



Senior Syndicate News Term 4, 2018



Kia ora whanau,

Welcome back to Term 4! It is hard to believe that the year will be over in just 7 weeks with so much happening and this term will be no different. We will endeavour to include as much as possible in this newsletter. To keep up to date with all of the latest events, please follow us on Facebook St Patrick's School - Napier.

Exciting Events in Term 4

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, Yr 8 Technology Competition, intensives, 2nd languages continue, professional tennis, orienteering lessons and James Russell visiting author!

Term Four Dates

Week 1: Tuesdays Week 1-5: Professional Tennis Lessons start at HB Lawn Tennis & Squash Club

Thursdays: 2nd Languages will continue - Spanish, German, French, Japanese

Friday 19th October: HB Anniversary Day

Week 2: Monday 22nd October: Labour Day

Thursdays Weeks 2-6: Intensives start

Friday 26th October: M5 & M6 Mass at Thomas More Church 9:15am

Week 4: Wednesday 7th November: Orienteering Lesson

Friday 9th November: M8 & SJ13 Mass at Thomas More Church & School Disco (Seniors: 7pm-9pm)

Week 5: Wednesday 14th November: Year 8 Inter School Technology Challenge

Week 6: Friday 23rd November: M7 & SM12 Mass at Thomas More Church

Week 8: Wednesday 5th December: Prizegiving - Senior 7pm at St Patrick's Church

Friday 7th December: Road Patrol Fun Day

Week 9: Wednesday 12th December: Whole school End of Year Mass and Year 8 Leavers Dinner 6:30pm at Speights Ale House

Friday 28th September: Last day of Term 4, finishing at 12:30pm!

Term Focus

Our term focus is based around the idea of 'Celebration and Reflection'. It is a term of celebrating the successes, great times had and the learning and growing that has happened by all. For our Year 8's it will be a time of reflection of their years at St Patrick's School. We know they will continue to shine and make the best of their last few weeks. For our Year 7's we are encouraging them to think of leadership opportunities for 2019 and seeing what goals they can continue and create for the new year.

Literacy

All four classes will be doing a syndicate Read Aloud about a book called 'Pax' by Sara Pennypacker. They will get the opportunity to complete tasks about the book using different genres and it will also delve into other curriculum areas. The students will be working with each other across the four classes and giving feedback and feedforward on each others work, discussing viewpoints, thoughts and ideas.

Numeracy

Our teachers will look specifically at strands that have not yet been covered. It will also be a good time to focus on any areas that the students would benefit from some extra revision.

Religious Education

We began the term looking at prayer. For the remainder of the term we will be focussing on the Communion of Saints strand. During this time, we will be learning about what it means to be a Saint and the importance of Saints of us today. To finish the year we will be celebrating advent and the importance of Christmas.



Physical Education

This term we have started with professional tennis lessons provided by HB Lawn Tennis & Squash Club. We will also give the students an experience of orienteering and learning the skills and requirements for that sport. Throughout the term we will continue with summer games with students refining and building on their skills and capabilities.

All students are expected to have their P.E gear at school Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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.

Intensives Weeks 2-6

Students have been given the opportunity to select one of the following intensives (intensives are an opportunity for our students to experience exciting practical learning experiences);

Jewellery Making, Squash, Boxing, Wool, Cycling, Photography and Crafting with Photos, National Aquarium/Dissection, Container painting, Cake Decorating and Illustrators Workshop.

Thank you very much to everyone who is helping out with intensives. We are offering 10 intensives this year. Parents/whanau are more than welcome to come along and see their child participate in these wonderful learning opportunities.

Sports

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

- Basketball - played Thursdays at Centennial Hall
- Cricket - played Saturdays
- Summer Hockey - played at Park Island
- Volleyball - played Mondays at Pettigrew Arena

Thank you to all of our coaches and helpers. Without your help, we wouldn't be able to enter as many teams as we have.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please feel free to call in and have a chat to your child's classroom teacher.

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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