

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL NAPIER

Welcome To 2016



3 February 2016

"In a Christian Way, We Learn today for tomorrow"

Dear Parents, Pupils, Parishioners,

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and exciting year. Our pupils looked great on their return. Neat in their uniforms, full of enthusiasm, smiling and excited. We have a very settled and happy school.

NEW TO ST PATRICK'S

We had 19 new pupils join us at the start of the year. A special welcome to you and your families. We look forward to getting to know you and trust that you will enjoy your years at St Patrick's. So welcome **Jacob Rennie, Alexis Burger, Oliver Storie, Brayden Meehan, Paige Coker, Isabella Shortall, Lachlan Burt, Darnell Campbell, Samantha Sullivan, Kea Radley-Lianne, Mark Zyzkowski, Laura Powell, Chloe Payne, Braxton Payne, Kaia Groner, Kyle Groner, Mckenzie Mintoft, Monaro Whaanga and Aaliyah Windybank-Blatch.**

WELCOMING ASSEMBLY –JOIN US

We have our first "School Assembly this **FRIDAY 5th at 9am** in the school hall, where **new pupils** will be welcomed. *You are most welcome to join us.*

SCHOOL 'WELCOME MASS' – NEXT THURSDAY

Thursday **11th February at 9.30am** in **St Patrick's Church** as we pray for the year ahead and celebrate the Catholic Character that makes St Patrick's School the special place that it is. Please join us in this celebration.

BELL TIMES

School begins at **8.45am** and ends **2.55pm**. Children are not to be in the classroom until the 8.20am bell (safety issue). Please don't arrive before **8am**. A 'clearing' bell rings at **3.15pm** (all children to leave school grounds promptly).

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS (WEEKLY) – KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH

EVERY TUESDAY (check that bag). This is our main FORM of communication; please keep newsletters for at least a week. (If you want yours **e-mailed**, please contact the school office 843 9238). - also available on our school website www.stpatsnapier.school.nz. Youngest child in each family receives a newsletter – **so check that bag.**

STATIONERY FOR 2016

Stationery packs were given to pupils yesterday. I hope you all appreciate these no-hassle packs to start to the year with, **EVERY CHILD** getting their **CORRECT** books and requirements. Stationery will be included in the school account which will be sent to you in late February. We would appreciate prompt payment - thank you. (Makes sense to set up an A.P)

COVERING BOOKS

Check out this website "ezcover.nz" if your child **"ABSOLUTELY HAS TO"** cover their exercise books and you are like me and find duraseal a challenge. P.S Exercise books **DO NOT** have to be covered – it's up to you.

PARENT /WHANAU PICNIC AND INFORMATION EVENING

A new format this year to "meet the teacher" and find out about your child's classroom, their expectations and a chance to ask questions. **THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 5.30 – 7.15PM.** Picnic / takeaway BYO dinner under the trees from 5.30 – 6.15. Classroom visits 6.15 – 7.15: **MORE INFORMATION IN NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER.**

CONGRATULATIONS To all pupils who were recognised at the end of year prizegivings in 2015.

Particular mention to **Camerin Boyes** (Year 7 General Excellence Cup) and **Courtney Beams** who was awarded the Father Tim Hannigan Jubilee Award.

In Year 8 **Abbie Zyskowski** was awarded the General Excellence Cup and **Anneliese Van Florenstein** was awarded the Blue Ribbon Cup for Academic Excellence.

Our Year 6 PTA Scholarship (\$100) recipients – **Mia Alizzi, Charlotte Clayton, Leonardo Taii, Matthew Gordon and Kara Flynn**, Principal's Scholarship (\$100) for a year 6 student was awarded to **Reid McGrath**.

Reiginier Scholarships are yet to be confirmed.

SUNHATS – FOR EVERYONE (BY TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY)

School Sunhats are **compulsory** for all pupils as part of our summer uniform. To show our commitment, we are selling them for **\$7.00** available from the school office. We are happy to subsidise the cost (total cost is \$13) of these so that **EVERY PUPIL** can afford to be "SUN SAFE". Pupils without school sunhats (caps not acceptable) will not be able to use the field or playground areas. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

ART DECO PICNIC

We plan to have an "Art Deco" picnic lunch at school on **Friday, 19th February**. More info next week – get that costume ready! Look around the home or contact friends – **you don't have to buy or hire a costume.**

PARKING AT SCHOOL – PLEASE BE AWARE!

Please **do not** use the **staff car park**, (near the school hall) for either parking or pedestrian use. We ask you to park along Riverbend Road and to use the pedestrian entrance near the main office block or near room A1. Thank you for your understanding and support. **AND - USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ALWAYS - THANK YOU.**

PTA – OUR FIRST MEETING NEXT WEEK IS FOR YOU

Our first meeting of 2016 will be held on **Tuesday 9th February, 7.30pm** in the Staff room. 2016 should be a wonderful year for **YOUR CHILDREN** and we look forward to your support this year. Come along and join us at our first meeting – a good way to get to know a great group of enthusiastic people – **JUNIOR SYNDICATE PARENTS – WE NEED YOU!**

BUS RUN – TAMATEA / TARADALE

Our Tamatea / Taradale bus runs are operated by Metro and are shared with Sacred Heart College. Phone Metro to enquire about the bus route (835 0590). We have been able to keep prices the same for the last 3 years as we subsidize about 50% of this cost. Term Pass is \$80, 20 ride pass is \$30 and a single trip ticket is \$2.

These can be purchased from the school office. From next week, pupils who do not have a pass/ticket will not be able to use the bus. (Family concession available for three or more, ask at the office).

CONTACTING TEACHERS

Please make an appointment to see the teacher if you need to discuss anything in depth. **Teachers are not available for phone calls during class time, but a message can always be passed on from the office.** Children can be contacted or contact you (with permission from a teacher) through the school office.

* **CELLPHONES ARE NOT PERMITTED** unless they are held by the classroom teacher or at the office during the school day.

ABSENCES / LATENESS

Please phone 843.9238 or text (027.750.7813) the school in the morning **before 9.00am** if your child is absent from school. We expect children who are late to **report to the office before they go to their classroom.** Unexplained absences are followed up to the best of our ability.

SOCIAL SKILL FOR FEBRUARY

Each month the school will focus on a Social skill that is intended to develop Christian values. This skill can be practised at home as well as at school. **February Focus: - SPEAKING WITH GENTLENESS.** How do we speak to each other? Do we use people's proper names? Is our language appropriate? Do we greet people in a friendly manner? So a good way for everyone to start this skill is to say GOOD MORNING / TALOFA / KIA ORA – to everyone they see³ when they arrive at school.

PUPIL INFORMATION SHEET - (BLUE)

These have been issued to every pupil this week. **Please return A.S.A.P.** – it is vitally important in case of emergency, that we have your current details. All forms returned by **Friday 12th February.** P.S There is one form PER CHILD.

OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have one and we expect children to wear it properly and proudly **to and from** school, as well as **at** school. Sun hats (school regulation) are compulsory wearing in summer. Footwear on! **Please NAME EVERY ITEM.** Lost Property is in each classroom block – ask any staff member.

WEEKLY QUIZ (Just to keep you reading the newsletter to the end). Easy to work out it (if you know the answer) - which will be in next weeks newsletter.

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ (Easy start to 2016)



FINALLY

*It's great to be back – look forward to meeting you all and getting to know all our pupils.
Have a great year.*

Regards and blessings to you all.

**Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL**

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2016	
TERM 1	- Tuesday 2nd February – Friday 15th April Easter Break 25th – 29th March (5 days)
TERM 2	- Monday 2nd May – Friday 8th July
TERM 3	- Monday 25th July – Friday 23rd September
TERM 4	- Monday 10th October – Friday 16th December