



Senior Syndicate News

Term 1, 2019



Kia Ora Whanau,

A warm welcome to all parents, caregivers and families of Saint Patrick's School. I hope that your child/children have enjoyed the first week back at school as I know the teachers of the Senior Syndicate have. We have had a positive start to the year and welcome a large number of new students to our syndicate! I would also like to welcome Mr Paul Wallace who is the teacher of M8.

Senior Syndicate Location

The Senior syndicate consists of 4 classrooms (M5, M6, M7 and M8) which are located along the front of the school by the courts. The set up is fantastic and a wonderful, modern teaching and learning space. You are always welcome to visit. Being composite Year 7/8 allows us to be more collaborative as a whole syndicate and promotes unity!

Introducing 'The St Pats Way'

As a staff we have been working hard to develop a set of 3 overall behaviour expectations that will help our tamariki understand that we are all taonga (treasures) and that we need to look after ourselves and others. We will be developing and growing our use of these throughout the year across the whole school:

- **Kia Whakaute** is showing respect, appreciating and treasuring.
- **Kia Manaaki** is supporting, caring, protecting and being generous.
- **Kia Nanaiore** is striving to be our best, reaching for our goals and being resilient.

Exciting Events in Term 1

At Saint 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. Other fantastic opportunities available are: Leadership roles, EPro8, TACs Triathlon, Athletics, Cycling, Pukemokimoki Marae Overnight Stay, Edmond Otis Speaker on resilience, NZreadaloud and that's just some of the things this term!

Term One Dates

Week 2: Monday 11th February - First Technology Session begins (Tamatea Intermediate)

Tuesday 12th February: Weetbix Tryathlon

Thursday 14th February: Whole School Welcome Mass (9:30am St Patrick's Church)

Friday 15th February: Art Deco Picnic (12:30pm)

Week 3: Wednesday 20th February: Parent/Whanau Meet the teacher evening

Week 4: Tuesday 26th February - Thursday 28th February: Cycling starts

Tuesday 26th February: TACS Triathlon (Aquatic Centre - Frimley Road, Hastings)

Thursday 28th February: EPro8 Challenge 5pm (Tamatea Intermediate Hall)

Week 5: Tuesday 5th March - Thursday 7th March: Cycling and Immunisations for Year 7&8

Week 6: Friday 15th March: Immunisations for Year 7&8 - catch ups

Week 7: Wednesday 20th - Thursday 21st March: Edmond Otis - Resilience Speaker to all senior classes (3 weeks)

Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd March: Pukemokimoki Marae Overnight Stay

Week 8: Pubertal Change lessons begin - Week 8-10. A panui (letter) will go home explaining more detail.

Week 9: Wednesday 3rd April: Whole School Athletics Day

Week 10: Friday 12th April: Last day of term!

Technology

Technology sessions are held at Tamatea Intermediate on Mondays throughout the year (10am-12:30pm.) Children bus to and from school each week accompanied every session by a Senior School Teacher. Students will develop their technological understanding in the following areas of; **Food Technology, Visual Art, Multi-Materials, Digital Technology and Hard Materials.** Children are required to wear correct, covered school shoes to all Technology sessions (winter school shoes.) Note: Seniors from St Patrick's School receive the same amount of technology time as students from other intermediates.

Leadership Opportunities in 2019 - (Year 8)

This year we have made further changes to the process of selecting school leaders. We have our specific roles: House Leaders, Catholic Character Leaders, Sports Leaders, Cultural Leaders, The Arts Leaders and Technology Leaders.

St Patrick's Seniors The opportunity to do more

If a student was interested in being considered for a leadership role on offer they should have already completed a letter and submitted it by Monday 11th February 3.00pm. An outline of the criteria for the letter was given out last Monday.



Term Focus

Our overarching theme for the year is Taonga (special gifts/treasures).

We will be linking our learning across the curriculum into developing knowledge and understanding around:

- We know we are a gift to our whanau and community.
- We know and understand the richness of taonga in Aotearoa's history.
- We understand the gift of global treasures.
- God calls each of us to be a treasure to the world.

Religious Education

We begin the term looking at imaginative prayer. From there, we will look into what makes our school special (Our School Charism and the St Pat's Way.) We will then cover the Church strand and Lent. The Gospel value for this month is 'Speaking with gentleness'.

Home Learning

Home Learning will be more consistent across all 4 classes this year. 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 tasks from website Maths Buddy. This allows you as the parent to see what is happening for your child that week.

Literacy / Numeracy

All of the classes will be participating in the #NZReadAloud this term. This is a great initiative that digitally connects students from schools all around New Zealand through a shared senior book 'An Unexpected Hero' by L.P Hansen. For Numeracy, each class will be focusing on Number and alongside this, completing a rich task based on Budgeting.

Physical Education and Health

All children are expected to have their PE gear at school Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We begin the term with Athletics. This involves various running distances, shot put, discus, high jump and long jump. We will be having our first whole school Athletics Day in Week 9. If your child cannot participate in P.E, a note signed and dated from the parent/caregiver is expected. In Weeks 4 and 5 all students will participate in the Cycling Skills Programme organised and led by Sport Hawke's Bay.

Te Reo Maori and Senior Overnight Stay

We are looking at our pepeha, greetings and responding to instructions. We will also be looking at the marae procedure and protocol in preparation for our overnight marae stay.

The whole Senior Syndicate will be attending an overnight stay at our local Pukemokimoki Marae. This will be Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd March (Week 7). A panui (letter) will be coming out in the next few weeks asking for whanau help and expertise, and explaining about the stay.

Sports

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

Cricket: Played Saturday mornings - Starting 16th February (at a number of locations in Napier and Hastings)

Basketball: Played Thursdays - Starting 21st February (at PGA & Centennial Hall)

Volleyball: Played Mondays - Starting 25th February (at PGA)

Futsal: Played Thursdays - Starting 21st February (Park Island - Hockey Turf)

Orienteering: Played Wednesdays for 6 weeks after school - Starting 13th February (various locations)

Summer Hockey: Played Tuesdays - Starting 19th February (at Park Island)

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

Regards and Blessings

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