

12 February 2019

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

Nga mihi o te wa kia koe me te whanau.
(Greetings to you and your family)

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

OUR LATEST TAONGA (TREASURE)

We welcome Frank Truong who began in A1 yesterday and his family to the St Patrick's whanau.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

We send our condolences and prayers to the Wakely family. Dale passed away last week, a beautiful grandmother to Lockie, Emily, Molly and Aimee, loved mother of Blair. And to the McCarthy Family. Fletcher and Lily McCarthy's much loved great grandmother passed away yesterday. May they both rest in peace.

SCHOOL WELCOME MASS - THIS THURSDAY

Please join us THIS THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY AT 9.30 IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH as we celebrate our Special Catholic Character and pray for the year ahead.

ART DECO PICNIC - THIS FRIDAY

Join us this Friday 15th February at 12.30 under the trees near the Junior Rooms and picnic with your children. Wear your "Art Deco" clothes to school (we would like all children to make an effort. Something made at home will be great). Parents, grandparents etc most welcome, bring a picnic and blanket. (If it rains – we will "picnic" in our classrooms). All pupils must wear a hat (school sunhat will do!)



PTA MEETING - TOMORROW 6.30PM

Join us tomorrow (13th) in the staffroom at 6.30pm as we discuss the exciting year ahead and how to make St Patrick's a better place for our children and whanau.

PLENTY OF SPORT HAPPENING

Cricket, hockey, basketball, futsal, netball, volleyball and T.ball are options for many of our students this term. Thank you to all parents for your support, in particular those coaching or taking a team in some way.

PARENT / WHANAU MEET THE TEACHER EVENING - 20 FEBRUARY

A 'new' short format (5.30-6.15pm) on WEDNESDAY 20 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.

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: Health and Safety, Smokefree Environment and Child Protection.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

We had about 50 students take part in this event today in Hastings.

FAMILY PICNIC EVENING - FRIDAY 1 MARCH

The PTA are planning a relaxed evening on our school grounds for Friday 1 March. More information next week but keep the date free. A chance to meet new families and also enjoy the company of those you know – and our wonderful staff. 😊

MUSIC LESSONS AT ST PATRICK'S

We have Campbell Burns from the Napier Music Academy coming on a Tuesday to take guitar, drums, voice and piano lessons. There is a cost to these lessons, the amount depending on whether you choose individual, pair or group lessons.. If you would like your child to be involved please go to www.napiermusicacademy.co.nz to register or email Annabelle at annabelle@napiermusicacademy.co.nz

CONTACTING YOU

Teachers will be contacting you (by phone or fact to face at school) over the next few days to introduce themselves, see how your child has settled into class and also to possibly find out a few things special about your child.

TAMATEA / TARADALE BUSS PASS

All travelling on the bus MUST have a pass / ticket. We subsidize the bus by more than 50% so we need your contribution to keep this bus.

Term Pass - \$80 20 Ride Pass - \$30 Single Ride Ticket - \$2

GOSPEL VALUE FOR FEBRUARY

February Focus: - SPEAKING WITH GENTLENESS. How do we speak to each other? Do we use people's proper names? Is our language appropriate? Do we greet people in a friendly manner? So a good way for everyone to practise this skill is to say GOOD MORNING / TALOFA / KIA ORA – to everyone they see when they arrive at school.

FAMILY SEEKING 3 BEDROOM HOUSE TO RENT

"Family seeking a 3 bedroom rental close to Onekawa, with OUR new kitten! We need to be close to St Patrick's school and HB tennis club. Weekly rent between \$350-\$430. Please call Louise Booth on 0276171707 anytime.

TERM ONE DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

14 – School Mass - 9.30am

15 – Art Deco Picnic - 12.30

20 – Parent / Whanau Evening

MARCH

1 – Family Picnic Evening

6 – Ash Wednesday

15 – ST PATRICK'S DAY celebrations

21/22 – Year 7/8 Pukemokimoki Marae

BRAIN TEASERS -A WEEKLY QUIZ

Thought it was about time we did these again. Have a go – answer in next week's newsletter.

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL