

ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER



25 February 2020

"Always speak the truth, so that you can get the right advice."

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

OUR LATEST TAONGA - TALOFA

We welcome **Lachlan Anderson** and his family to St Patrick's School. Lachlan began yesterday in A1 and looked just fantastic in his brand new school uniform.

COOL AT SCHOOL

A huge congratulations to **Molly Giles**, a Year 8 student who is the most confident, polite, helpful and considerate student. She shows great initiative and is a responsible leader. We are very proud of her.

ASH WEDNESDAY- TOMORROW (40 DAYS OF LENT)

We celebrate the beginning of Lent tomorrow (26th) in our school hall at 9am with a school liturgy and the distribution of ashes. Parents, family, whanau are most welcome to join us.

THE '40 DAYS' OF LENT

Our "40 days" is a round number with symbolic meaning. The Jews spent "40 years" in the desert on their way to the Promised Land. Jesus spent "40 days and 40 nights" fasting in the desert before beginning his ministry.

However, fasting was always prohibited on Sunday, which meant there were only 36 fasting days in the six week period. To make the Lenten fast include 40 days, the Church added four days of fasting (Ash Wednesday, and the Thursday, Friday and Saturday after Ash Wednesday). Lent itself ends on the evening of Holy Thursday (the vigil of Good Friday). We then begin the **Triduum**, the most sacred three days of the year, lasting through Easter Sunday evening.

PARENT/WHANAU "MEET THE TEACHER" TOMORROW 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.

LEAVING US FOR A WHILE – ALL THE BEST

Nikki Thompson will be leaving us at the end of this term on maternity leave (you just may have noticed) and returning in Term 4. Taking her place will be Aimee Newport, who is coming back from maternity leave and Jo Coffin, who will job share for the two terms. Both brilliant teachers. We wish Nikki, Matt and Nixon all the best and look forward to a new enrolment.

BEING ON TIME TO SCHOOL – OR TOO EARLY?

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that children arrive at school in time to unpack and prepare for the day without the stress of having to rush. We **START SCHOOL AT 8.45AM**. Each day begins with prayer, a time to settle and share with your class. Please try to get your child to school **before** the 8.45am bell, I notice quite a number of our students turning up late, rushing and missing this important time of the day. Please remember if you are late to report into the office so that we know you have arrived.

TOO EARLY?

Our class bell rings at 8.15 and from then children are able to go into classes.

Teachers are unable to supervise children on the school grounds before then as they are preparing for lessons and often in meetings. If you have to come very early, there is always our Before School Care (022 192 3787) which opens at 7am each day.

SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC – FRIDAY 6 MARCH

COME ALONG 5.30 – 7.30PM

- Free Sausage Sizzle – A sausage for EVERYONE.
- Bring a picnic / blanket and some refreshments.
- Donut Caravan (and maybe more) will be here.
- Bouncy Castle operating.

WHERE: St Patrick's School front lawn outside Marist Block (near courts)

-Catch up with people and meet new ones.



CLARINET LESSONS

Pupils in 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 (M9). Clarinet hire is \$50.

FOOTBALL REGISTRATIONS

Registrations open now for Napier Marist Junior Football Club. Napier Marist is a family football club which creates pathways for kids to develop a lifelong love of football at all levels. The club is based at Park Island, Tamatea and most games are played there.

Email: maristfc.co.nz to register.

DO YOU NEED A JOB?

The Econo Lodge Napier (part of the Westshore Beach Inn) is looking for Housekeepers. Hours are generally 9 – 3pm. Please email C.V to jeremy@wbi.nz

Regards & Blessings- here's to a fruitful "Lent"

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