

30 April 2019

***In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow***

“Welcome back to what promises to be a

Very busy and exciting term.

Keep in touch and be involved, it is YOUR school.

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

**NEW FACES (SMILING) AND FAMILIES TO WELCOME**

We began yesterday with 6 new enrolments. We welcome Hamish Dunn and Milly Quane to A1, Leon Le Lievre to SJ13, Maia (SM12) and Mahaki Tahuri (M7) and their families to St Patrick’s School. We also welcome back (after 2 years) Kimberley Sabmeethavorn to M8. We hope that you all enjoy your time here, learn lots and make life-long friends.

**FISH & CHIP FRIDAY - THIS FRIDAY**

**\$5** Fish & Chip packs which include 1/2 scoop of chips / tomato sauce and a choice of:-

4 Chicken Nuggets / 3 Fish Bites / 2 Hot Puppies

Orders and money need to be in to the teacher by **9am Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**.

**CYBER SAFETY INFORMATION EVENING FOR ALL PARENTS**

Helping to keep your children safe – **DO NOT MISS THIS!!**

We welcome you to an informative evening about digital safety for your child.

Date: **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 7 – 8pm** in the School Hall. **(Run by the NZ Police)**.

They will discuss:

- The influence that devices and social media can have on children.
- The rise in incidents of children sharing inappropriate images as a form of communication and online bullying.

The police will also share ideas on how you as a parent and we as a community address this problem and its impact on our youth. NZ Police encourage parents to use the Netsafe website who offer helpful information.

This meeting is for adults only, but we will have a teacher and classroom available to care for your child if needed.

**YEAR 7/8 HEALTH EDUCATION PARENT MEETING TOMORROW**

**Wednesday 1 May, 5 -6pm** in Room M5. To discuss the Year 7/8 Health Programme

“Discovering Me”. A brief overview of the programme and the opportunity to view the teaching materials used. “Changing bodies and Feelings, Puberty, Communication” etc.

**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BOOKFAIR**

A **BIG THANK YOU** to those who supported our annual bookfair. After sales we were able to get **\$1000** free books for the school library. Thank you to Merrill Baird our librarian for her time and effort in organising this successful bookfair.

**A BUSY TIME AT ST PATRICK’S**

Just to share a little of what goes on in our school....

TODAY – we held a School Mass in the hall, celebrated by Fr Barry.

TODAY – Year 3 – 6 start their gymnastics sessions.

TOMORROW – A meeting for Year 7/8 Parents at 5pm about the Health Programme.

7 May – Parent Information Evening at 7pm in Hall – Cyber Safety and YOUR children.

- Year 8 Girls go to Sacred Heart College for the afternoon as part of the “Hearts Programme” of extension activities.

9 May – Year 3 – 6 attend a “Kids for Drama” production (FREE).

10 May – Two teams participate in the HB Literature Quiz Competition.

**(and that’s just the FIRST TWO WEEKS!!)**

**OUR (YOUR) SCHOOL GALA 2019**

The Gala will be held on **Saturday 21 September**. We hope YOU ALL make the most of this family event and get involved in some way.

The Gala this year will raise funds for “Robotics” kits for classrooms, decking areas near SJ14/15 as well as for scholarships, sports and classroom equipment. This term we are asking for HELPERS, frozen chickens, chocolates and vouchers for the raffle wheel as well as goods for Auction and White Elephant (household goods) books and later on plants, baking and prizes for our Lucky Dip and Mystery Envelopes.

**Nikki Roebuck (o27 767 4466)** is co-ordinating the Gala and she can be contacted if you are able to help. We **NEED YOU** to make this year’s Gala the BEST EVER.

So join in, and be part of your child’s future.

**FIRST SACRAMENTS - RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION**

**\*ABSOLUTE LAST CHANCE\***

Enrolments for these are now open (Year 4 students and above who are baptised Catholics). Enrolment forms available from each church or from the school. A fantastic opportunity for our students to continue along on their faith journey.

**ENROLMENTS CLOSE THIS THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY.**

**OUR LAST BRAIN TEASER** - Tricycle

**THIS WEEK’S BRAIN TEASER**

Great to be back, have a wonderful term

Regards and Blessings

Jurek Wypych

PRINCIPAL