

ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER



15 October 2019

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

Welcome back to school and what promises to be a very busy and exciting term.

"Give Respect, then you will get some back."

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S

We welcome in A1 **William, Ryder** and **Kingston**. William joins big sister Esther and Ryder joins big sister Indie here at St Patrick's School. A special welcome to Kingston and his family and also **Ollie Cameron** and family. Ollie began in SJ14 yesterday. Starting today in SJ13 is **Gabriel Gregory-Hunt** who joins his sister Cassidy here.

BRAND NEW TO THE WORLD

Congratulations to our Todd Reid and Sharleen on the birth of their son, Quinn 2 weeks ago. A very healthy baby and just a blessing to them both. We wish them all the best as a family and look forward to that classroom visit.

OUR NEW LOOK CLASSROOMS AND DECKING

Over the holiday break Rooms 14 and 15 were opened up with new bifold doors leading out to our HUGE NEW DECK that extends to our new Mission Block (Rooms M16 & M17). This new area opens up so many possibilities for learning and is just a beautiful space. Thank you to the B.O.T and P.T.A for funding this and for your vision and support in improving our school for our students. Thank you for the team from HB Construction for their work and attitude. We will now look at shade sails to complete this new area.

GO AND HAVE A LOOK – YOU WILL BE IMPRESSED.

KAPA HAKA THIS FRIDAY

On Friday our Kapa Haka Group will be involved in "Te Ahurei o Matariki" at William Colenso College along with Marewa, Richmond, Maraenui, Te Awa Schools and Te Aute and William Colenso Colleges. Thank you Dean and Donna for your tutoring – our group have done so well and this is an opportunity for them to show their talents. We will arrive at William Colenso by 12.30 and watch schools perform until our performance at approximately 1.40pm. we will walk back to school in time for the 2.55 bell.

WELCOME GEMMA – OUR NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

I am delighted to announce (to confirm the jungle drums) that Gemma Gardiner will be joining us in the last week of November to take up her role as Deputy Principal. Gemma brings with her great experience, knowledge, values and enthusiasm. She can't wait to join us and best of all, she loves children.



GOSPEL VALUE FOR OCTOBER – "RESPECT"

This month our school focus is "RESPECT". In particular how we treat others and the things we say and do. "Treat others as you would like others to treat you".

OUR PASIFIKA GROUP

At the end of last term our Pasifika Group travelled to Flaxmere to perform at the HB Polyfest. Fa afetai to all parents and teachers for your support and to our students, who performed beautifully. A great celebration to be part of.

A LETTER FROM CARDINAL JOHN DEW (P.T.O)

The events concerning Bishop Charles Drennan over the past few weeks have lead to his resignation. On the back of this newsletter is an official letter from Cardinal John Dew in regards to this matter for your information.

CASUAL WORKERS NEEDED - \$50!

We need casual adult workers to be "on call" at our Afterschool Care. At times staff may be away and we need cover to ensure we have the correct adult/child ratio. Parents, Grandparents etc – please contact me at school 8439238 if you can help. Guaranteed 3 hours (2.30 – 5.30pm) and \$18 per hour. **NB.** A police vet check will be a requirement.

ARTS IN THE AMPI – A FREE EXHIBITION AND CONCERT

A chance for you to see talent and culture in action. **Tuesday 22 October. Sacred Heart College.** Visual Arts Exhibition 12:00pm onwards. Music, dance, cultural CONCERT 5.30pm in the Mission Centre Amphi theatre. A great way to spend an evening with the family.

TERM 4 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER

17 – Angel Whanau visit Firestation
18 – Kapa Haka Group performance

NOVEMBER

1 – Senior Intensives start
24- Staff / School Mass – Thomas More 8am
26 – 29 Year 5/6 Camp – Tutira
26 – H.B Triathlon – Frimley Park

DECEMBER

5 – Angel Whanau Fun Day
11 – School Prizegivings / assemblies
16 – Student Reports home
18 – School Farewell Mass 9.30am (T.B.C)
18 – Year 8 Leavers Dinner
19 – SCHOOL FINISHES 12.30pm
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Ka kite ano – Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL