

7 February 2017

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“Your WORDS carry amazing power. So when you speak, make sure you **uplift** someone and not put them down.”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

One week in and all is going smoothly at school. A great atmosphere with everyone working hard and smiling. We are proud of our students.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Salter family. Ces Simpson, Nanna to Angus, Freddie and Laila (Adriennes mum) passed away last week. Ces had a great association with St Patrick's. she worked in the office for many years and I had the pleasure of working with her for a number of those. Our love to Mick and the family.

Also we remember Lorraine Levy's mother who passed away recently. She was a much loved mother and grandmother. May they both rest in peace.

RARANGA – ART OF WEAVING



This term our whole school focus is called '**Raranga**'. Raranga means 'the art of weaving' and it relates well to how we have all come together from different cultures and backgrounds to make one school. We will be learning about how we are all connected to our families, our school, our community and our world. Some of the exciting things we will be doing as a school include a school wide arts rotation, and a shared lunch to celebrate food from different cultures. We would love it if you have something special from your culture/family that you would like to share with your child's class.

SCHOOL WELCOME MASS – THIS THURSDAY

Join us **THIS THURSDAY, 9th February** at **9.30** in **ST PATRICK'S CHURCH** as we pray for the year ahead and celebrate the Catholic Character that is St Patrick's School.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR FEBRUARY

Each month the school will focus on a Value that is intended to develop our pupils. This 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 practise this skill is to say GOOD MORNING / TALOFA / KIA ORA – to everyone they see when they arrive at school.

ART DECO PICNIC – NEXT FRIDAY

Join us next Friday **17th February** at **12.30** under the trees near the Junior Rooms and picnic with your children. Wear your "Art Deco" clothes to school (we would like all children to make an effort. Something made at home will be great). Parents, grandparents etc most welcome, bring a picnic and blanket. (If it rains – we will "picnic" in our classrooms). All pupils must wear a hat (school sunhat will do!)



PTA – OUR FIRST MEETING NEXT WEEK IS FOR YOU

Our first meeting of 2017 will be held on **Tuesday 14th 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 AND NEW FAMILIES – WE NEED YOU!**

HAVE YOUR SAY – WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT

The Board of Trustees will be reviewing the following POLICIES and the SCHOOL CHARTER by **1 March**. They are both available for you to view in the office foyer.

POLICIES REVIEWED: Special Character, Financial Management, Property Management, Theft and Fraud Prevention, Sensitive Expenditure.

LUNCH ON LINE (2 DAYS A WEEK)

The school "lunch-on-line" service is available for our families every Wednesday and Friday (delivered to school). For more information or to open an acc

www.lunchonline.co.nz.



PARENT /WHANAU PICNIC AND INFORMATION EVENING

A new format to "meet the teacher" and find out about your child's classroom, their expectations and a chance to ask questions. **THURSDAY 23rd 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.

GOOD LUCK CRICKETERS

We have 3 cricket teams from Year 3 – 8 playing next weekend for St Patrick's School. Thank you coaches and parents for your support. Enjoy your games, play well.

UP THE CREEK – NO PADDLE?

On Friday our Year 7 students bus to Stoney Creek in Maraekakaho for a fun activity/ team building day. A great way to get to know and trust your classmates.

TERM ONE DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

9 – Welcome Mass @ St Patrick's Church 9.30am
10 – Year 7 Activity Day – Stoney Creek
13 – Year 7/8 Technology starts – Tamatea
14 – PTA Meeting 7.30pm
15 – Weetbix Tryathlon
16 – Middle Synd – Botanical Garden walk
17 – Art Deco Picnic 12.30
23 – Parent/Whanau Picnic & Information Evening 5.30pm

MARCH

1 – Ash Wednesday
2 – Evacuation Drill (Fire)
7 – Senior Swimming Sports
17 – ST PATRICK'S DAY celebrations
23 – Junior Synd Athletics 11-12.30
27/28 – Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
28 – Middle Synd Athletics
30 – Whanau Meeting 5.30pm

APRIL

7 – Senior Syndicate Athletics
12 – Fanau Meeting 5.30pm
13 – HOLY THURSDAY / END OF TERM ONE

Regards & Blessings

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