



# Marist Whanau News

## Term 1, 2021



Kia Ora Whanau,

A warm welcome to all parents, caregivers and families of Saint Patrick's School. I hope that your child/children enjoyed their first few days of school. Once again, we have had a positive start to the year and welcome a large number of new students to our syndicate!

### School App and Facebook

To keep up to date with all of the latest events, notices and changes, please download our school app (St Patrick's Napier) and follow us on Facebook St Patrick's School - Napier.

### Marist Whanau Location

The Marist Whanau consists of 4 classrooms: M5 - Mr Marple, M6 - Mrs Campbell, M7 - Mrs Somerville and M8 - Mr Wallace. Our classes are located along the front of the school by the courts. The set up is fantastic and a wonderful, modern teaching and learning space. You are always welcome to visit. Being composite Year 7/8 allows us to be more collaborative as a whole syndicate and promotes unity!

### 'The St Pats Way'

Our students will continue to learn and develop the following St Pat's Ways:

- **Kia Whakaute** is showing respect, appreciating and treasuring.
- **Kia Manaaki** is supporting, caring, protecting and being generous.
- **Kia Nanaiore** is striving to be our best, reaching for our goals and being resilient.

### Exciting Events in Term 1

At Saint Patrick's School there are many opportunities on offer, so keep on reminding your child/children (we do) about making the most of their time here. Other fantastic opportunities available are: Leadership roles, TACs Triathlon, Athletics, Weetbix Try, NZreadaloud and that's just some of the things this term!

### Term One Dates

**Week 1:** Friday 5th February Year 7&8 'Retreat Day' with Teachers and Sister Helen in the school hall.

**Week 2:** Monday 8th February - Waitangi Day Break

**Wednesday 10th February:** Whole School Welcome Mass (9:30am St Patrick's Church)

**Week 3:** Monday 15th February - First Technology Session begins (Tamatea Intermediate)

Tuesday 16th February - Weetbix Tryathlon at Frimley Park.

Friday 19th February - Families invited to school for Art Deco picnic.

**Week 3:** Epro8 In school Qualifying rounds Monday 15th Feb - Thursday 4th March - In school qualifications.

**Week 4:** Tuesday 23rd February - Meet the teacher evening

**Week 5:** Tuesday March 2nd - TACs Triathlon. TBC

**Week 6:** Friday 12th March St Johns Ambulance 90min First Aid courses

**Week 7:** Wednesday 17th St Johns Ambulance 90min First Aid courses

**Week 8:** Thursday 25th March Hawke's Bay Year 7&8 Swim Champs

**Week 9:** Friday 2nd April - Holy Good Friday

**Week 10:** Easter Monday 5th April and Tuesday 6th April - No School

**Week 11:**

***These are some of the events happening this term - There may be more that become available throughout the term.***

## **Technology**

Starts Monday 15th February. Technology sessions are held at Tamatea Intermediate on Mondays throughout the year (9am-11:30pm.) **Please ensure your child is at school on time, otherwise you will need to get them to Technology yourself.** Children bus to and from school each week accompanied every session by a Senior School Teacher. Students will develop their technological understanding in the following areas of; Food Technology, Visual Art, Multi-Materials, Digital Technology and Hard Materials. Children are **required** to wear **correct, covered school shoes** to all Technology sessions (winter school shoes) and hair fully tied back. Note: Seniors from St Patrick's School receive the same amount of technology time as students from other intermediates.

## **Uniform Expectations**

Please ensure that children's uniforms are cleaned and tidy.

During Term 1, Year 7 students are required to wear Roman sandals and only on Monday's they need to wear covered shoes. Year 8 students are able to wear either Roman sandals or covered shoes.

Jewellery; Earrings - 1 pair only and plain studs or birthstone.

Hair and Hair ties - No hair dye. Hair tied back unless it is above the shoulder. Hair tie colours are only to be White, Black, Brown Green or Navy Blue.

Nail polish and nail art is not permitted.

School Hats are compulsory - remember no hat no play. - if you are waiting on an ordered hat, students need to bring a sensible one from home.

## **Leadership**

There are many leadership opportunities available, especially for our Year 8's. We will be discussing with the students next week about how they can apply for these positions. If your child is interested, they will be bringing a letter home regarding what their commitment entails and how to apply.

## **Term Focus**

Our overarching theme for the year is 'Encounter'. We will be linking our learning across the curriculum to develop knowledge and understanding around:

**TERM ONE:** An Encounter with Faith - Faith that holds you - understanding what faith is, it's importance and how this connects us as a community.

**TERM TWO:** An Encounter with Hope - Hope that guides you - with our faith we will have the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen.

**TERM THREE:** An Encounter with Love - Love that nurtures you - love is our encounter of God and the strength it gives us to be his disciples.

**TERM FOUR:** An Encounter on our Journey - Faith, Hope and Love guide us on our journey - reflecting on our faith journeys and our next destination on the path.

## **Literacy / Numeracy**

All of the classes will be participating in the #NZReadAloud this term. This is a great initiative that digitally connects students from schools all around New Zealand through a shared senior book 'SS Penguin SOS' Author: Adrienne Fraterreet. For Numeracy, we will be continuing with DMIC. This is where students work collaboratively to solve relevant and real life problems. This allows students to question, explain, and justify their mathematical thinking.

## **Physical Education and Health**

All children are expected to have their PE gear at school Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We begin the term with Athletics. This involves various running distances, shot put, discus, high jump and long jump. If your child cannot participate in P.E, a note signed and dated from the parent/caregiver is expected.

## **Home Learning**

This year your child will be focusing on independently choosing home learning tasks to meet their learning needs. We will provide your child with the tools to help them improve at home eg. consistent reading, quick recall with their maths knowledge. When and how often they do this will be up to your child. If they choose to get involved in extra academic activities, or do not complete work at school in the appropriate time for them, this too will be part of work to do at home. With your support, we are helping to provide them with the skills and attributes as they continue their schooling journey. We call this self-directed home learning.

## **Seesaw**

We will begin using the App Seesaw to keep a clear line of communication open between home and school. This is also a great tool to share with whanau their child's achievements at school. In the coming days you will be receiving information on how to join up. We will also use Seesaw to send out group emails and messages. Therefore it is very important that all families have the app on their phones or you may miss important messages. The app is free of charge and used by many many schools throughout NZ and the world.

**Sports** - *please remember that children need to commit to training and to game days. Also upholding our excellent St Pat's attitude and values on the sport field.*

This term we have teams representing our school in the following sports;

**Cricket:** Saturday mornings - Starting Friday 20th February.

**Canoe Polo:** We are hoping to enter some teams - please have a chat to your child about this awesome opportunity.

**Basketball:** Thursdays - Starting 18th February (at PGA) and **only** in Terms 1 & 3 due to Centennial Hall being Flood damaged.

**Volleyball:** Term 2

**Futsal:** Friday afternoons at Pettigrew Green Arena, starts 12 February. We can only enter one team, students must have shin pads to play.

**Summer Hockey:** Games are on Tuesdays at Park Island - Registrations close 3pm Friday 12th February.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher either by email or coming into the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards and Blessings

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