

ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER



3 December 2019

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow
"Be KIND whenever possible."

COOL AT SCHOOL

This week we congratulate **Jasmine Hardgrave**, a Year 8 student for her quiet manner, hard work and for the way she gets on with things without a fuss and with a good attitude.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

A number of 'whanau' and group activities planned for this month.

6 December – all our wonderful Road Patrollers head off to Splash Planet for the day.

6 December – Mission Whanau (Y3/4) Day Out.

12 December – Angel Whanau (Y1/2) Fun Day.

13 December – Marist Whanau (Y7/8) Activity Day.

A good way to finish the year for our students.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR DECEMBER

Our Gospel value for this Advent month is "**Acting with Kindness**". At this time of year when 'kindness' is so important, people often forget how this works because of the stresses that this time of year brings. If we take a breath, think about what really is important, then may be "Acting with Kindness" will take wings.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS THURSDAY

Sausage sizzle this Thursday, **5th December, \$1.50**. Raising funds (early) for the Year 7/8 Camp in Rotorua in March 2020. Orders and money need to be in by **9am** on Thursday.

FINAL FOR 2019



PTA – FINAL MEETING FOR 2019

A very successful year for our PTA and school – THANK YOU ALL. Final 'relaxed' meeting is on **Thursday 12 December, 6.30pm** at Speights Ale House. Some nibbles and a drink provided to say thank you and finish the year off – until 2020!

END OF YEAR STUDENT REPORTS

These will be given to pupils on **Monday 16th December** at school and should be opened at home with you. Please be positive about the reports when you discuss them with your child.

There has been some great progress made by your children this year.

SCHOOL DONATIONS IN 2020

IN 2020, St Patrick's School has joined the new Government Initiative School Donations Scheme. (These are NOT your Attendance Dues of \$447 that are paid to Palmerston North). What this means for you is that your "school accounts" will be less than for 2019 with no "General Purpose, ICT, Swimming or Gymnastics" fees. You will still be charged for stationery, some Y7/8 Technology fee, sports fees and for overnight camps. Good news for you.

GREAT TIME HAD ON CAMP

Our Year 5/6 campers had a wonderful time in Tutira last week. Mud runs, late nights, BBQ's and a whole lot of fun. Many thanks to all the parent helpers and to Kate Smith, Kaehler Dawson and Todd Reid for their organisation.



"MEET, GREET AND HAVE AN EAT" IN 2020

Friday 6th March 2020, 5 – 7pm – put it in your diaries now for Term One. This is not a fundraising event! It's a chance to meet other families and enjoy our school community.

Bring your picnic (we do hope to have food vendors there also) and pray for a warm evening. "There are no strangers; only friends we haven't met yet"

ARTISTIC TALENT FROM OUR SENIORS



These portraits have been made using a mix of materials. Come along and view them in the office foyer and see some of the artistic talent we have here at St Pats.

Regards & Blessings
Jurek Wypych
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