH APPROACH

In conjunction with our School values, Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) focus, updated Vision and Mission statement we have looked at what makes the “**St Pats Way**” for our students, teachers, families, Parish and community. How do we act, what’s it like? The 3 values we have identified tie in beautifully with our Monthly Gospel Value focus.

They are:

WHAKAUTE - *being respectful and appreciating yourself, others, and the environment.*

MANAAKI - *being kind, caring, generous, supporting and protecting others.*

NANAIORE - *being your best. To preserve, endeavour and put in effort.*

A wonderful base “**TO LIVE JUSTLY**” – our school motto.

SCHOLASTIC EASTER BOOKFAIR

We are holding a Scholastic Book fair April -3rd – 5th in the Library.

Great Books and much more. See you there! More information next week.



PTA AGM- TOMORROW 5.30PM

Come join us this Wednesday the 6th March 5.30 pm in the Staffroom.

Election of officers and Treasures Report. All welcome.

HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT - FAMILIES NEEDED

Sacred Heart College is seeking host families for new international students. Often lifelong friendships are made with these students with travel being a bonus.

Students can stay one Term or longer and you get paid well.

Please call Sacred Heart College 8353761 or email

international@sacredheartnapier.school.nz

NZ BEACH CLEANUP - SHOW YOU CARE

NZ Beach Cleanup on Marine Parade. Friday 8th March 5 – 6.30pm

Meet at the Fishbike Rentals. More information is in the Parish Bulletin.

LAST WEEKS BRAIN TEASER – Cross Roads

THIS WEEKS PUZZLE

Regards & Blessings

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**WEAR
LONG**

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PRINCIPAL