



Marist Whanau News

Term 2, 2019



Kia Ora Whanau,

Thank you for your support and help with making our Pukemokimoki Marae stay a fantastic success last term. It was absolutely awesome to see the unity, learning of Maori tikanga, respect for the culture and fun had by all! A huge thank you to our parents/whanau, Napier Boys High and Sacred Heart College for making this educational event happen!

We have had a great start to what is going to be a busy term with a number of exciting opportunities for your child. We look forward to working with you to ensure that your child makes the most of the new experiences that lie ahead.

Exciting Events in Term 2

At St 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.

Fantastic opportunities available are: eSTEAM, Hearts Programme, Radio Kidnappers Debating, Wearable Arts, Digi Awards, TACs Speech, TACs Netball, Barefoot 7's, Netball, Basketball, Hockey, Gymnastics Festival, creating rockets, Science Fair and Mathletics preparation, Enlargements, ICAS exams and that's just this term!

Term One Dates

Week 2: Wednesday 8th May: Hearts Programme - all Year 8 girls at Sacred Heart College (wks 2,4,6,8)

Week 3: Tuesday 14th May: Marist Whanau Mass @ 9am in school chapel

Every Friday: eSTEAM - Year 8 boys at St John's College

Week 8: Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th June: Class speeches

Friday 21st June: Marist Whanau Speech Competition @ 11am in school hall

Week 9: Monday 24th June: 3-Way Conferences (interviews - student/parent/teacher)

Tuesday 25th June: 3-Way Conferences (interviews - student/parent/teacher)

Thursday 27th June: TACS Speech @ Puketapu School Hall

Friday 28th June: TACs Netball @ Onekawa Courts

Week 10: Thursday 4th July: Non-EIT competition Science Fairs / Technology Due

Friday 5th July: Last day of Term 2

Term Focus

As explained our in Term 1 Newsletter, our overarching theme for the year is Taonga (special gifts/treasures).

This term we will be specifically linking our learning across the curriculum into developing knowledge and understanding around:

- We know and understand the richness of taonga in Aotearoa's history.

Religious Education

This term we began our term celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, Father Barry joined us for Mass in our hall. We are focussing on the importance of the Holy Spirit and the Sacraments historically and in our lives now.

Inquiry

As you are aware from week one's letter home, we have already started the term with our 'Discovering Me' inquiry. This week we had Constable Che Lind talk to all the students about cyber safety and the parent meeting was extremely informative and an eye opener for those who attended. We will continue covering the rest of the programme over the next two weeks.

Next week we start our Science inquiry where your child will learn how to develop a fair test or create a new technological item. This year we are giving the students the choice to enter the E.I.T Competition following its defined format/rules (due Term 3, Week 2) or competing a science project by themselves or with others - up to four, to learn the fair test process, presenting it in their own way. (due Week 10).

DMIC Maths (Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities) / Literacy

Teachers and children are working on a new way to approach maths where students can question, explain, and justify their mathematical thinking. Teachers are being observed and mentored twice a term by specialist facilitators. Other schools have had huge success with this programme in addressing the needs of all students.

All of the classes will be learning and presenting a speech; topic is of own choice and can be persuasive or informative. Students have already started their planning and will be given support through workshops to enable them to be prepared by Week 8.

Homelearning

Home Learning will continue to be consistent across all 4 classes. 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 Buddy tasks. This allows you as the parent to see what is happening for your child that week. This term your child is also working on one or more investigations/speeches, so extra work may be added to Home Learning at different times throughout the term.

Physical Education

All children are expected to have their P.E gear at school Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We begin the term with Winter Sports. This involves the following sports: netball, hockey, soccer and rippa rugby. If your child is unable to participate in P.E, a note signed and dated from the parent/caregiver is expected.

Te Reo Maori

Students have already looked at Maori culture, tikanga and with our overarching theme we will focus on Maori history, linked with maori myths and legends. We will continue with basic classrooms commands, greetings, numbers and instructions.

Sports

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

Netball: Played Wednesdays - Onekawa Courts and Hastings HB Sport Park

Basketball: Played Thursdays - Location between various venues

Hockey: Played Fridays - Unison Hockey Ground and Park Island

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

Regards and Blessings

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