

4 December 2018

*In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow*



*The final newsletter for 2018 – that went quickly.*

It has been a great year for our students and St Patrick's School.

Thank you to all who have supported them and the school over the year.

God bless you all.

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

### **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Christie-Leigh Taealli and her family. Christie-Leigh's much loved grandmother passed away last week. May she rest in peace.

### **COOL AT SCHOOL**

Congratulations to **Brooke Murphy**. A Year 8 student who is recognised for her willingness to help others, take responsibility and lead. A pleasure to see her develop over the past 8 years.

### **END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING / FINAL ASSEMBLIES - TOMORROW**

Join us to celebrate the year and your children.

**11.30am** – Junior and Middle Syndicates (Year 1-6) in school hall.

**7.00pm** – Senior (Year 7/8) Prizegiving at St Patrick's Church.

A chance to thank and farewell our Year 8 students formally.

### **LEAVING US - ALL THE BEST - AND JOINING US IN 2019**

We farewell **Meredith Ellingham** from our teaching team at the end of this year.

Meredith has taken a position at Taradale Intermediate and we thank her for the 2 years she has been here and wish her all the best and our aroha.

ALSO – leaving for a year (to have her third child) is **Kim Somerville**. We wish Kim and family a blessed year and look forward to her return in 2020.

JOINING US... to teach in the Year 5/6 area is **Mr Todd Reid**. Todd was teaching at St Joseph's School in Takapuna and we look forward to him joining our whanau.

We are currently looking for a new teacher to replace Meredith in our senior syndicate and you will be notified of who that is when we send out reports next Tuesday (if you are in M8 in 2019).

### **END OF YEAR REPORTS - FOR ALL NEXT WEEK**

These will be given to pupils on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** at school and should be opened at home with you. Please be positive about the reports when you discuss them. There has been some great progress made by your children this year.

### **LAST PTA 'MEETING' FOR 2018**

Thursday 13 December – 6.30pm at the Thirsty Whale.

### **FINAL FISH N CHIP FRIDAY THIS WEEK**

**\$5** fish & Chip Packs which include 1/2 scoop of chips / tomato sauce and a choice of either:

4 Chicken Nuggets / 3 Fish Bites / 2 Hot Puppies

Orders and money need to be in to the teacher by **9am Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**.

### **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE FUNDRAISER - IN BY THIS FRIDAY PLEASE**

Every family received a green raffle sheet (10 tickets at \$1 each) to sell. These need to be returned by **this Friday**. We have wonderful prizes donated by generous sponsors – something for everyone to make Christmas just that little bit better. Funds raised will once again be used for OUR FAMILIES as we put together CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS. (Thank you for supporting us). Raffle drawn on **Tuesday 11 December** – winners will be notified.

### **FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK YEAR 8**

What an amazing group of young adults. Thank you for a great year of leadership and for all you have done during your time here at St Patrick's. Every one of you is a blessing and we all wish you the best for your High School years.

And it is true.....we will ACTUALLY REALLY MISS YOU. X

### **CLASS ORGANISATION FOR 2019 - SOME CHANGES**

**Year 1/2** – Jan Bevan A1 (New Entrants), Elise Macdonald A2, Raewyn Williams A3, Nikki Thompson A4.

**Year 3/4** – Crystal Hewett SM9, Julie Kelleher SM10, Aimee Newport SJ15.

**Year 5/6** – Kate Smith SJ14, Kaehlah Dawson SM12, Todd Reid SJ13.

**Year 7/8** – Jodie Webb M5, Toni Jensen M6, Karina Campbell M7, T.B.C M8.

### **END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS - WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER**

Please join us next Wednesday, **12 December at 9.30am** in **St Patrick's Church** as we celebrate our SCHOOL END OF YEAR MASS. Should be a beautiful occasion, so join us and end the year on the best note.

### **START DATE FOR 2019**

First day back for students is **MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY – 8.45AM**.

The office will be open **Friday 1 February 9am – 3pm** for uniforms, enrolments etc.

### **TERM DATES FOR 2019**

TERM 1 – 4 February – 12 April (10 weeks)

TERM 2 – 29 April – 5 July (10 weeks)

TERM 3 – 22 July – 27 September (10 weeks)

TERM 4 – 14 October – 19 December (10 weeks)

### **END OF YEAR -**

FINAL MASS – WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER, 9.30AM, ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

SCHOOL FINISHES – **FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER** at **12.30**

- NO AFCARE

- BUSES to Tamatea/ Taradale will run at 12.30

**Please make sure your children are picked up at 12.30.**

*Thank you all for the year we have had.*

*On behalf of all the staff at St Patrick's School –*

*Have a safe and holy Christmas.*

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