

6 March 2018

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

"Charity begins at home. JUSTICE begins next door."

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

### COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Jacob Rennie**, a Year 3 student who is a great friend, works well with everyone and is always doing what he is asked without a fuss and a big smile.

### EPRO8-WE ARE NUMBER ONE!

Congratulations to our Year 6 team of **Aleesha Beams, Kaitlin Black, Oliver Hollands and Jack Bowen** who won the EPRO8 Primary Schools competition last Thursday. 12 schools competed and with only 2 minutes to go (2 hours and 30 minutes in total) they completed their automated vehicle to snatch first place at the "death".

### LIFE TRUST CARAVAN AT ST PATRICK'S

Over the next 2 weeks our Junior and Middle Syndicates will be visiting the "Caravan" that will be parked behind the Junior Block. Health, Science, Decision Making, Being Connected (Rarunga) are some of the areas that will be covered.

The cost (\$5 per pupil) is covered by your General Purpose Donation.



### SAUSAGE SIZZLE – THIS THURSDAY 8 MARCH

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 8 March.

### SCHOOL ACCOUNTS – YOU HAVE ONE!

School stationery and activity accounts were sent out this week in the post.

THANK YOU to all who have set up payment options and A.Ps. \$4 or \$5 a week will make all the difference (over \$55,000 in accounts were sent out!)

CONTACT me if you have difficulty paying this account – we can work something out.

### I.C.A.S TESTS FOR 2018

The International Competitions and Assessments for school age pupils (Year 5 – 8) are open to pupils who **have ability** in particular curriculum areas. Tests in Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Maths are available. Entry forms and information available from YOUR TEACHER or the office. Entry form and money must be in by **9 March**.

Unfortunately prices have gone up this year. (NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.)

### CLARINET LESSONS

Clarinet lessons are available on Thursdays for Year 5-8 students. The cost is \$50, which covers lessons and clarinet hire. If you are interested go to **SM11 (Resource Room)** on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at lunchtime.

## A great start to 2018 for St Patrick's School!

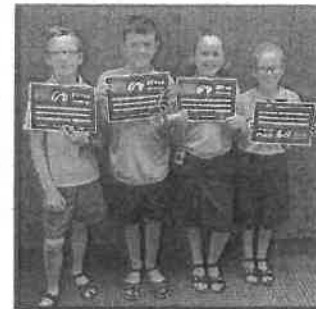
2018 has started brilliantly for our students, staff and families. Our roll is up, new classrooms are to be built, our programmes are packed with exciting learning opportunities, and our students are happy.

We had a number of new students join our junior school and they have settled in beautifully. Our juniors are enjoying learning with their friends in class, and in our amazing discovery area.



### ART DECO DAY

Our Yr 3 - 6 students have all participated in a beach education programme and had a fantastic day learning about safety at the beach. They also recently began their STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) programme called 'Maker Monday'. Exciting times in our middle team!



### WINNERS OF THE EPRO8 CHALLENGE!



### SENIOR ATHLETICS DAY

The senior students have also had a busy start to the year, and are excited about heading off to camp in Rotorua at the beginning of Term 2. They are getting involved in the many and varied academic, sporting and cultural opportunities available to them at St Patrick's School. Our seniors are a wonderful group, and we are proud of the way that they are leading our school.

