



ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

16 June 2020

"Whether you THINK YOU CAN,
Or think you CAN'T
YOU are RIGHT."

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Max Walker**, a Year 6 student who has a great attitude, good sense of humour, is friendly, co-operative and just "gets on with things."

Max is a good friend to many people.



MARIST WHANAU MASS TODAY

This morning (AT LAST) we celebrated a whanau (syndicate) Mass in our beautiful school chapel – first for 2020. Good to have Father Barry back and the opportunity for our students to practise and be immersed in the special Catholic Character that "is" St Patrick's School.

SUNDAY MASSES – BACK ON TRACK AT LAST

Finally we can get back to more 'normality' with the Bishops opening up Sunday Masses again for **YOU**.

Take the family **THIS SUNDAY**, it's been a while.

Sunday Mass times:-

St Patrick's (Munroe Street) **10:00am**

St Thomas More (Wycliffe Street) **8:00am**

St Mary's (Osier Road) **9:00am** and **5:00pm**.

WRITING TALENT AT ST PATS

ANOTHER WORLD

Mari lifted her heavenly frosted head and turned her watery eyes to meet the dying sun at the horizon. She saw her icy breath disappear into nothingness. Tired, thirsty, she sat down for the first time in twelve hours. She heard the snow crunch below her as she sat down on a little clump of snow.

Hurriedly, she fiddled with her zip to her rucksack until her red and stiff fingers succeeded in opening the bag to all her food. To her disappointment, her water in her plastic water bottle had frozen. She sighed. At least her sandwiches were alright, even if they were a bit soggy and the lettuce was covered in frost. She felt herself relax as she bit into her sandwich. She layed down, and some of the snow fell out of her long, platinum hair. She sighed as she closed her eyes to sleep for a bit.

Mari woke to see a blinding white light. Startled, Mari lifted her head from the snow and forgetting how tired she was, she jumped to her feet, trying not to look directly into the bright beams of light. She wished that the light would dim so she could sleep in peace, yet something inside her wanted to see where the light was coming from. Was it a rescue truck, coming to take her to the capital where she intended to go? Was it her best friend Biina taking her home because she had been travelling for so long and not arrived at her place? Or was it another traveller, with a very bright flashlight who was travelling away from the capital and to Mari's hometown? Maybe they had a lighter or matches so he or she could help her start a fire. But after a few minutes, Mari thought it had to be something else. Maybe it was the Aurora Borealis! Mari started to get excited until everything went eerily dim.

By India Bertram M6 (Part two to follow)

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL PHOTOS – TOMORROW

School photos for 2020 will be taken tomorrow, Wednesday 17th in the morning by Photolife. Class, individual and family group photos will be available and ordering will be **on-line only**. Each child will receive a "keycode" that is unique to them. You will receive this sometime after photo day.

STUDENT/PARENT/TEACHER CONVERSATIONS – NEXT WEEK

We will be holding these 15 minute interviews next week from Monday **22 June – Wednesday 24 June**. Interviews will be **AT SCHOOL** and **AT HOME (ZOOM)**. **AT SCHOOL** times Monday – Wednesday **3.15-5.00pm**. **AT HOME (ZOOM)** Monday – Wednesday **6.30-8.00pm**.

We hope to have 100% parent involvement as these interviews are the basis of your child's SCHOOL REPORT that will be sent out in early August.

PRIZES: All people who have registered for an interview will go into the draw for:

1st Prize - \$100 Breakers Family Meal Voucher

2nd Prize - \$50 Breakers Family Meal Voucher

3rd Prize – Popcorn maker

To book interviews go to :

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code

and enter the code: **h9yqq**

This will also be on your ALERT which goes directly to the booking page. If you haven't already got the

GOSPEL VALUE FOR JUNE - PERSEVERANCE

Our focus this month is "**PERSEVERANCE.**"

A skill that we need to work on if we are to succeed in life.

Our attitude is "**KEEP ON TRYING.**" If at first you don't succeed - try again. That means "quality" also – giving your best. So "keep on trying" in your relationships, school work, faith, family and friends – it will pay off.

COMMUNITY NEWS

• **NOBM RUGBY REGISTRATIONS**

Email: nobmjuniorrugby@gmail.com

To register. Rugby starts 25 July.

A HAPPY PLACE TO BE

Things are going well at school and your children are happy, learning and making our place a delight to be in. Our staff are doing a wonderful job, and be assured that they are passionate, professional and genuinely care for your children.

Regards and Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL