



ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

24 November 2020

"JOY to the world – the Lord has come.
Heaven and nature sing."

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Ellie and Oliver on the safe arrival of Caddie. A little sister for a very excited big sister, Bernie.

COOL AT SCHOOL



A huge congratulations to **Ollie Karangaroa**. A Year 3 student who is just a "neat kid". Kind, helpful, friendly, hard working and a good mate to all. One of our many "all-rounders" at St Patrick's.

CONGRATULATIONS REBECCA

At assembly last Friday, **Rebecca Moioli**, a Year 8 student was presented the Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award for her involvement in Inspiring environmental leadership. She is a natural leader and we are so proud of her.

SCHOOL IS CLOSED THIS FRIDAY - 27 NOVEMBER

A teacher only day. Enjoy your long weekend.

OUR NEW PLAYGROUND – A THOUSAND WORDS (PLUS)

We opened our new "swings and spinner" last Monday for students. BOOM – it was swamped and still is. Thank you PTA, Board of Trustees for funding this and once again to Grant for sourcing and co-ordinating the design and construction. A great asset for our students today and in the future.



A MORNING TEA FOR YOU – THIS THURSDAY 10.25AM

This 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. See you Thursday at 10.25am.

From The Catholic Parish of Napier...

The Catholic Parish of Napier now has a Mobile App for important Parish messages. To download the App go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and search 'ChurchAppsNZ' to download the app onto your device. Then search 'The Catholic Parish of Napier'. Any queries, please call by The Catholic Parish of Napier Office or phone 844-2224.

ADVENT – PREPARING FOR THE BIRTH OF JESUS

This Sunday, 29 November is the first Sunday of Advent. You may be familiar with the Advent Wreath as a decoration, but it is FAR MORE than that.....

The Advent Wreath

The circular wreath composed of evergreens is a symbol of continuous and everlasting life.

The four candles in the wreath mark the waiting period leading up to Christmas. One additional candle is lit on each Sunday of Advent to remind us that Jesus brings light into the world.

The first, second and fourth candles are purple while the third is pink or rose – this candle is a sign that we are over the half-way point! This is a Sunday for rejoicing – the wait is almost over!



END OF YEAR DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER:-

9th – School Prizegiving/Final Assemblies

10am – Angel whanau Nativity

10.50am – Mission whanau Crafts & Carols

11.45am St Joseph's whanau - Christmas songs & Prizegiving

7pm – Marist Whanau (Y7/8) St Patrick's Church

15th – Student Final Reports Home

15 – Year 8 Leavers Dinner

16th – Farewell School Mass 9.30am
St Patrick's Church

17th – School Finishes 12:30 (No Afcare)

Regards and Blessings to you all

Jurek Wypych
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