



1<sup>st</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents, Pupils, Parishioners,

*Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and exciting year. Our pupils looked great on their return yesterday, 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 35 new pupils join us at the start of the year, and all looked to have settled in beautifully. 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 **Anna Leang-Kry, Esther Reagan, Kepa Symes, Helena Hutchinson, Jackson Windybank-Blatch, Blayze Truman, Isobelle Christie, Bela & Zoe Prasad, Devon Williams, Sam Wall, Lauren Wilson, Charlotte McKenzie, Reese McKinley-Rhodes, Ella Brassington, Cailin Marlow, Lily Doolan, Vincent Jones, Isabella Briggs, Emilie White, Emelie Kane, Anna Mildon, Kyra Tawhai, Jesse & Blake Proudfoot, Elsie-Jane Keil, Lucian Roebuck, Dakota & Fletcher Seymour, Nevaeh Durston, Estelle Eraya, Lily & Kate O'Sullivan, Javier Aparicio-Pierard & Poppy Fazackerley.**

We have our first "School Assembly this **FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am** in the school hall, where **new pupils** will be welcomed.

*You are most welcome to join us.*

### **WELCOME ALSO TO...**

We Welcome Miss Meredith Ellingham to our staff. Meredith joins us from Hereworth School and will be leading our Senior (Intermediate) syndicate and will be teaching a year 8 class in M8. We are delighted to have such an enthusiastic and talented teacher join our Whanau.

### **SCHOOL 'WELCOME MASS' – NEXT THURSDAY**

Thursday **9<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am** 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](http://www.stpatsnapier.school.nz). and our **Facebook Page** .St Patrick's School – Napier (please follow us.)

Youngest child in each family receives a newsletter – **so check that bag.**

### **STATIONERY FOR 2017**

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 it 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 2017.

Particular mention to **Lilly Burt** (Year 7 General Excellence Cup) and **Maggie Hare** who was awarded the Father Tim Hannigan Jubilee Award.

In Year 8 **Jonty Munns** was awarded the General Excellence Cup and **Camerin Boyes** was awarded the Blue Ribbon Cup for Academic Excellence.

Our Year 6 PTA Scholarship (\$100) recipients – **Ila Muagututia, Isabella Grant, Georgia Dallas, Hunter Kinney, Aliyah King**, Principal's Scholarship (\$100) for a year 6 student was awarded to **Avahlon Te Tau**

Reiginier Scholarships are **Reese McKinley-Rhodes, Lily Doolan, Anna Mildon.**

Two new Year 8 awards "The Betty Crawford Scholarships" were introduced in 2016, each valued at \$750. Betty was a Parishioner of Thomas More and left this money in a trust to be awarded to 2 students from St Patrick's School each year. The students in 2016 were **Joe Mooney** and **Lydia Healey.**

•"The best part of learning is sharing what you know."  
— **Vaughn K. Lauer**

## **SUNHATS – FOR EVERYONE (BY TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> 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, 17<sup>th</sup> 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 2017 will be held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm** in the Staff room. 2017 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 **5 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 see when they arrive at school.

## **PUPIL INFORMATION SHEET - (YELLOW)**

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 17th 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.

## **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 2017**

<b>TERM 1</b>	-	<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>TERM 2</b>	-	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 7th July</b>
<b>TERM 3</b>	-	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>TERM 4</b>	-	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>

*“In a Christian Way, We Learn today for tomorrow”*

