

26 February 2019

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

“Always speak the truth, so that you can get the right advice.”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

BRAND NEW BROTHER

Congratulations to Lisa and Pete on the safe arrival of Max last Wednesday. A beautiful brother for Tyler and Jack.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Finn Dobbs**, a Year 8 student who has a great attitude and nature. Finn is always friendly, supportive and one who displays sportsmanship and effort.

SCHOOL LEADERS 2019

School leaders were presented with their badges at last Friday’s assembly.

HOUSE CAPTAINS ARE:

BARBIER: **Mollie Wakely** and **Baxter Smith**

FOREST: **Clare Macdonald** and **Freddie Salter**

MARCELLIN: **Lauren Downing** and **Maz Taylor**

AUBERT: **Georgia Jones** and **Darnell Campbell**

OTHER LEADERS ARE:

BUS PREFECTS: **Sophie Walker** and **Caitlyn Gray**

TECHNOLOGY: **Jack Hendery**, **Zach O’Neil**, **Pyper Story**, **Cara Kuzman**, **Talia Brown** and **Devon Williams**.

CULTURAL: **Tyrese Ngarangione-Wicks** and **Teuila Apineru**.

ARTS: **Natasha Sands**, **Jorja Allen**, **Monique Alexander**, **Cara Kuzman**, **Althea Lagudas** and **Alice Dravitzki**.

SPORTS: **Danyon Start**, **Tyrese Ngarangione-Wicks**, **Jack Price**, **Harper Te Hau**, **Lola Parlato**, **Lukitama Sialemissa**, **Sophie Walker** and **Kian Forgie**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL – HAVE A FANTASTIC YEAR

LEAVING US FOR A WHILE

We wish Aimee Newport (and her husband Liam) all the best as Aimee takes a year’s maternity leave starting 1 April this year. New teachers in SJ15 will be Mrs Pip Draeger and Mrs Nadine McEwan. We look forward to seeing a new enrolment in 5 years time.



SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC - THIS FRIDAY 1 MARCH

COME ALONG 5 – 7PM

- Bring a picnic / blanket and some refreshments
- Mr Whippy’s Icecream van will be there
- Huntess Food Truck (Burgers, Wraps, Tacos, Salads, Gourmet Food)

WHERE: St Patrick’s School front lawn outside Marist Block (near courts)

- Catch up with people and meet new ones.
- Playground for the children.

FREE PIZZA LUNCH COMPETITION – for the class who has the most (percentage) of students at the picnic – so there is such a thing as a FREE LUNCH.



NAME CHANGE FOR OUR “SYNDICATES”

After much discussion and an inspired idea from that Mrs Simmonds we have decided to trial a name change for our “Syndicates” to reflect our school and what we already have as part of our rich heritage.

ANGEL WHANAU – (Our Year 1 / 2 area named after Mary of the Angels)

These are A1, Ms Bevan, A2 Ms Macdonald, A3 Mrs Williams, A4 Mrs Thompson)

MISSION WHANAU – (Our Year 3 / 4 area named after our NEW classrooms – Mission block that recognizes our founding “Mission Sisters”)

These are SJ15 Mrs Newport, M16 Miss Hewett, M17 Mrs Kelleher.

SAINT JOSEPH WHANAU – (Year 5 / 6 area named after Brother Joseph – first Principal)

These are SM12 Miss Dawson, SJ13 Mr Reid, SJ14 Mrs Smith.

MARIST WHANAU – (Year 7 / 8 area named after the Marist Brothers)

These are M5 Mrs Webb, M6 Miss Jensen, M7 Mrs Campbell, M8 Mr Wallace.

Time for a change, our family / whanau focus.

PTA 2019 - YOUR CHILDREN, YOUR SCHOOL

Our focus this year is to build a deck outside SJ14/15 facing our new Mission block and a shade sail to make it a beautiful learning area for our children. We are also looking at “robotics” and how we apply that to learning and being creative.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS 2019

BOT elections are run in June this year. For more information of what it entails to be on the BOT please go to our school website www.stpatsnapier.school.nz and look under BOT COMMUNITY INFORMATION (bottom of cover page). Contact me or a BOT member if you have any questions.

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.

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



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.

LAST WEEKS BRAIN TEASER – I understand

THIS WEEKS PUZZLE

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL