

7 February 2018

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Nga mihi o te wa kia koe me te whanau.
(Greetings to you and your family)

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

OUR LATEST TAONGA (TREASURE)

We welcome **Luca Rumble** and his family to St Patrick's School. (Another generation!) He looks to have settled in well and we hope he enjoys learning and making life-long friends.

CAREERS INFORMATION

A group of our Year 8 students visited EIT today to sample a range of career opportunities and options for their future. Thank you to our wonderful parents who supplied transport and supervision.

ART DECO PICNIC – NEXT FRIDAY

Join us next Friday **16th 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!)

PLENTY OF SPORT

Term one options for Year 1 – 8 were sent out last Friday on our "school app" (have you downloaded it Yet?) **Hockey, Netball, T.Ball, Basketball, Volleyball** and **Cricket** are some of the sports available for different year groups. Pupils will have been informed by now and notices sent home.

MUSIC LESSONS AT ST PATRICK'S

30 minute lessons are available once a week at school for ukulele, guitar, drums, piano or singing. Tutors are highly qualified professionals and active musicians. Costs are **\$16.50** in a small group or **\$35** individual lessons. Register online at www.napiermusicacademy.co.nz or call 021 868 051.



YEAR 7/8 TECHNOLOGY AT TAMATEA

Technology lessons start for Year 7/8 students on **MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY**. All students **MUST** wear covered in **SCHOOL SHOES** for safety. No shoes – no go! Students leave by bus at 9.40am and return at 12.30.

SEAWEEK – AQUARIUM STAFF VISIT

Our Middle Syndicate (Year 3-6) are to be visited by staff from the Aquarium tomorrow (Thursday) morning to discover more about our planet, the seas, oceans and how we, as kaitiaki (guardians) can help keep them healthy.

PARENT / WHANAU MEET THE TEACHER EVENING – 22 FEBRUARY

A 'new' short format (5.30-6.15pm) on **THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY** to meet your child's teacher (teachers) and find out about your child's classroom, their expectations and a chance to ask questions. (You will also meet other parents).

Two sessions (**5.30 – 5.50** and **5.55 – 6.15**) in case you have more than one child at school. We would love to see you there. Your child is most welcome to come.

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 available for you to view in the office foyer.

POLICIES REVIEWED: Community Partnership, Equal Employment.

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.



TERM ONE DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

8 – Aquarium Visitors (Y3-6)
12 – Y7/8 Technology Starts
14 – Ash Wednesday Liturgy 11.30
14 – Weetbix Tryathlon
16 – Art Deco Picnic 12.30pm
21- School Welcome Mass (St Patricks Church) 9.30am
22 – Meet the teacher evening (5.30-6.15pm)

APRIL

4 – Back to school today
6 – Senior Lit Quiz
12 – Senior Swimming Sports
13 – LAST DAY OF TERM ONE

MARCH

2 – Senior Athletics 10am
6 –TACs Triathlon
14 – Hiwi the Kiwi Show
16 – St Patrick's Day celebrations
21 – Junior Athletics 11.30am
23 – Middle Athletics 9.45am
29 – Holy Week Liturgy
30 – GOOD FRIDAY

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL