

20 February 2018

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,

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Alice Grant**, a Year 6 student who is mature, responsible and shows a ready willingness to help and support others. She is one of those wonderful people who uses her initiative.

SCHOOL WELCOME MASS – TOMORROW

Join us tomorrow (**Wednesday 21st**) at **9.30am** in St Patrick’s Church as we celebrate our Beginning of Year School Mass and pray for the year ahead.

PARENT / WHANAU MEET THE TEACHER EVENING – THIS THURSDAY

A ‘new’ short format (5.30-6.15pm) **THIS 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.

MUFTI DAY THIS FRIDAY (GOLD COIN)

Students are able to wear mufti **this Friday (costs a gold coin)** if they wish to help raise funds to send to Samoa following the devastation caused by cyclone Gita. Many of our **school families** were affected and we can help by sending funds to help rebuild their communities and lives. **THANK YOU AND FA’FETAI** for your generosity.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE – THIS THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY

An easy lunch and good value too!

Raising funds for our Year 7/8 Camp to Rotorua in May.

\$1.50 a sausage. Please bring money / order to your class teacher by 9am Thursday 22nd February.

SCHOOL LEADERS 2018

After much consultation, consideration and application I am delighted to announce our 2018 School Leaders.

HOUSE CAPTAINS ARE:

Aubert: **Victoria Thompson & Hunter Kinney**
Barbier: **Amelie Van Florenstein & Blake Gibson**
Forest: **Aliyah King & Cramer Hannan**
Marcellin: **Leini Briggs & Vincent Vo**
BUS PREFECTS ARE: **Tiare Reti & Emily Kane**

We have a number of new leadership opportunities in the areas of: Special Character, Sports, Cultural, and Technology. These leaders will be responsible for ensuring that our school is a vibrant place.

ART DECO

Thank you to all who made an effort and dressed up for Art deco, everyone looked fantastic.



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

If you would like to be an altar server at St Patrick’s Church, please contact the Parish Office 844 2224, Mrs Bartlett 843 6647 or Mrs Campbell at school. Then we can arrange training for you.

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.

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

I know it is ALWAYS busy especially at 3pm when you pick up your children but **PLEASE... DO NOT PARK ON YELLOW LINES** or do a **U-TURN** outside the school.

BUT DO – ALWAYS USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING as this is a safe way for your child to cross. Don’t be offended if I ask you to use the crossing... because I do and I will.

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.

CLARINET LESSONS

Clarinet lessons are available on Thursdays for Year 7/8 students. Year 5/6 may apply if there are vacancies. The cost is **\$50**, which covers lessons and clarinet hire. If you are interested go to **M11 (Resource Room) on Thursday 1st March at lunchtime**.

EATS, BEATS & TREATS – A NIGHT OUT

St John’s College – Friday 23rd February 5 – 8pm.

Kapa Haka, Pasifika, music, games, stalls, hangi, pizza, and more. A family evening for a good cause. Gold coin donation.

Regards & Blessings

Tofa soifua

Jurek Wypych

PRINCIPAL

