

ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER



26 November 2019

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

COOL AT SCHOOL

This week we congratulate **Zyon Hosoglu**, a very "unique" Year 6 student who is funny, kind and caring. He is also a hard worker and a real individual.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

We welcome Gemma Gardiner, our new Deputy Principal to St Patrick's School. Gemma began yesterday and her first priority was to start getting to know our students – the best start possible. We look forward to Gemma's professionalism, enthusiasm, ideas and vibrancy. Please make her welcome and take the time to introduce yourself when you see her. We ARE a welcoming school. 😊

ICAS WRITING BRILLIANCE

From our recent ICAS writing exams we had some outstanding results:
CREDIT (TOP 13% IN NZ/PACIFIC REGION) – **Paige Jones & Caitlin Montaperto-Wells.**
DISTINCTION (top4%) – **Alice Dravitzki .**
HIGH DISTINCTION (TOP1% - YES 1%) – **Georgia Jones.**
A fantastic achievement for all the students, well done.

A MORNING TEA FOR YOU – THIS THURSDAY 10.25AM

This Thursday, 28 November our Year 8 pupils will be hosting a **MORNING TEA** for **ALL PARENTS, COACHES, HELPERS** to say thank you for all you have done for our school this year. If you have coached a team, helped in the classroom, helped with swimming, sports, transport, etc – **THIS IS FOR YOU** and it is our way of saying that we appreciate all you do for us. See you Thursday at 10.25am.

END OF YEAR DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER:-

- 5 – Angel Whanau Fun Day
- 11 – School Prizegiving/Final Assemblies
Year 1-6 11am -12.00 in school hall (stay for lunch)
Year 7/8 – 7pm St Patrick's Church
- 16 – Student Final Reports Home
- 17 – Farewell School Mass 9.30am
St Patrick's Church
- 18 – Year 8 Leavers Dinner
- **19 – School Finishes 12:30 (No Afcare)**

YEAR 3 – 6 PADDER TENNIS CHAMPION

Our Year 3 – 6 Padder Tennis Champ is **Maximillian Hollands** who won a close final with Rosie Symes. A great game to watch!

OFF TO CAMP TUTIRA

Our St Joseph's Whanau (Year 5/6) head off to Tutira today for 4 days of activities, learning and co-operation. Thank you Kate, Kaehlah and Todd for your organisation and to the brave parents who are "parent helpers". Have a great time.

ADVENT – PREPARING FOR THE BIRTH OF JESUS

This Sunday 1 December is the first Sunday of Advent. You may be familiar with the Advent Wreath as a decoration, but it is FAR MORE than that.....

The Advent Wreath

The circular wreath composed of evergreens is a symbol of continuous and everlasting life.

The four candles in the wreath mark the waiting period leading up to Christmas. One additional candle is lit on each Sunday of Advent to remind us that Jesus brings light into the world.

The first, second and fourth candles are purple while the third is pink or rose – this candle is a sign that we are over the half-way point!

This is a Sunday for rejoicing – the wait is almost over!



SUPER SENIOR SWIMMERS!

A HUGE thank you to all the parents and whanau who came to watch the senior swimming sports last Friday. Some were even roped into "time keeping". Thank you also to the students for their participation, competitiveness and awesome behaviour on the day.



Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL