

SENIOR SYNDICATE NEWSLETTER – TERM ONE 2012

Dear Parents /Caregivers

We have had a wonderful start to the year in the Senior Syndicate. Thank you for sending your children to school so well prepared for the start of the year. The standard of dress is very high this year and the students are wearing their uniform with pride which is lovely to see. We have had a positive start to the year and are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable year with your children.

This first syndicate newsletter is to give you a brief outline of the events happening this term and also to inform you about some things happening later in the year which may need to be put into your diaries.

School Masses for Term One:

Our first school Mass is to be held at St Patrick's Church tomorrow at 9.30

St John's and Sacred Heart Masses will be represented by Mr Wypych and some senior students on Thursday and Friday. House Captains for the first half of the year will be announced at assembly this Friday.

St Patrick's Day Mass is to be held at school at 9.15 on Friday 16th March

Ash Wednesday Mass is to be held at school at 9.15 on Wednesday 22nd March

Outdoor Education Programmes:

Year 7 classes will take part in two activity days – the first being this Friday at Tutira and the second in the third term which will involve fishing and rockclimbing. The cost for the two events is \$50.00

Year 8 classes will take part in a city excursion to Wellington this year in Week 10 of Term 3. (Tuesday 18th-Friday 21st September) The cost for this camp will be \$150.00

In both cases the costs given are based on the assumption that fundraising will subsidise the activities as the actual cost would be much greater than the amount stated. We will hold a spellathon during this term and other fundraising activities will be encouraged throughout the year.

PE Programme for Term One

We will start our swimming programme on the 21st February. Swimming lessons take place at the Onekawa aquatic centre and the students are expected to take part in these. This year the programme will run on consecutive days from the 21st Feb – 2nd of March so we ask the children to bring their togs each day for the two week period. Swimming sports will be on the 2nd March from 10am – 12noon.

Athletics will follow on from the swimming and will be taken for the remainder of the term. We will hold the Athletic sports after our rotations on Wednesday 28th March.

TACS (Town and Country Schools) competitions take place each term. This term the Triathlon Competition will take place in Hastings on the 6th March. Children who are interested in entering this event will be given information to discuss with you early next week.

Parent/Teacher Interviews:

These will take place on the 26th and 27th March in Term One. This is a great opportunity to discuss how your child has settled in to the school year and share any information with their class teacher.

An interview slip will be given out closer to the date.

Term One Sports Teams:

We have two basketball teams and one cricket team playing this term. Thank you to the parents who have offered to assist in coaching and managing these teams.

Vinnies:

Ms Sutton and Mrs Lunnon will be working with some students to help others in the community. The Vinnies have had their first meeting already but children are still most welcome to join the group – see Ms Sutton if you have any queries.

Options and Languages:

This year we will be running an Options programme in Terms Two and Four – this is an opportunity for students to choose an area of interest and take part in that activity for a six week period. Some options might include baking, gardening, art, lifesaving etc. If you have an interest or skill in some area and would be willing to work with a group for an hour each Thursday afternoon please let teachers know as the more options available the better.

Languages will be taught in Terms Two and Three in classes on Thursday mornings. Rm 12 will be learning French, Rm 13 Spanish, Rm 16 German and Rm 17 Japanese.

There are many things that will arise in the course of the term and notices will be sent home but we hope this has given you a general overview of the term ahead. We look forward to working with you and your child throughout the year. Please feel free to contact us if you have anything you wish to discuss.

Thankyou

Yours truly

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Anne Sutton – Yr 7 Teacher SM16