

31 January 2018



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 new uniforms, full of enthusiasm, smiling and excited. We have a very settled and happy school

NEW TO ST PATRICK'S

We had **29 new** pupils join us yesterday, 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 as St Patrick's. So welcome to **Olivia O'Shaughnessy, Noah Groome, Esther Jardine, Lucy Story, Angelina Glass, Campbell Thompson, Demi Walker, Lily Barnett, Althea Lagudoa, Kian Forgie, Pyper Story, Eden Maxwell, Rianna Boyle, Isaac Palmer, Malakai Lyford, Maz Taylor, Baxter Smith, Campbell Rodger, James Brady-Carter, Abby Miller, Leone Chawasarira, Chris Robin, Raphael Lafaele, Harper Booth, Grace Reed, Kuper Mintoft, Alivia O'Shea, Milo & Kane Sendjaja.**

We have our first School Assembly this **Friday 2nd at 9 am** in the school hall where **new pupils** will be welcomed.

SCHOOL INFORMATION



BELL TIMES

School begins at 8.45 am and ends 2.55pm. Children are not to be in the classroom until the 8.20 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 the newsletter for a least a week. (if you would like yours emailed please contact the school office 843 9238 /or email admin@stpatnapier.school.nz The newsletter is also available on our school website www.stpatnapier.school.nz and through our school app and facebook page. By downloading our school app and following our facebook you will be kept up to date with important notices and sharing of school life.

The youngest child in each family receives a newsletter – so check that bag.

STATIONERY FOR 2018

Stationery packs were given to pupils yesterday. I hope you all appreciate these no hassle packs to start the year with. Stationery will be included in the school account which will be sent to you in late February. We would appreciate **prompt payment** – thank you.

OUR BRAND NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM - We expect children to wear it properly and proudly **to** and **from** school as well as at school

SUNHATS – FOR EVERYONE (BY WEDNESDAY THE 7TH FEBURARY)

School Sunhats are compulsory for all pupils as part of our summer uniform. These are available from the school office- **\$10.00**. We have a **"NO HAT-NO PLAY"** policy. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

CONTACTING TEACHERS

If you need to contact your child's teacher the best way to do this is by email, (email addresses are available on our website or you can do this through our school app.

Teachers are not available for phone calls during class time.

Children can be contacted or contact you with permission from a teacher through the school office.

If your child needs to bring a cell phone to school they must be **held** by the **classroom teacher** or **office** during the school day.

ABSENCES / LATENESS

If your child is absent from school please phone **843 9238** or text **027 4507813** or email through our **school app** before **9.am**. Unexplained absences are followed up to the best of our ability. Children who are **late** are to report to the office before they go to their classroom.

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 office block. **Please do not park on the yellow lines**

NEVER FORGET TO ALWAYS USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

BUS RUN – TAMATEA / TARADALE

Our Tamatea / Taradale bus runs are operated by Metro and are shared with Scared Heart College. Please phone Metro to enquire about the bus route (835 0590). The cost of our Term pass is **\$80** , 20 ride pass is **\$30** and a single trip ticket is **\$2** these tickets can be purchased from the school office

PUPIL INFORMATION SHEETS (BLUE)

These sheets were given out to pupils yesterday **PLEASE RETURN ASAP** - it is **vitaly important** in case of emergency that we have your current details. **Please return by Friday the 9th February** (First class to do so wins a PRIZE)

SOCIAL SKILL

Each month the school will focus on a Social Skill that is intended to develop Christian values.

February Focus – SPEAKING WITH GENTLENESS? A good way for everyone to start this skill is to say GOOD MORNING / TALOFA/ KIA ORA. Speak with kind words, and they will come back to you.

What's Happening

UP COMING EVENTS

ART DECO PICNIC

We plan to have an "Art Deco" picnic lunch at school on **Friday 16th February**. More info next week – get that costume ready. **We don't expect parents /caregivers to buy or hire a costumes for children,**

SCHOOL WELCOME MASS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday 21st February at 9.15 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.

TERM DATES FOR 2018

TERM 1 - Tuesday 30 January - Friday 13th April

TERM 2 - Monday 30th April - Friday 6th July

TERM 3 - Monday 23rd July - Friday 28th September

TERM 4 - MONDAY 15TH October – Friday 14th December

PLEASE NOTE Easter break is **Friday the 30th March to Tuesday the 3rd April (5days)**

CONGRATULATIONS

To all pupils who were recognised at the end of the year prizegiving's in 2017

Particular mention to **Saoirse Kenny** (Year 7 General Excellence Cup) and **Ila Muagututia** who was awarded the Father Tim Hannigan Jubilee Award.

In Year 8 **Oscar Cooper** was awarded the General Excellence Cup and **Lilly Burt** was awarded the Blue Ribbon Cup for Academic Excellence.

Our Year 6 PTA Scholarship (\$100) recipients **Teuila Apineru, Finn Dobbs, Saxon Rackley, Patrick Mauga** and **Makaela Fisher**.

Principal's Scholarship (\$100) for year 6 student was awarded to **Mollie Wakely**.

The Betty Crawford Scholarships were introduced in 2016 each valued at \$750. These were awarded to two of our Year 8 students, **Jacqueline Matauli** and **Leonardo Taii**.

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

Imagine
with all
your mind.
Believe
with all
your heart.
Achieve
with all
your might.