



Marist Whanau News

Term 1, 2020



Kia Ora Whanau,

A warm welcome to all parents, caregivers and families of Saint Patrick's School. I hope that your child/children enjoyed their first few days of school. Once again, we have had a positive start to the year and welcome a large number of new students to our syndicate!

School App and Facebook

To keep up to date with all of the latest events, notices and changes, please download our school app (St Patrick's Napier) and follow us on Facebook St Patrick's School - Napier.

Marist Whanau Location

The Marist Whanau consists of 4 classrooms: M5 - Mrs Webb, M6 - Mrs Campbell, M7 - Miss Jensen and M8 - Mr Wallace. Our classes are located along the front of the school by the courts. The set up is fantastic and a wonderful, modern teaching and learning space. You are always welcome to visit. Being composite Year 7/8 allows us to be more collaborative as a whole syndicate and promotes unity!

'The St Pats Way'

Our students will continue to learn and develop the following St Pat's Ways:

- **Kia Whakaute** is showing respect, appreciating and treasuring.
- **Kia Manaaki** is supporting, caring, protecting and being generous.
- **Kia Nanaiore** is striving to be our best, reaching for our goals and being resilient.

Exciting Events in Term 1

At Saint Patrick's School there are many opportunities on offer, so keep on reminding your child/children (we do) about making the most of their time here. Other fantastic opportunities available are: Leadership roles, EPro8, TACs Triathlon, Athletics, Weetbix Try, Rotorua - Keswick Camp, NZreadaloud and that's just some of the things this term!

Term One Dates

Week 1: Thursday 6th February - Waitangi Day

Friday 7th February - T.O.D - no school for students

Week 2: Monday 10th February - First Technology Session begins (Tamatea Intermediate) NEW TIME!

Wednesday 12th February: Whole School Welcome Mass (9:30am St Patrick's Church)

Week 3: Tuesday 18th February - Weetbix Tryathlon and Camp Parent Meeting (5:30pm in M5)

Wednesday 19th February - Parent/Whanau Meet the Parents (5:30pm)

Friday 21st February: Art Deco Picnic (12:30pm)

Thursday 27th February: EPro8 Challenge 5pm (Tamatea Intermediate Hall)

Week 5: Monday 2nd - Thursday 5th March - Marist Whanau Camp

Week 8: Wednesday 25th March - GRIP Leadership Course for Yr 8 House Captains

Week 10: Thursday 9th April: Last day of term!

Technology

Technology sessions are held at Tamatea Intermediate on Mondays throughout the year (9am-11:30pm.) **Please ensure your child is at school on time, otherwise you will need to get them to Technology yourself.** Children bus to and from school each week accompanied every session by a Senior School Teacher. Students will develop their technological understanding in the following areas of: Food Technology, Visual Art, Multi-Materials, Digital Technology and Hard Materials. Children are **required to wear correct, covered school shoes to all Technology sessions** (winter school shoes) and hair fully tied back. Note: Seniors from St Patrick's School receive the same amount of technology time as students from other intermediates.

Leadership

There are many leadership opportunities available, especially for our Year 8's. We will be discussing with the students next week about how they can apply for these positions. If your child is interested, they will be bringing a letter home regarding what their commitment entails and how to apply.

Term Focus

Our overarching theme for the year is 'A call to action - Pūtātara'. We will be linking our learning across the curriculum into developing knowledge and understanding around:

- Turangawaewae - Being in and of this world - Connecting our being with that of the natural world.
- Kaitiakitanga - Our wonderful world - Learning about and contributing to the incredible diversity of our natural world in Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Kaitiakitanga - Think globally, act locally - Responding to global climate challenges at a local level.
- Whakapuawai - Flourishing ever forward - Exploring new paradigms of progress, based on the wellbeing of ourselves and our planet.

In the first few weeks there will be a focus on us getting to know your child, what makes them special, what their gifts/taonga are and how their family and culture impact on who they are.

Religious Education

We begin the term reminding ourselves of the importance of prayer and the many purposes for prayer in our lives. From there, we will explore the greatest gift: creation. We will understand the importance of where we live and the connection we have with nature. We will also celebrate Ash Wednesday, Lent and Holy Week.

The Gospel value for this month is 'Speaking with gentleness'.

Literacy / Numeracy

All of the classes will be participating in the #NZReadAloud this term. This is a great initiative that digitally connects students from schools all around New Zealand through a shared senior book 'Tui Street Heroes' by Anne Kayes.

For Numeracy, we will be continuing with DMIC. This is where students work collaboratively to solve relevant and real life problems. This allows students to question, explain, and justify their mathematical thinking.

Physical Education and Health

All children are expected to have their PE gear at school Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We begin the term with Athletics. This involves various running distances, shot put, discus, high jump and long jump. If your child cannot participate in P.E, a note signed and dated from the parent/caregiver is expected.

Changes to Home Learning

This year your child will be focusing on independently choosing home learning tasks to meet their learning needs. We will provide your child with the tools to help them improve at home eg. consistent reading, quick recall with their maths knowledge. When and how often they do this will be up to your child. If they choose to get involved in extra academic activities, or do not complete work at school in the appropriate time for them, this too will be part of work to do at home. With your support, we are helping to provide them with the skills and attributes as they continue their schooling journey. We call this self-directed home learning.

Marist Whanau Camp

The whole Marist Whanau (Yr7&8) will be attending camp at Keswick Christian Camp in Rotorua. It will be this term in Week 5 - Monday 2nd March to Thursday 5th March. The cost per pupil will be \$200. Yesterday the first camp notice went home.. We will also put all notices on our school app and Facebook page.

Sports

This term we have teams representing our school in the following sports;

Cricket: Saturday mornings - Starting 15th February (at a number of locations in Napier and Hastings)

Basketball: Thursdays - Starting 20th February (at PGA & Centennial Hall)

Volleyball: Mondays (SuperLeague) - starting 24th February (at PGA) or Wednesdays (VolleyLeague) - Starting 19th February (at Centennial Hall, Napier)

Futsal: Tuesdays - Starting 11th February (Pettigrew Green Arena)

Orienteering: Wednesdays for 6 weeks after school - Starting 13th February (various locations)

Summer Hockey: Tuesdays - Starting 19th February (at Park Island)

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher either by email or coming into the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards and Blessings

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