

21 May 2019

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

“Do not let what is out of your control
Interfere with what things you CAN control.”



Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Dean, Paige and Te Aroha Hancy who lost a much loved Father and Great Grandfather on Sunday night. May he rest in peace.

COOL AT SCHOOL

A HUGE congratulations to little **Peyton Petera**, one of our beautiful Year 2 students from the Angel Whanau who lives the “St Pats Way” with her care, kindness, respect and positive attitude to help others and give things a go.

STAFF MASS THIS SUNDAY – JOIN US

This Sunday at **St Patrick’s Church, 10am** the staff will join the St Patrick’s Faith Community to celebrate Mass. We would love to see 100% of our STUDENTS (and families) there. Hope to see you Sunday.

SCHOOL CLOSED – 29 MAY

Due to Industrial Action by teachers across the country – ALL SCHOOLS (PRIMARY & SECONDARY) will be closed on **WEDNESDAY 29 MAY – NO SCHOOL OR AFCARE.**

SCHOOL UNIFORM – PLEASE WEAR IT

I have noticed a number of our students wearing incorrect footwear and socks lately. The expectation (as you agreed to when you signed the enrolment form) is that your child wears the correct school uniform. Black shoes and blue socks in Terms 2 & 3 is the requirement. The “old” uniform is now obsolete. Thank you for making sure our uniform is worn with pride by your child.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DAY 2019

Next Tuesday (28th) we celebrate with all Catholic Schools in NZ our Special Catholic Character and the quality education we have in our wonderful school. A number of activities at school as well as a group of students and staff to represent St Patrick’s at a Catholic Schools Mass at **St Mary’s Church, 9.30am.**

SAUSAGE SIZZLE – THIS THURSDAY 23 MAY

An easy lunch sorted for you – ka pai. Raising funds for SPCA and St Vincent de Paul Napier. (A homework project by some of our Year 5/6 students).

**\$1.50 a sausage. Please bring money / order to your class teacher by
9am Thursday 23 May.**

SCHOOL APP – DO YOU HAVE IT?

We would like to encourage all families to download the School App from the Appstore. Do the **UPDATES** if you already have the App because we put all the sports draws and school notices on it to keep you informed and up to date.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS

6 STEPS TO STAMP OUT MATH ANXIETY

By Jo Boale

- ❖ Encourage children to play maths puzzles and games. Anything with dice! Help them enjoy maths!
- ❖ Always be encouraging and never tell them they are wrong when they are working on maths problems. Instead, find the logic in their thinking. Eg. if your child multiplies 3 by 4 and gets 7, say, “Oh, I see what you are thinking. You are using what you know about addition to add 3 and 4. When we multiply, we have four groups of 3...”
- ❖ Never associate maths with speed. It is not important to work quickly, and we know that forcing children to work quickly on maths is the best way to start maths anxiety.
- ❖ Never share with your children the idea that you were bad at maths at school or you dislike it. It has been proven that this lowers your child’s achievement.
- ❖ Encourage number sense. Having an idea of the size of numbers and being able to separate and combine numbers flexibly. Eg. $426=400+20+6$.
- ❖ Most important of all - encourage a “growth mindset” to let your child know that they have unlimited maths potential and that being ‘good’ at maths is all about working hard. When they tell you something is too hard for them or they have made a mistake, tell them “That’s fine - that is how you learn and shows your brain is growing!”



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LAST WEEK’S QUIZ - Mind over Matter (easy huh!) **THIS WEEK’S QUIZ**

Ka kite ano
He ra pai (have a good day)

Jurek Wypych
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