

WELCOME BACK TO 2020

"In a Christian Way We Learn Today For Tomorrow"



4th February 2020

Dear Parents, Pupils, Parishioners,

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and exciting 2020. Our pupils looked great on their return yesterday, full of enthusiasm, smiling and excited...just like their teachers. We are in a "happy" place.

NEW TO ST PATRICK'S

We had 43 **new** pupils join us yesterday, and all looked to have settled in beautifully. A special welcome to you and your families. We look forward to getting to know you and trust that you will enjoy your years as St Patrick's. So welcome to **Alexandra Harrison, Ruby & Mitchell Manning, Asher Harvey, Zechariah Vo, Lana Harvey, Myah Downs, Franklin Domigan, Winston Poppelwell, Thalia Bates, Haimona Wiari Wroe, Sean & Dean Mayer, Ben Wright, Matteo Peretti, Ryhan Davidson, Oliver & Hazel Marwick, Finn Jensen, Rose Jones, Tamas Madarasz-Smith, Calib England, Dylan Mabry, Jyde Low, Maximilian Barnett, James Te Paki, Connor Blunsden, Flynn Milman-Mullany, Keija Miringaorangi, Bastian Inger, Oliver Hope, Boston Chambers, India Bertram, Fletcher Rodger, Michaela & Lachlan Russell, Jonty Cotter, Natalie Fu, Paige Raggett, Renee, Emily & Leanne D'Cruz, William Hancy-Rollinson.**

FIRST SCHOOL ASSEMBLY FOR 2020 – TOMORROW (JOIN US)

We have our first School Assembly this **Wednesday 5th at 9 am** in the school hall where **new pupils** will be welcomed. You are invited to join this celebration.

NO SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY (7TH FEBRUARY)

A LONG weekend coming up with Waitangi Day on Thursday and a Teacher Only Day on Friday with the school CLOSED. (There will be no staff on-site). Enjoy the break and make the most of it with your family.

P.T.A MEETING – Tuesday 11 February, 6pm in School Staffroom. Going to be a fantastic year with YOUR HELP. Come and join us for ONLY and hour as we look at the year ahead.

UP COMING EVENTS

SCHOOL WELCOME MASS NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 12th February at 9.30 in **St Patrick's Church** as we pray for the year ahead and celebrate the Catholic Character that makes St Patrick's School the special place that it is. Please join us in this celebration.

ART DECO PICNIC

We plan to have an "Art Deco" picnic lunch at school on **Friday 21st February at 12.30 – 1.30pm**. More info next week – get that costume ready. **We don't expect parents /caregivers to buy or hire a costumes for children, something made up at home is great.**

TERM DATES FOR 2020

TERM 1 - Monday 3rd February - Thursday 9th April (**SCHOOL CLOSED FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY**)

TERM 2 - Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3rd July

TERM 3 - Monday 20 July - Friday 25th September

TERM 4 - MONDAY 12TH October – Thursday 17th December

PARENT/WHANAU MEET THE TEACHER EVENING – Wednesday 19th February, 5.30 – 6.15pm. – a chance to meet your child's teacher and discuss routines, expectations and the year ahead.

SCHOOL PICNIC EVENING

5.30PM Friday 6th March. Bring a picnic/takeaways. A chance to relax and meet new families. More info to follow.

CONGRATULATIONS

To all pupils who were recognised at the end of the year prizegiving's in 2019

Particular mention to **Caitlin Montaperto-Wells** who was awarded the Year 7 General Excellence Cup and the Father Tim Hannigan Jubilee Award.

In Year 8 **Georgia Jones** was awarded the General Excellence Cup and **Alice Dravitzki** was awarded the Blue Ribbon Cup for Academic Excellence.

Our Year 6 PTA Scholarships (valued at \$100 each) recipients were **Chloe Payne, Katie Hardgrave, Issy Davidson, Siniva Muagututia and Taika King.**

Principal's Scholarship for a year 6 student was awarded to **Hayden Town.**

The Betty Crawford Scholarships (valued at \$750 each) were introduced in 2016. These were awarded to two of our Year 8 students, **Freddie Salter** and **Teuila Apineru** to assist them in their first year at college.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

BELL TIMES

School begins at 8.45 am and ends 2.55pm. Children are not to be in the classroom until the 8.20 bell (safety issue). Please don't arrive before 8am. A clearing bell rings at 3.15pm (all children to leave school grounds promptly)

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS (WEEKLY) – KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH

EVERY TUESDAY (check that bag). This is our main Form of communication, please keep the newsletter for a least a week. (if you would like yours emailed please contact the school office 843 9238 /or email admin@stpatsnapier.school.nz The newsletter is also available on our school website www.stpatsnapier.school.nz and through our **school app** and facebook page. By downloading our school app and following our facebook you will be kept up to date with important notices and sharing of school life.

The youngest child in each family receives a newsletter – so check that bag.

STATIONERY FOR 2020

Stationery packs were given to pupils yesterday. I hope you all appreciate these no hassle packs to start the year with. Stationery will be included in the school account which will be sent to you in late February. We would appreciate **prompt payment** – thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM - We expect children to wear it properly and proudly **to and from** school as well as **at** school

SUNHATS – FOR EVERYONE (BY MONDAY THE 10th FEBURARY)

School Sunhats are compulsory for all pupils as part of our summer uniform. These are available from the school office- **\$10.00**. We have a **“NO HAT-NO PLAY”** policy. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

CONTACTING TEACHERS

If you need to contact your child's teacher the best way to do this is by email, (email addresses are available on our website or you can do this through our school app).

Teachers are not available for phone calls during class time.

Children can be contacted or contact you with permission from a teacher through the school office.

If your child needs to bring a cell phone to school they must be **held** by the **classroom teacher** or **office** during the school day.

ABSENCES / LATENESS

If your child is absent from school please phone **843 9238** or text **027 7507813** or email through our **school app** before **9.am**. Unexplained absences are followed up to the best of our ability. Children who are **late** are to report to the office before they go to their classroom.

PARKING AT SCHOOL – PLEASE BE AWARE!

Please do not use the staff car park (near the school hall) for either parking or pedestrian use. We ask you to park along Riverbend Road and to use the pedestrian entrance near the office block. **Please do not park on the yellow lines**

PLEASE ALWAYS USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

BUS RUN – TAMATEA / TARADALE

Our Tamatea / Taradale bus runs are operated by Nimons and are shared with Scared Heart College. The cost of our Term pass is **\$80**, 20 ride pass is **\$30** and a single trip ticket is **\$2** these tickets can be purchased from the school office

PUPIL INFORMATION SHEETS (GOLD)

These sheets were given out to pupils today **PLEASE RETURN ASAP** - it is **vitaly important** in case of emergency that we have your current details. **Please return by Wednesday 5th February** (First class to do so wins a PRIZE)

GOSPEL VALUE – A MONTHLY FOCUS

Each month the school will focus on a theme that is intended to develop Christian values.

February Focus – SPEAKING WITH GENTLENESS? A good way for everyone to start this skill is to say GOOD MORNING / TALOFA/ KIA ORA. Speak with kind words, and they will come back to you.

REMEMBER SCHOOL IS CLOSED THIS FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

FINALLY

It's great to be back – look forward to meeting you all and getting to know all our pupils.

Have a great year – it's what we make it.

Regards and Blessings to you all

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL