

ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER



11 February 2020

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

NEW TO ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL – TWO TAONGA

We welcome **Mana Fleming-Neilson** to A1. Mana joins BIG sister Poppy here at St Patrick's and **Quan Dinh SM12** comes from Westshore School. Both boys have already settled in brilliantly.

OUR OWN CHAMPION

Congratulations to **Mackenzie Benbow** who won Champion Pony North Island Dressage 2020 title in Taupo last month. An amazing achievement with competition from all over the North Island and some from Australia.

SCHOOL WELCOME MASS – TOMORROW

Please join us **THIS WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY AT 9.30 IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH** as we celebrate our Special Catholic Character and pray for the year ahead.

PTA MEETING – TONIGHT 6.00PM

Join us tonight (11th) in the staffroom at 6.00pm as we discuss the exciting year ahead and how to make St Patrick's a better place for our children and whanau IN 2020.

PARENT/WHANAU "MEET THE TEACHER" EVENING CHANGE OF DATE

To avoid a clash with the St John's College Parent evening we will now hold our "Meet the Teacher" evening on **WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 5.30 – 6.30pm**. A chance to meet your child's teacher and discuss routines, expectations and the year ahead. There will be 2 sessions: 5.30 – 6.00pm and 6.00 – 6.30pm for those who have more than one child at school, so you can choose which session to attend.

SUNHATS & SANDALS

ALL STUDENTS are to wear SCHOOL SUNHATS this summer term – **NO HAT / NO PLAY** as part of our Sun-Safe practice (those waiting for the new sunhats to arrive must wear a hat from home in the meantime). Sandals (Year 8 optional) to be worn in Term 1 and Term 4. Students are expected to wear sandals/shoes TO and FROM school please – no bare feet.

ART DECO PICNIC – NEXT FRIDAY

Join us next Friday **21st February at 12.30** under the trees near the Junior Rooms and picnic with your children. Wear your "Art Deco" clothes to school (we would like all children to make an effort. Something made at home will be great). Parents, grandparents etc most welcome, bring a picnic and blanket. (If it rains – we will "picnic" in our classrooms). All pupils must wear a hat (school sunhat will do!)

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

We have over 40 students taking part in this event next Tuesday 18th at Frimley Park in Hastings. A HUGE event that tests our endurance. Our school value of "nanaiore" is to the fore here – "Keep going."

GOSPEL VALUE FOR FEBRUARY

February Focus: - SPEAKING WITH GENTLENESS. How do we speak to each other? Do we use people's proper names? Is our language appropriate? Do we greet people in a friendly manner?

A good way for everyone to practise this skill is to say GOOD MORNING / TALOFA / MORENA – to everyone they see when they arrive at school.

HAVE YOUR SAY – WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT

The Board of Trustees will be reviewing the following POLICIES and the SCHOOL CHARTER by **1 March**. They are available for you to view in the office foyer.

POLICIES REVIEWED:

NAG1:- Special Character

NAG4:- Financial Management, Property Management, Theft and Fraud Prevention, Sensitive Expenditure.

MUSIC LESSONS AT ST PATRICK'S

We have Campbell Burns from Napier Music Academy (he is brilliant) tutoring students at school. A few places are available for 2020.

Choose from: Guitar, Piano, Drums or Singing.

Group **\$17.50** Individual **\$35 per lesson**.

Go to www.napiermusicacademy.co.nz to register.

PLENTY OF SPORT HAPPENING

Cricket, hockey, basketball, futsal, netball, volleyball and T.ball are options for many of our students this term. Thank you to all parents for your support, in particular those coaching or taking a team in some way.

CONTACTING YOU

Teachers will be contacting you (by phone or face to face at school) over the next few days to introduce themselves, see how your child has settled into class and also to possibly find out a few things special about your child.

FAMILY PICNIC EVENING – FRIDAY 6 MARCH – 5.30PM

The PTA are planning a relaxed evening on our school grounds for **Friday 6 March**. More information next week but keep the date free. A chance to meet new families and also enjoy the company of those you know – and our wonderful staff. 😊

TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

FEBRUARY

12 – School Mass 9.30am St Patrick's Church

21 – Art Deco Picnic 12.30 – 1.30pm

26 – Ash Wednesday

26 – Meet the Teacher Evening 5.30 – 6.30pm

MARCH

2 – 5 – Year 7/8 Camp to Rotorua

6 – Family Picnic at school 5.30pm

17 – ST PATRICK'S DAY

APRIL

2 – School Athletics Day

9 – End of Term 1 (Holy Thursday)

We go back to school on **TUESDAY 28 April** (ANZAC DAY 27TH)

Ka kite ano – Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL