



Senior Syndicate News

Term 2, 2017

St Patrick's Seniors; The opportunity to do more



Tena koutou katoa,

We have had a great start to what is going to be another busy term at Saint Patrick's School with a number of exciting opportunities for your children. We look forward to working with you to ensure that your children make the most of the new experiences that lie ahead.

Term Two Dates-

Thursday 9th May- Year 7 and 8 basketball starts.

Wednesday 10th May- Year 7 and 8 Caritas Challenge Day-Move it and Sweat it Challenges.

Wednesday 10th May:- Netball grading games start.

Friday 12th May- HB Lit Quiz

Monday 15th May- House Captains to National Leaders day Palmerston North.

Tuesday 16th May:- Year 7 and 8 Dance Festival-Napier Intermediate.

Tuesday 23rd May- ICAS Digital Technologies Exam.

Thursday 25th May:- Year 7 Open Evening.

Tuesday 30th May- ICAS Science Exam

Wednesday 31st May:- Baptism parent meeting.

Thursday 1 June- Samoan Independence Day.

Monday 5th June- Queen's Birthday-school closed.

Wednesday 7th June- Senior syndicate Speech Final

Thursday 8th June- Year 8 students at St John's and Sacred Heart for day.

Tuesday 13th June- ICAS Writing Exam.

Wednesday 14th June- ICAS Spelling Exam.

Friday 16th June- TACS Speech competition.

Monday 19th-Friday 23rd June- Year 8 Cycling Week

Friday 23rd June- TACS Netball

Monday 26th-30th June- Matariki Week

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Tuesday 27th June- Year 7 Athletics

Wednesday 28th June- Year 8 Athletics

Inquiry-Term Focus

Our inquiry focus for learning this term is based on the concept of "Communication"-Korero. We will discover and take part in learning activities that demonstrate how communication plays an integral part in learning. Last week we started New Zealand Sign Week with Catherine Hollands sharing her knowledge and expertise of sign language with the Senior School classes. Literacy-Speeches, Maths-statistics/investigations, Science-how does a scientist communicate ideas? RE-Caritas Challenge, PE and Te reo Maori-Matariki are just a few learning areas we will be focusing on.

Technology

Technology sessions continue at Tamatea Intermediate on Mondays (10am-12:30pm.) The children are enjoying developing and sharing their technological understanding in **Food Technology, Visual Art, Multi-Materials, Fabric Technology and Metal Technology.**

Literacy/ Inquiry

Our Literacy programme will be based around our current Inquiry concept "Communication". We plan to look at written and oral language-persuasive and informative speeches as part of this and responses to text-justifying opinions/ideas.

Speeches

All children will write and present either a persuasive or informative speech to their class.-week 5. From here a class finalist will be found for the syndicate final-week 6. This final will decide our finalist for the TAC Speech Competition in Week 7.

Maths

For Numeracy, each teacher will be focusing on the needs of the students in their class, covering different strands specific to their year group. Many students are completing a statistical investigation and communicating their findings on an issue. All students are completing an enlargement drawing.

Religious Education

We began the term looking at Easter. This week, we will start to learn about The Holy Spirit and how it is present in the Old and New Testaments.

Physical Education

We began the term with a syndicate rotation in the fundamental skills of throwing, catching, passing and striking through hockey, netball, soccer and touch rugby. All classes will have 4 sessions with each teacher looking at these fundamental skills. Week 8 is Safe Cycling for Year 8's and Week 9 for year 7's. PE sessions are on a Tuesday and a Thursday. ALL students need their PE uniform for these two days please.

Sports

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

Netball: Played Wednesday afternoons at the Onekawa Courts or the Regional Sports Park (Jodie Webb teacher co ordinator)

Hockey: Played Friday afternoons at Park Island (Sam Webber teacher coordinator)

Club Rugby: Played Saturday morning at various locations in Hawkes Bay.

Basketball: Played at the PGA on Thursdays. (Karina Campbell-teacher coordinator)

Thank you to all of our coaches/ volunteers for giving up your time and expertise, you are very much appreciated.

Camp-Year 8 Wellington Camp

The Year 8 fundraising campaign got off to a great start last week with a sausage sizzle. Thanks to Michelle Start and Sharyn Loftus for helping with this. This is one of many fundraising initiatives for the next two terms. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our Year 8 students meet their fundraising goal. If you are able to help with our fundraising in any way please let us know.

Lost property

We have quite a lot of lost property that has accumulated since the beginning of the school year that has not been claimed. If your child is missing an item/s of clothing please tell them to check or even better come and have a look yourself in the container located in M7/M8 Break out room. We ask that ALL items of clothing (including shoes and socks are **named** clearly)

Thank you for your continued support with class and school learning programmes and activities. 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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Kaehler Dawson (M7)

Karina Campbell (M6)

Jodie Webb (M5)

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