

2 April 2019

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

“It is not our differences that divide us.

It is our inability to recognize, accept and celebrate those differences.”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

TWO NEW TREASURES

We welcome **Xanthe Prietos** (SJ13) and his parents to St Patrick’s School. Welcome also to **Asha Harrison** (A1) who started today and joins big sister Jahmia here. May you both enjoy being a part of the St Patrick’s School whanau.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Lukitama Sialemissa, a Year 8 student who has really stepped up this year as a senior. He showed great Mana at the Marae and makes good choices that are a positive influence on his classmates.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY TOMORROW – WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL

Join us tomorrow, from **9.30 – 12.30** at **MAREWA PARK** for a morning of sporting fun and competition.

Events for **ALL STUDENTS** as well as running finals, a house relay and a “HOUSE TEAM” competition. Students can wear HOUSE COLOURS (not school uniform) to enter into the spirit of the day.

9.30 – 11.00 - Field and relay events for all students

11.00 – 12.00 - Running finals and house relays

Bring a picnic, sunhat and blanket and enjoy the morning with us.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR APRIL

This month we focus on **FORGIVING** and **RECONCILING**. Jesus forgave others, do you? As our school works towards Restorative Practices as the basis of our “School Behaviour Plan,” we focus on healing and restoring relationships, not punishment. If something has been done that is wrong, how can it be fixed?

EPRO 8 – SECOND OVERALL

Our Year 8 team of **Jack Hendery**, **Alice Dravitzki**, **Oliver Hollands** and **Kim Alizzi** were placed second in the Hawkes Bay Intermediate schools final last week. A brilliant effort – proud of you!

FISH & CHIP FRIDAY – THIS FRIDAY

\$5 Fish & Chip packs which include 1/2 scoop of chips / tomato sauce and a choice of:-

4 Chicken Nuggets / 3 Fish Bites / 2 Hot Puppies

Orders and money need to be in to the teacher by **9am Thursday 4th April**.

SUNHATS HOME THIS WEEK

We encourage **EVERY** student to take their school sunhat home this FRIDAY for the winter months. We will need them again in November.

SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to our team from the Marist Whanau who competed in the H.B Swimming Champs last week. Some great results from a talented team.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Next term the Election for the Schools Board of Trustees will be held. You will receive nomination forms in the mail around the 10th of May. If you are nominating anyone these will need to be returned to the school office by noon on the **24th May**. If an election is required voting forms will be posted out and voting will close at noon on the **7th June**.

FIRST SACRAMENTS – RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Enrolments for these are now open (Year 4 students and above who are baptised Catholics). Enrolment forms available from each church or from the school. A fantastic opportunity for our students to continue along on their faith journey.

We have sent home a letter and enrolment form today with a number of students who are eligible (baptised in the Catholic Church but not yet made their First Communion). Please fill out and return, we will support you and your child throughout the programme. If you HAVE NOT received a letter and are eligible, apologies (my fault). Please contact the office and we will get one to you a.s.a.p.

PTA MEETING – WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL

YOUR SCHOOL YOUR CHILDREN

Join us for a short meeting as we plan for our Gala and fundraisers for 2019. Previous Gala convenors and those interested in convening please come along.

WEDNESDAY – 3RD APRIL 5.30pm in STAFFROOM.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AT SCHOOL THIS WEEK

8.30AM – 4.00PM DAILY IN THE LIBRARY

FANTASTIC BOOKS PLUS SO MUCH MORE



Swimming Champs

END OF TERM

School finishes for Term 1 on Friday 12 April. Term 2 starts Monday, 29 April.

LAST WEEKS BRAIN TEASER – 3 degrees below zero

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Tofa soifua – Manuia le aso

Jurek Wypych

PRINCIPAL