



# Senior Syndicate News

## Term 2, 2016



Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Welcome back to school after an enjoyable term break. As you will find out after reading this letter, we have a busy term ahead with a number of exciting opportunities for your children.

### Useful dates for Term one

*Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February:* Welcome Mass (9:30am St Patrick's Parish).

*Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February:* First Technology Session (Tamatea Intermediate).

*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February:* Art Deco Picnic (12:00 pm School field).

*Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February:* Year Seven activity day (All day, Stoney Creek Ranch).

*Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February:* Parent/ Whanau evening (7pm School Hall).

*Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March:* TACS Triathlon (All day, Windsor Park Hastings).

*Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March:* St Patrick's Day (School fun day TBC).

*Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>-Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March:* Learning conferences (Your child's classroom).

TBC: Swimming Sports

TBC: Athletics

### Te Marae

Last week we had an extremely successful overnight stay at Pukemokimoki Marae. As the Kaumatua put it during our welcome; **This is your Marae**. And indeed it was. We participated in a number of exciting activities after a fleeting night's sleep! Activities included; Flax weaving, Waiata, Sketching, Poi, Haka, Learning the history of Pukemokimoki and breadmaking. A special thank you to Mrs Webb for her organisation and planning.

### Curriculum

**Numeracy** The Year Seven group is currently looking at subtraction strategies and the Year Eights are starting a measurement study. Coming home soon will be an enlargement activity to be completed as part of home learning. The top 10% will be sent to the regional Mathematics Competition.

### Literacy/ Inquiry

Our Literacy programme will be based around our current #NZReadaloud book, Phantom of Terawhiti by Des Hunt. #NZreadaloud is a 'connected literacy' initiative that began in 2015. The goal was simple: One Book to Connect Kiwi Kids across Aotearoa. The focus is on New Zealand authors writing stories in New Zealand settings. Parents are most welcome to pop in during Literacy sessions to see what #NZReadaloud is all about.

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## Religious Education

We begin the term looking at Pentecost. We will then cover the Holy Spirit strand.

## P.E

We begin the term with Soccer. We are lucky enough to receive our training through a Hawke's Bay United soccer skills in schools initiative. Later in the term we are focussing on fitness and ball skills.

## Sports teams

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

**Natball:** Played Thursday Afternoons at either Onekawa Courts or the Hawkes Bay Sports Park.

**Hockey:** TBC

## Syndicate Happenings

We use a number of digital platforms in our syndicate to communicate messages, celebrate successes and to generally keep family/ whanau up to date with what we are doing. These platforms are outlined below;

### Twitter



Twitter is a great way of sending a quick message or link to parents, often directly to their phones as a text message. To receive these messages, text follow stpats seniors to 8987. This is a free service.

**Note:** Vodafone does not support this service.

### Facebook



We are relatively new to Facebook. We have had good feedback so far about our page. To like our page, you will need to search for St Patrick's School Seniors – Napier. Please like and share our page if you have Facebook.

**Note:** Comments need to be approved before they appear on the page.

### School Website

All pictures of recent events are uploaded to the Senior Syndicate section of our website. Not sure how to get there? Scan the QR code .

**Note:** You will need to download the QR scanner app (also free).



Regards and Blessings

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