



# ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

10 November 2020

"The JOY that you give to others,  
Is the JOY that comes back to you."

*In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow*

## OUR LATEST TREASURE

This week we welcome **Isabelle Fraser-White** who began on Monday in A1. A new family to our school whanau, so welcome and enjoy being part of this wonderful community for the next 8 years.

## COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Jane Skyrme**, a Year 8 student who impresses us all with her sense of humour, passion, personality, perseverance and commitment to exceeding expectations.



## SCHOOL MASS ON SUNDAY – AWESOME!

It was fantastic to see so many students and families last Sunday as we packed out St Patrick's Church. Thank you Father Barry for celebrating the mass so appropriately and warmly and to our students who were once again wonderful ambassadors for St Patrick's School.

Just goes to show you that our Special Catholic Character is very important to us and fills us with a sense of pride.

## THE BIG WET – HOPE YOU ARE OK?

Monday's rain and the school closure were unprecedented.

Today we had about 60% of our pupils at school. Only a few of our classrooms and the hall foyer had minor water damage (carpets & ceilings).

I know there are a number of families who were badly affected by the flooding and we trust that your clean up goes well.

## PLEASE CONTACT ME IF THERE IS ANYTHING THE SCHOOL CAN DO TO HELP.

Take care everyone and thank you (from the heart) to those wonderfully generous people in our community who have already offered help to our families affected and to the school.

## I AM HOPE

Next Monday afternoon our Year 3 – 8 students will be addressed by the "I am Hope Foundation" touring party who have a strong message that encourages young people to reach out for help when needed and they also give our students examples of tools aimed to keep themselves safe and well.



## GOSPEL VALUE FOR NOVEMBER – JOY

This month, we focus on the value of **JOY**.

What a great value for our pupils – Joy is evident in both the playground and classroom.

Our pupils can...

**"Make every day joyful for yourselves and others"**

## THE "DIGI AWARDS"

Congratulations to **Leanne D'Cruz** who won 1st place in the Year 3&4 Photography and then went on to win the Y3&4 Age Group.

Congratulations also to **Helena Hutchinson** who got 3rd place in the Animation Year 3&4.

## STAFFING FOR 2021 – FEW CHANGES

Next year we have a few changes in staffing plus a new teacher to welcome.

You will be told of your child's teacher for 2021 in their end of year student report, which will come out on **Tuesday 15 December**.

## ANGEL WHANAU

Led by Kaehler Dawson with Jan Bevan/Anna Piper, Toni Jensen and Pip Draeger/Nadine McEwan. Raewyn Williams will be released for Reading Recovery and Initiative staffing – extension work with students.

## MISSION WHANAU

Led by Crystal Hewett with Elise Macdonald and Julie Kelleher.

## ST JOSEPH'S WHANAU

Led by Kate Smith with Todd Reid and Nikki Thompson.

## MARIST WHANAU

Led by Paul Wallace with Karina Campbell, Kim Somerville and Darin Marple.

We are blessed to have such a talented, cohesive and caring group of teachers.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### SCHOOL CLOSED FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER

Please mark this date on your calendar.

Teachers will have a day looking at assessment and reporting for your children.

### A MORNING TEA TO SAY THANK YOU TO "YOU"

On **Thursday 26 November** our Year 8 pupils will be hosting a **MORNING TEA** for **ALL PARENTS, COACHES, HELPERS** to say thank you for all you have done for our school this year. If you have coached a team, helped in the classroom, helped with swimming, sports, transport, etc – **THIS IS FOR YOU** and it is our way of saying that we appreciate all you do for us. Mark it on your calendar and we will see you on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**A LUCKY PUNTER** – I will take 100% credit for my Melbourne Cup tip in last week's newsletter. I do not do "fortune telling" unfortunately. 😊

Regards and Blessings to you all

**Jurek Wypych**  
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