




ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

4 August 2020

"PATIENCE is a virtue"
It is also this month's Gospel Value

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Tyler Bowen**, one of our Year 5 "lads" who really shows manaaki (care and compassion). He is friendly, has a positive attitude and is **ALWAYS** polite. 

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Treesa and Jose on the safe arrival of **Jake**. A little brother for a very proud big sister Jewel.

CELEBRATING MASS

Our Mission whanau celebrated Mass this morning in our School Chapel. A beautiful occasion shared with parents and family. Thank you Fr Barry for celebrating this for us and to staff for organization and students for their respectful participation.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS – ARRIVING THIS WEEK

Thank you to all who are either paying off (you can easily set up an AP of a few dollars a week) or HAVE already paid their 2020 school stationery account.

PLEASE CONTACT me if you need to discuss payment options or need assistance in any way – **I CAN AND WILL HELP**. Thank you.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR AUGUST – PATIENCE

This month we focus on the value **PATIENCE**. We say "GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT."

NEXT WEEK IS "MATHS WEEK"

Even though we are mathematical in class every week, next week, MATHS is celebrated N.Z wide. There will be daily maths questions (puzzles for students and PRIZES for a lucky daily correct answer). Check out the "quiz problems" in today's newsletter to test your skills. (Your children can help you).

REMINDER -SCHOOL CLOSED

School will be **CLOSED on FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER** as teachers will be involved in Digital Technology Professional Development. A long weekend for you.

SOCIAL MEDIA – EVERYONE'S PROBLEM

Last week our Year 5-8 students (and a few parents) listened to Tamatea from "Attitude", a motivational speaker / comedian who had some really powerful messages to share around social media.

We sometimes receive calls from parents about inappropriate phone use, bullying messages, explicit sites, bad language etc. If your child receives inappropriate texts, snapchats etc that are threatening or explicit advise them of the 3 steps – **Ignore, Block, Tell an adult**.

If this does not work –**TAKE THEIR PHONE AWAY**.

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL SURVEY – PLEASE RESPOND ON-LINE TO OUR "ALERT"

Please look out for **our School Catholic Character On-line Survey** that was sent out last week on our "School App" and email. (A paper hard copy will be available also to those who prefer). We ask you to have this completed and returned by **THIS FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST, THANK YOU**.

PTA MEETING – 6PM TONIGHT

Update on Adventure Playground development and what else is in store for 2020 plus what we need to carry over until 2021. Come along, all welcome. **SEE YOU TONIGHT** in the staffroom.

GRANDPARENTS LITURGY THIS THURSDAY

Our annual and ever-popular GRANDPARENTS LITURGY will be held **THIS THURSDAY**. 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.

PHOTO KEY CODES

The photo codes have been given out to the children today. So you can now order your photos on-line. check that bag!

Y6 OPEN DAY/EVENING - 12 AUGUST

Open Day **9am – 12.30** for Year 6 students from contributing Primary schools in Napier.

PARENT EVENING (7-8pm) – FOR YOU

For all St Patrick's parents of Year 6 students and those parents who have children in contributing schools. Come and see why we are the **BEST INTERMEDIATE** for 2021.

MATHS PUZZLES – HAVE A GO!

1) A bucket holds 6 litres of water when it is a $\frac{1}{4}$ (quarter) full. How much will it hold when it is $\frac{2}{3}$ (two thirds) full?

2) How many kittens would there be in a box if there were 18 more legs than tails?

3) The PRODUCT of 8 and 9 is divided by the DIFFERENCE between 3 SQUARED and 3. What is the answer?



Ka kite ano, tofa soifua, take care

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL