



Senior Syndicate News

Term 3, 2018



Kia Ora Whanau,

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Welcome back to yet another busy but productive learning term. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Toni Jensen to our Senior Syndicate Team. Miss Jensen has taken up the responsibility of working with M6 for the remainder of the year.

We have had a great start to what is going to be an action-packed term with a number of exciting opportunities for your child. To keep up to date with all of the latest events and celebrating our successes, please follow us on Facebook St Patrick's School - Napier.

Exciting Events in Term 3

At St Patrick's School there are many opportunities on offer, so keep on reminding your child/children (we do) about making the most of their time here.

Fantastic opportunities available are: eSTEAM, Touch of Class, School Production, Enlargements, Science & Athletics Projects, Athletics Competition, Technology Competition, Science Quiz, Gymnastics, Tough Guy/Gal, TACs Cross Country, Netball Tournament, 2nd languages, ICAS exams and that's just this term!

Term Three Dates

Week 1: Thursdays: 2nd Languages start - Spanish, German, French, Japanese

Every Friday: eSTEAM - group of Year 8 boys at St John's College

Thursday 26th July: Science Fair Projects due

Week 2: Monday 30th July: Tough Guy/Gal Challenge

Wednesday 1st August: Touch of Class - all Year 7&8 girls at Sacred Heart College

Week 3: Thursday 9th August: Science Quiz & Technology Challenge (after school)

Sunday 12th August: School Mass @ St Patrick's Church 10am

Week 5: Monday 20th August: Athletic Projects & Enlargements due

Thursday 23rd August: St Patrick's Seniors Open Day / Evening

Week 7: Tuesday 4th September & Wednesday 5th September: School Production Yr 3-8

Week 8: Tuesday 11th September: School Cross Country

Wednesday 12th September: Gymnastics for all 4 classes - next 3 weeks

Friday 14th September - TACs Cross Country @ Puketapu School

Week 9: Saturday 22nd September: School Gala

Week 10: Friday 28th September: Last day of Term 3

Term Focus

Our term focus is based around the idea of 'Express Yourself'. Senior students will all be involved in our school production 'Wonder in Aliceland'. It is based on the story of Alice in Wonderland. Students have already auditioned for the main parts and the rest of the students will have different roles and responsibilities.

Health

Starting week 3 we will begin the second cycle of our health unit on 'Pubertal Change' - Discovering Me. Last year we had a community meeting to discuss our revised and upgraded unit. The unit addresses the key elements required to be taught at an intermediate level with a Catholic perspective throughout. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Literacy / Maths

All of the classes will be learning about poetry and will continue to develop their oral speaking skills. They will also do a film comparison study of Alice in Wonderland's two films - comparing the older cartoon version to the new version along with our own school production. For maths all students will be completing their Statistical Investigation, continuing with rich tasks and teachers will look specifically at areas that have not yet been covered.



Religious Education

This term we will be strengthening our understanding of the Seven Sacraments with a particular focus on commitment. We will also explore the meaning of Church and how we can have a positive impact on our community.

Home Learning

Home Learning will continue to be consistent across all 4 classes. Each student will have a Learning Grid (which needs to be signed at the end of each week), a weekly quiz, reading log and Maths Buddy tasks. This allows you as the parent to see what is happening for your child that week.

Physical Education

All students are expected to have their P.E gear at school Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We begin the term with Cross Country training and we will be working on speed and interval training rather than a major focus of sustained running. We will focus on specific running skills, using different running and training tools. If your child is unable to participate in P.E, a note signed and dated from the parent/caregiver is expected. In Weeks 8, 9 and 10 all students will participate in the Gymnastics Programme at the Omni Gymnastics Centre.

Languages

In week one we started our language rotations. We offer an introduction and insight into the language and culture of France, Spain, Japan and Germany. A taste test for our students before heading off to high school!

Gala

With the Gala in mind, this year our Syndicate has volunteered to continue with the Tombola. We would very much appreciate the donation of a bottle or jar from each family in our syndicate. Donations could include; Jam, pickles, chutney, gherkins, cooking sauces, face, bath and hair products etc. Our intention is to match each ticket sold with a prize. All funds are raised on behalf of the PTA and will go towards projects that will directly benefit your children.

Sports

This term we have teams representing our school in the following sports:

Netball: Played Wednesdays - Onekawa Courts and Hastings HB Sport Park

Basketball: Played Thursdays - Location between various venues

Hockey: Played Fridays - Unison Hockey Ground and Park Island

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher either by calling, email or coming into the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards and Blessings

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