

ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER



18 February 2020

"Your WORDS carry amazing power.
So when you speak, make sure you UPLIFT
Someone and NOT put them down."

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

OUR LATEST TAONGA - TALOFA

We welcome **Ryan Olotua** A1 who joins big sister Metita here and **Andre Canedo** M16 and his family who have joined us all the way from Dubai. May you both enjoy belonging to the St Patrick's whanau.

COOL AT SCHOOL

The first for 2020. We congratulate **Zephyr Lyford**, one of our "responsible" Year 8 students who has welcomed our new students so well, shown initiative and displayed such a positive and polite attitude

BRAND NEW TO THIS WORLD

Congratulations to Stacey and Brett on the safe arrival of Benji last Friday. A baby brother for Peyton.



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.

BEACH EDUCATION

The St Joseph's Whanau (Year 5/6) are participating in the Surf Life Saving Beach Ed programme this week. Each day, one class will spend the day at Westshore learning valuable skills. Thank you teachers (Kate, Nikki, Todd) for organizing this and all the parents helping out (togs and all!)

ART DECO PICNIC – THIS FRIDAY

Join us this 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!)



PARENT/WHANAU "MEET THE TEACHER" EVENING

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.

TAMATEA / TARADALE BUSS PASS

All travelling on the bus **MUST** have a pass / ticket. We subsidize the bus by more than 50% so we need your contribution to keep this bus.

Term Pass \$80, 20 Ride Pass \$30, Single Ride \$2.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS THURSDAY

Marist Whanau will be holding sausage sizzles for the next few weeks to help fundraise for their camp to Rotorua in Week 5. First one is THIS Thursday 20th February! We are still keeping the awesome cheap price of **\$1.50** per sausage. This can be either paid at school to your child's classroom teacher on Thursday morning OR you can now also purchase through Lunchonline: www.lunchonline.co.nz

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.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Keeping you informed as best as possible to keep up with what is going on at school is important. Every **Tuesday**, we have a "hard copy" newsletter going home with the youngest child in each family. (It is also available on our website and school app.

Check out our website for updates/information www.stpatsnapier.school.nz or use our SCHOOL APP by going to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and search St Patrick's Napier to download the free app to your phone or tablet.

Sign up for sports classroom, school notices and alerts which are instant. You can always call us at the office too 843 9238.

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 and on our website.

POLICIES REVIEWED:

NAG1:- Special Character

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

CLARINET LESSONS

Pupils n Years 5 – 8 who are interested in learning clarinet this year are to meet Miss Frances Morgan this Thursday, at lunchtime, in the St. Patrick's School Music Room (M13). Clarinet hire is \$50.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CASUAL WORK

Our Afterschool Care (Afcare) is well staffed but at times we need an extra adult (16 years+) to fill in for an afternoon or two (2.45 – 5.30pm) at short notice to cover staff and ensure our adult/student ratio is correct. At \$18 an hour (3 hours) this could be an ideal opportunity for someone who is flexible and enjoys working with our lovely students.

If you are interested please contact either Caroline Schofield 0221923787 or me at school 8439238.

NB: A police "vet" check is compulsory.

FOR SALE

Elba ceramic top free standing stove 2 ½ years old. Genuine reason for selling. Reasonable offers considered. Contact Raewyn Williams A3 St Patrick's School or 027 361 6378.

Ka kite ano – Regards & Blessings
Jurek Wypych
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