



# Senior Syndicate News

## Term 3, 2016



Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Welcome back to school after what was a mild winter 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.

### Spell-a-thon

You will have noticed that our Seniors are currently working on a spell-a-thon to help raise money for our Year Eight Camp and our Year Seven outdoor education days. We encourage all students to engage in this spell-a-thon and gather sponsors as it will directly benefit them. Sheets and lists have been distributed and we will test students on Friday (19<sup>th</sup> August) in week four. The spell-a-thon is not intended as another bill for our families. We have encouraged our seniors to branch out and seek sponsorship from the wider community. This could include; direct neighbours, extended family, family friends, parishioners etc. We have not set a minimum amount we would like raised, but we have challenged our seniors to seek out at least 8 sponsors each.

### Gala

With the Gala in mind, this year our Syndicate has volunteered to continue with the Tombola. We would very much appreciate the donation of a bottle or jar from each family in our syndicate. Donations could include; Jam, pickles, chutney, gherkins, cooking sauces, shampoo, bubble bath etc. Our intention is to match each ticket sold with a prize. All funds are raised on behalf of the PTA and will go towards projects that will directly benefit your children.

### Camp / Activity Day

Our Year Eights head off to Wellington in week eight this term for the whole week (12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> September). We look forward to hearing about life in our nation's capital. Our Year 7 teachers are in the process of planning an exciting activity day for Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September. More details to come.

### Sport

Netball teams resumed competitions last week and as usual we were proud of the way they conducted themselves at the sports grounds. We wish the four netball teams the best for the season. Also we would like to acknowledge the dedication of the coaches for each team. Your commitment is much appreciated.

## TACS

Tuesday this week (2<sup>nd</sup> August) 62 of our seniors caught the bus over to Woodford House for a TaCS (Town and Country Schools) Inter-intermediate Soccer Tournament. It was a great opportunity for our Seniors to meet and compete with intermediate students from across the region.

## Cross Country

We are currently training for our Senior Cross Country (Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September). This is a great opportunity to improve our fitness and set achievable goals. Our Seniors need to bring their correct P.E uniform and sensible running shoes on training days (usually Tuesdays and Thursdays). The top runners from each year group will represent our school at the TaCS Cross Country to be held at Puketapu School in week 8 (a genuine cross country held on farmland out the back of the school. More details to come).

**Note: Cross Country running is a compulsory part of the P.E Curriculum. We expect all students to be prepared and take part. Please refrain from writing a note to excuse your child unless there is a legitimate reason for doing so.**

## Mass

The senior syndicate will be celebrating Mass at School on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of August at 9:00am. Your attendance would be much appreciated as we are only able to do this together once a term.

## Keep up to date

Any special events or memorable moments are being shared to our Senior Facebook page. To like our page, you will need to search for St Patrick's School Seniors - Napier.

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



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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