



# ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

17 March 2020

"JUSTICE is the TRUTH in ACTION"

*In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow*

## OUR LATEST TREASURE

We welcome to A1 and to St Patrick's School Summer Love and her family. Summer began last week and has settled into school beautifully.

## COOL AT SCHOOL

We celebrate with **Demi Walker**, one of our outstanding Year 8 students who is a great leader, classmate and friend. She lives out "The St Pats Way" in a mature, compassionate and joyful way.

## SCHOOL DISCO - CANCELLED

I have decided to cancel this Friday's Disco as a precautionary measure in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the measures needed to be taken to limit its spread as advised by the Ministry of Health. I am sure as parents you will appreciate that we are being as pro-active as possible.

We are reminding children about personal hygiene, in particular regular hand washing, covering their mouth and nose when sneezing, coughing etc.

## CORONAVIRUS - FEELING THE FINANCIAL PINCH

I am aware that many of our families/whanau will be struggling as the restrictions and implications of this pandemic hit people financially.

I am also aware that you have recently received accounts for school fees (stationery, camp etc) as well as Attendance Dues from Palmerston North. Please contact me if paying these fees will be a problem as we do not want to see any of our families going without the basics in order to pay for schooling.

Please let me know, I am in a position to help.

## LEAVING US NEXT TERM

We sadly farewell but congratulate Jodie Webb, our wonderful Marist Whanau Team Leader who has accepted a leadership position at Napier Intermediate commencing the beginning of Term 2. We thank Jodie for her time at St Patrick's and the positive difference that she has made. A fantastic teacher who we wish all the best for the future.

## A MEETING FOR YOU - POSTPONED

The planned PTA meeting for next Tuesday 24 March has been postponed due to the current circumstances. Hopefully we can meet in Term 2.

## NAPIER SOUTH FOOTBALL REGISTRATION DAY

Napier South Junior Football registration day is on Sunday March 15, 3 - 5pm at the Marewa Bowls Club, 35 Herrick St Napier. Come along if you are interested in playing soccer.



## LUCY'S STORY - ME IN THE SEA

In the sea the deep blue sea fish swim  
struggling to breathe.  
In the sea the deep blue sea pieces of plastic  
float past me.  
In the sea the deep blue see I hope in the  
future the sea can be seen.

By Lucy Story SJ14



## FOOTBALL SUCCESS - WAY TO GO!

Last Thursday, St Patrick's entered a Year 5/6 football (soccer) team in the Central Football Girls only 7 aside tournament. THEY WON - 4 games, 4 wins, Goals for - 7 Goals against - 0.

So Scarlett, Aimee, Ruby, Sofia, Alice, Isabella, Hana, Indie and Nicola - well done, proud of you.

They were the perfect team: fun, great sports and tried hard. Thanks also to Jude, Carl, Kahlya, Fiona and Ben for your support and transport.



## ST PATRICK'S DAY GIGGLE

An Irishman walks into a bar in Dublin, orders three pints of Guinness and sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more. The bartender asks him, "You know, a pint of beer goes flat after I draw it, it would taste better if you bought one at a time." The Irishman replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in America, the other in Australia, and I am here in Dublin. When we all left home, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together." The bartender admits that this is a nice custom and leaves it there. The Irishman becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way: he orders three pints and drinks them in turn. One day, he comes in and orders two pints. All the other regulars notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude in your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your great loss." The Irishman looks confused for a moment, then a light dawns in his eye and he laughs. "Oh, no," he says, "everyone's fine. I've just quit drinking."

## HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY TO ALL OUR FAMILIES

Jurek Wypych  
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