



# Senior Syndicate News

## Term 3, 2017



Tena Koutou Parents/ Caregivers,

Welcome to week 3 of term 3 already! We have just finished a successful two nights of parent/learner conferences and I know the children were excited and proud about sharing their learning with you. As you will find out after reading this panui, we have already launched into another busy term with a number of exciting opportunities on offer for your child/children.

### Science Fair

As outlined in a separate newsletter home at the beginning of this term all Science Fair/Technology projects are due Tuesday 25th August week 5. Students have been busy in class and at home "Thinking like Scientists ( Our Term 3 focus) questioning, sharing ideas, hypothesising, experimenting, observing and analysing. We are looking forward to the students sharing their projects with a syndicate display in week 7.

### 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 our seniors. Sheets and lists have been distributed and we will test students on Wednesday (23rd August) in week 5. 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 annual school gala fast approaching, this year our syndicate has volunteered to continue with the Tombola. We would very much appreciate the donation of a bottle or jar (filled with goodies) from each family in our syndicate. Donations could include; Jam, pickles, chutney, gherkins, cooking sauces, shampoo, bubble bath (no dated goods please etc.) presented in a cool and funky style. Our intention is to match each ticket sold with a prize. All funds are raised on behalf of the PTA and will go towards upgrading our hall projector system and updating of our school uniforms. Weekly newsletters are coming home regarding the gala organisation.

### Camp

Our Year Eights head off to Wellington in week ten this term for the whole week (25th-29th September). They have a week jammed packed of amazing experiences and we look forward to hearing all about life in our nation's capital on their return.

### Sport

Netball, basketball and hockey teams resumed competitions this term and as usual we were proud of the way they conducted themselves in play. Also we would like to acknowledge the dedication of the coaches for each team. Your commitment is much appreciated.

## **TACS**

Last Tuesday (1st August) 60 of our seniors bused 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.

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August (week 6) there will be a TaCS Hockey tournament at Park Island. More details to follow.

## **Cross Country**

We are currently training for our Senior Cross Country (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September). This is a great opportunity to improve our fitness and set achievable goals. We have set up a "Run the country" programme where at each training session the students keep track of the kilometres that they run and track the distance on a map of New Zealand. Our Seniors need to bring their correct P.E uniform and sensible running shoes on training days (usually Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays). The top runners from each year group will represent our school at the TaCS Cross Country to be held at Puketapu School on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September (a genuine cross country held on farmland out the back of the school).

## **Supporting Sacred Heart School P.E Leadership Opportunity for Year 12's**

Year 7 students have been given a fantastic opportunity to work alongside the senior students from Sacred Heart College as part of their P.E leadership. This started in week 3 and ends week 5.

## **Futsal**

Sport Hawke's Bay have a qualified futsal instructor giving our middles and seniors the opportunity to experience this popular sport. This has been happening on a Thursday and a Friday until the end of week 5.

## **Languages**

Our Term 3 languages programme has started already with students learning either Japanese, German, French or Spanish at a beginners level one. These sessions are proving very popular and will run each week for 45 minutes until the end of week 9.

## **Mass**

The senior syndicate will be celebrating Mass at St Thomas More Parish on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 9:30am. Your attendance would be much appreciated as we are only able to do this together once a term.

## **Religious Education**

The strands we will be covering in RE this term are the Sacrament and Church strands.

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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