

14 February 2017

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“Always speak the truth, so that you can get the right advice.”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Cudby family, who lost a cherished greatgrandmother early this week. May she rest in peace.

ART DECO PICNIC – THIS FRIDAY

Join us this 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 MEETING TONIGHT

Our first meeting of 2017 is **tonight, 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!**

KAPA HAKA AT ST PATRICK’S – KA MAU TE WEHE!

A number of students across the school will be involved in Kapa Haka starting this week. Thank you once again to Dean and Tina for sharing their passion and skills with our tamariki.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR FEBRUARY

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.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

We have 50 students competing in Hastings tomorrow. Good luck and enjoy this amazing event. Thank you to Sam Weber and all parents for your organization and support.



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.

MEET THE TEACHER / FAMILY PICNIC EVENING – NEXT THURSDAY

A chance to meet your child’s classroom teacher and discuss with them the year ahead...homework, class rules etc. We invite you to bring a picnic/takeaway meal and a blanket from **5.30pm (on Thursday 23 February)** and join other families. **From 6.15pm** (a bell will ring) **until 7.15pm** you will be able to visit teachers in their classrooms. You can bring your children to the classroom or leave them to play on the playgrounds where they will be supervised (peace and quiet for you?) We would love to have a **100% turnout** as **your child’s** education is a special gift.

CARMEN – LIKE NEVER BEFORE

We have a number of pupils who are in the opera “Carmen” this week. An amazing opportunity with many, many hours of practises and hard work since last October. This week it all comes together in the Municipal Theatre under the guidance of Anna & Jose. We wish you all the best – **Leini, Darnell, Oscar, Georgia, Pippa, Geovanna, Katie, Corey, Rebecca, Chloe, Symphony, Kia, Nikau, Mollie, Eva-Maria, Amelie and Monique.**

WHATS IN A SCHOOL LUNCH?

Lunch and playlunch is important to your child and **HEALTHY** food **HELPS THEM LEARN**. Sandwiches, wraps, fruit, yoghurt, water... are good to go (BRAIN FOOD). Please ensure your child has enough food for the day and **IMPORTANTLY**, food that they will **EAT!** **LOLLIES, CHOCOLATE, SOFT DRINKS, ENERGY DRINKS** etc....**ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THIS SCHOOL.** (We sometimes use these as a “SPECIAL” treat). **THANK YOU** – we will keep an eye on lunches.



WRITING FOR THE FUTURE

Miss Ellingham’s Year 8 class wrote about themselves and their hopes for 2017.... Here is Leonardo’s letter.

I am writing this letter to you so you know more about me and who I am. Hi, my name is Leonardo Taii, I am 12 years of age and my birthday is on the 17th of January. I live in a family of 5 and I am the middle child, my older sister goes to Sacred Heart College and my little sister goes to kindergarten while my Mum and Dad go to work.

Both my Mum and Dad were born in Samoa while both my sisters and I were born in New Zealand. My favourite subjects at school are spelling, maths, art, reading and other subjects. The things I like to do when I’m in my spare time is playing video games, climbing trees, playing outside, doing chores (when I’m bored) and other things. My favourite sports I like to play are tackle rugby, soccer, sometimes cricket, basketball and baseball.

My hopes for this year is getting something at the end of year prizegiving because I will make my family proud of me but I will also make myself proud. The thing I am aiming for is the General Excellence Cup awarded to the Year 8 who works hard in their school work. What I want to do when I’m older is make it into university, study engineering and then be an engineer so I can make my own car.

Yours Sincerely Leonardo Taii

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL