



Marist Whanau News Term 4, 2019



Kia ora whanau,

Welcome back to Term 4! It is hard to believe that the year will be over in just 9 weeks with so much happening and this term will be no different. We will endeavour to include as much as possible in this newsletter. To keep up to date with all of the latest events, please follow us on Facebook St Patrick's School - Napier and our School App.

Exciting Events in Term 4

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: Yr 8 Technology Competition, Intensives, 2nd Languages continue, Swimming, Yr 8 Dinner, Prizegiving and an end of year Activity Day for the Marist Whanau.

Term Four Dates

Week 1: Mondays until Week 5: 2nd Languages will continue - Spanish, German, French, Japanese

Friday 18th October: Kapa Haka Performance @ William Colenso

Week 2: Monday 21st October: Yr 8 Tamatea Intermediate Technology Interschool Challenge

Tuesdays and Thursdays Weeks 2-6: Swimming @ Onekawa Pools starts

Friday 25th October: HB Anniversary Day

Week 3: Monday 28th October: Labour Day

Friday 1st November: Intensives Start

Week 4: Wednesday 6th November: Digi Awards Presentation @ Municipal Theatre

Week 6: Friday 22nd November: Marist Whanau Swimming Sports 10am - 1:30pm @ Onekawa Pools (no intensives today)

Week 7: Tuesday 26th November: Sacred Heart Induction Day & HB Triathlon @ Frimley Park

Week 8: Friday 6th December: Last day for Intensives

Week 9: Wednesday 11th December: Marist Whanau Prize Giving @ St Patrick's Church 7pm

Week 10: Wednesday 18th December: End of Year Mass/Liturgy 9:30am (tbc) & Year 8 Leavers' Dinner 6:30pm @ Speights Ale House

Thursday 19th December: Last day of Term 4, finishing at 12:30pm!

Term Focus

This term we are continuing with our overarching theme for the year which is Taonga (special gifts/treasures).

This term we will be specifically linking our learning across the curriculum into developing knowledge and understanding around:

- God calls each of us to be a treasure to the world.

Literacy / Maths

All of the classes will be doing a book or film study this term and will continue to develop literacy skills with special workshops. For maths, all students will be continuing with our DMIC learning. Our focus is on statistics, working with large numbers and position and orientation.

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.

Religious Education

We began the term looking at the Parable of the Sower. We will be exploring the idea that we are called to be the rich soil described in Jesus' parable, so that what God has planted in us may grow and bear fruit. When we respond to what God does in us and for us with a good, generous and prayerful heart, we will bear much fruit (treasure). We will also be learning about the season of Advent and the importance of this to us today.



Physical Education

This term we will be swimming on Tuesday and Thursdays. The timetable has already been given to the students (glued in their Home Learning books, posted on Facebook and an Alert has been sent as well). Swimming is a part of our school curriculum and therefore a note is required if your child is unable to swim. Unfortunately this year we are unable to provide any goggles. After swimming we will continue with summer games with students refining and building on their skills and capabilities. Our P.E days will continue to be Tuesday and Thursdays so P.E gear will be required. There are plenty of senior students taking part in team sports after school. It is really important to keep an eye on the School App and Facebook for draws and updates. If you are unable to play on a particular day, please let the coach know ahead of time.

Home Learning

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.

Intensives Weeks 3-8

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 Making, Squash, Cycling, Photography, National Aquarium/Dissection, School Wall painting, Cake Decorating/Food, Oamaru Stone Carving, Fishing, Co2 Dragsters and Orienteering. Thank you very much to everyone who is helping out with intensives, notes will be coming home this week asking for transport or help. We are offering 11 intensives this year. A number of these have a cost attached as students will be 'taking home' items. Parents/whanau are more than welcome to come along and see their child participate in these wonderful learning opportunities.

Sports

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

- Basketball - played Thursdays at Pettigrew Arena/Centennial Hall
- Cricket - played Saturdays
- Summer Hockey - played at Park Island
- Volleyball - played Mondays at Pettigrew Arena
- Futsal - played Tuesdays at Pettigrew Arena

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.

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.

Regards and Blessings

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