

19 February 2019

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

“Your WORDS carry amazing power.
So when you speak, make sure you UPLIFT
someone and NOT put them down.”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

WELCOME TWO NEW TREASURES

A huge welcome to two little people starting in A1. **Jae Symes** joins big sisters Rosie, Hana and big brother Kepa here. The last one leaving home for Becs and Tom. Welcome also to **Zoe Somerville**, she has been ready for school for the past 3 years. Both looked beautiful and settled in well yesterday.

COOL AT SCHOOL

First for 2019! We congratulate **Jack Hendery** one of our wonderful Year 8 students who has started the year off brilliantly with his positive attitude and welcoming manner. His initiative and creativity are a bonus!

PARENT/WHANAU MEET THE TEACHER EVENING - THIS WEDNESDAY

A ‘new’ short format (5.30-6.15pm) **THIS 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) incase you have more than one child at school. We would love to see you there. Your child is most welcome to come.

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.

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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) ELECTIONS - 2019

This year (June) schools across NZ will once again hold elections for a BOT.

We have an excellent BOT that needs your support. Please consider putting your name forward or talk to me or any BOT member If you have any questions. We will soon have some information on our school website for you.

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

CLARINET LESSONS 2019

Clarinet lessons are available again on Thursdays for anyone in Years 5-8. Those pupils who have learnt in previous years are strongly encouraged to continue, and are warmly welcomed back. There are also vacancies for beginners.

The cost is **\$50** which covers lessons and clarinet hire. If you are interested go to the Afcare Room this Thursday **21st February** at lunchtime

PORT HILL JUNIORS FOOTBALL 2019

Welcome back to old players and a special invitation to new players.

Please register by contacting Chris at porthilljuniors@gmail.com or phone 021 147 9352.



DECO DELIGHTS

Thanks to all who dressed up for Art deco, everyone looked fantastic.



WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Well done to all who participated.



LAST WEEKS BRAIN TEASER - Man overboard
THIS WEEKS PUZZLE

Regards & Blessings
Jurek Wypych
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