



ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

22 July 2020

"Love and COMPASSION are necessities
not luxuries."

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

KEEP THESE FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our sympathies, prayers and aroha go to these two families at this very sad time, please pray for and support them.

To Jess, Asha, Jahmia and Jaycee who lost their beautiful father and husband in the weekend. May the treasured memories be with you forever.

To Arlene, Ashley and Kage who lost their beautiful daughter and aunty also in the weekend, our thoughts are with you.

Two young people who leave behind grieving families that we as the St Patrick's whanau can support. May they both rest in peace.

BRAND NEW TO ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Monday was the "first ever" school day for **Avanti Crown-Tuliau** and **James Llewellyn** who both started in A1.

James and his family are brand new to St Patrick's School and Avanti joins big brother Titan at school. Both looked to have settled in beautifully – and left school smiling.

COOL AT SCHOOL

At the end of last Term **George Briggs**, a Year 8 student received this award at our final assembly. George was recognized for his compassion, leadership, calm nature and his positive attitude and willingness to be involved.



GOSPEL VALUE FOR JULY - COMPASSION

This month our school focus and Value is "**COMPASSION**". As a Catholic school, this should be at the heart of all our relationships and actions.

"Show you care for others". It is **how** we do this that can set us apart as a compassionate community. (Home, Parish and School).

MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS – THE NINE STARS

Yesterday, the whole school was involved in Matariki activities – a wonderful day where juniors and seniors worked in groups on a variety of activities (28 in total) and new experiences.

Thank you Kerry Lianne and staff for organizing this and also the parents and friends of the school, St John's students and others who shared their talents in the workshops. Our children had a ball.

Ka mau te wehi!



SCHOOL NEWS

SPEECH FINALS

Paige Jones and **Maddison Stoodley** (both Year 8) represented St Patrick's in the T.A.C's Speech finals at the end of last term. Their speeches were sent in on-line (recorded) and from the many contestants across Napier / Hastings. **Maddison** was placed **SECOND** and **Paige, THIRD**. Well done girls, we are proud of you.

A REAL ACT OF KINDNESS

Valerie Nansen, one of our students entered a NZ-wide competition on the "What Now Kids' Show" called the Big Build Up. She nominated her friend at school to win the Play Hut that was built on the show with Mitre10 – and she was chosen as the winner. We are so proud of Valerie, what an amazing friend.

GRANPARENTS LITURGY (SPREAD THE WORD)

Our annual and ever-popular GRANDPARENTS LITURGY will be held on **Thursday 6th August**. The Angel Whanau (Rooms A1, A2, A3, A4) celebrate this beautifully and we always finish off with a picnic lunch. So spread the word and we'll see you here on the **6th – 12.00** in the school hall and afterwards for lunch.

A SMALL CHANGE IN BELL TIMES – END OF THE DAY

To help ease traffic congestion at the end of the day and for our children's safety (and parents sanity) the bell will now ring at **2.50pm** (previously 2.55pm) in order to give more time to safely send children home at the end of the day. Often traffic is chaotic at 3pm and on wet days parking is crazy, so this extra window of time should ease that congestion.

A TASTE OF HIGH SCHOOL

Next week our senior students will be spending a day at either Sacred Heart or St John's College to experience what college life will be like for them. (A notice about this went home yesterday – check that bag!)

The Year 7 and 8 girls will travel by bus on **TUESDAY 28th JULY** to Sacred Heart for a "Touch of Class" and then on **WEDNESDAY 29th July**, The Year 8 boys will travel to St John's College for their Open Day.

A great opportunity for our students as they prepare for the next step in their education.

Ka kite ano
Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
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