

WELCOME BACK TO 2021

"In a Christian Way We Learn Today For Tomorrow"



4 February 2021

Dear Parents, Pupils, Parishioners and all those in the St Patrick's School Community.

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and exciting 2021. Our pupils looked great on their return yesterday, full of enthusiasm, smiling and excited...just like their teachers. We are in a "happy" place.

NEW TO ST PATRICK'S

We had 49 **new** pupils join us yesterday, and all looked to have settled in beautifully. A special welcome to you and your families. We look forward to getting to know you and trust that you will enjoy your years as St Patrick's. So welcome to **Molly Parris, Miah Hunter, Sophia Le, Taylor Jardine, Marli Daleszak-Clarke, Amelia Corbett-Walding, Bailey Mclean, Claudia Forward, William He Nguyen, Macy Humphrey, Molly Kavanagh, Weston Miringaorangi, Samuel Rich, Raven Lawton, Harvey Kavanagh, Paige Dobson, Eva Pietersen, Frank Nicholls, Cohen Grootjans, Flynn Dobson, Tom Morris, Nevaeh Hardgrave, Nathan Halbert, Reuben Quayle, Ashton Forgie, Alexi Gregory, Tamati Madden, poppy McCaskey, Benjamin Coffin, Stephanie Powell, Freya Doolan, Claudia Jones, Luca Humphrey, Benjamin Jackson, Milla Koenigsberger, Aaliah Hamilton, Samuel White, Bobby Dunn, Jayla Zajonskowski, Willow Zajonskowski, Peter Cook, Aaliah Wiare Wroe, Francesca McManus, Greer Dooney, Tai Rotarangi, Siena Murphy Vinnie Jordan, Ella Jordan, Tahly Senara.**

FIRST SCHOOL ASSEMBLY FOR 2021 – TOMORROW (JOIN US)

We have our first School Assembly this **Friday 5th at 9 am** in the school hall where **new pupils** will be welcomed. You are invited to join this special celebration.

UP COMING EVENTS

SCHOOL WELCOME MASS NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 10th February at 9.30 in **St Patrick's Church** as we pray for the year ahead and celebrate the Catholic Character that makes St Patrick's School the special place that it is. Please join us in this celebration it is a lovely way to start our year.

ART DECO PICNIC

We plan to have an "Art Deco" picnic lunch at school on **Friday 19th February at 12.30 – 1.30pm**. More info next week – get that costume ready. **We don't expect parents /caregivers to buy or hire a costumes for children, something made up at home is great.** Always a great turn-out because it is so relaxed and students look amazing.

TERM DATES FOR 2021

TERM 1 - Monday 3rd February - Friday 16th April - (Easter break 2- 6 April)

TERM 2 - Monday 3 May - Friday 9 July

TERM 3 - Monday 26 July - Friday 1 October

TERM 4 - MONDAY 18TH October - Thursday 16th December

PARENT/WHANAU MEET THE TEACHER EVENING – **Tuesday 23rd February, 5.00 – 6.00pm**. – a chance to meet your child's teacher and discuss routines, expectations and the year ahead. **(Two sessions in each class 5.00 – 5.30 then 5.30 – 6.00pm)**. These sessions will be repeated so you can visit more than one teacher if needed and also to fit in with your work/family schedule.

CONGRATULATIONS

To all pupils who were recognised at the end of the year prizegiving's in 2020

Particular mention to **Aaliah Windybank-Blatch** who was awarded the Year 7 General Excellence Cup and to **Siniva Muagututia** who was awarded the Father Tim Hannigan Jubilee Award.

In Year 8 **Jackson Ball** was awarded the General Excellence Cup and **Caitlin Montaperto-Wells** was awarded the Blue Ribbon Cup for Academic Excellence.

Our Year 5 PTA Scholarships (valued at \$100 each) recipients were **Ben Wright, Xavier Petera, Lucy Story, Nicola Bombik and Xanthe Prietos**.

Principal's Scholarship (valued at \$100) for a year 6 student was awarded to **Paige Hudson**.

The Betty Crawford Scholarships (valued at \$750 each). Were awarded to two of our Year 8 students, **Michael Pollard** and **Aleesha Beams** to assist them in their first year at college.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

BELL TIMES

School begins at 8.45 am and ends 2.50pm. Children are not to be in the classroom until the 8.20 bell (safety issue). Please don't arrive before 8am. A clearing bell rings at 3.15pm (all children to leave school grounds promptly)

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS (WEEKLY) – KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH

EVERY TUESDAY. This is our main Form of communication, please keep the newsletter for a least a week. (if you would like yours emailed please contact the school office 843 9238 /or email admin@stpatsnapier.school.nz The newsletter is also available on our school website www.stpatsnapier.school.nz and through our **school app** and facebook page. By downloading our school app and following our facebook you will be kept up to date with important notices and sharing of school life.

THE NEWSLETTER IS NOW ONLY SENT OUT ELECTRONICALLY SO PLEASE USE ONE OF THE ABOVE TO RECEIVE IT. HARD COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE.

STATIONERY FOR 2021

Stationery packs were given to pupils yesterday. I hope you all appreciate these no hassle packs to start the year with. Stationery will be included in the school account which will be sent to you in late February. We would appreciate **prompt payment** – thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM - We expect children to wear it properly and proudly **to** and **from** school as well as **at** school

SUNHATS – FOR EVERYONE (BY MONDAY THE 15th FEBURARY)

School Sunhats are compulsory for all pupils as part of our summer uniform. These are available from the school office- **\$10.00**. We have a “**NO HAT-NO PLAY**” policy. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

CONTACTING TEACHERS

If you need to contact your child's teacher the best way to do this is by email, (email addresses are available on our website or you can do this through our school app). You can also contact the school office and a message will be sent to the teacher.

(Teachers are not available for phone calls during class time).

CONTACTING YOUR CHILD/MOBILE PHONES

Children can be contacted or contact you with permission from a teacher through the school office.

If your child needs to bring a cell phone to school they must be **held** by the **classroom teacher** or **office** during the school day.

ABSENCES / LATENESS

If your child is absent from school please phone **843 9238** or text **027 7507813** or email through our **school app** before **9.am**. Unexplained absences are followed up to the best of our ability. Children who are **late** are to report to the office before they go to their classroom.

PARKING AT SCHOOL – PLEASE BE AWARE!

Please do not use the staff car park (near the school hall) for either parking or pedestrian use. We ask you to park along Riverbend Road and to use the pedestrian entrance near the office block. **Please do not park on the yellow lines**

PLEASE ALWAYS USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

BUS RUN – TAMATEA / TARADALE

Our Tamatea / Taradale bus runs are operated by Nimons and are shared with Scared Heart College. The cost of our Term pass is **\$80** , 20 ride pass is **\$30** and a single trip ticket is **\$2** these tickets can be purchased from the school office

PUPIL INFORMATION SHEETS (BLUE)

These sheets were given out to pupils today **PLEASE RETURN ASAP** - it is **vitaly important** in case of emergency that we have your current details. **Please return by Friday 12th February.**

GOSPEL VALUE – A MONTHLY FOCUS

Each month the school will focus on a theme that is intended to develop Christian values.

February Focus – SPEAKING WITH GENTLENESS? A good way for everyone to start this skill is to say GOOD MORNING / TALOFA/ KIA ORA. Speak with kind words, and they will come back to you.

FINALLY

It's great to be back – look forward to meeting you all and getting to know all our pupils.

Have a great year – it's what we make it.

Regards and Blessings to you all

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL