

ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER



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*"Charity begins at home,
JUSTICE begins next door."*

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

OUR LATEST ARRIVAL

We welcome to A1 **Marcus Harris-Marsters** who began yesterday. Welcome back to St Patrick's School to his family, as his mum was a pupil here too not so long ago. Enjoy learning and making new friends.

COOL AT SCHOOL



Congratulations to **Rose Jones**, one of our Year 8 students who has a great positive attitude in all that she does, is calm, hard-working and a wonderful role model for our younger students.

SADLEY LEAVING US – WON'T BE THE SAME

After 25 years at St Patrick's (working, not a pupil!) we sadly farewell Marie Devine who leaves us for a new direction in life. Marie has been that welcoming face of St Patrick's that has put many people at ease, as well as being a nurse, finance controller, extraordinary administrator, someone who told me what to do and how to do it quite often! Most of all, Sharon and I will miss her as a friend. The 3 of us have worked together for the past 20 years in the office (within shouting distance). We thank Marie for all she has done, for being the beautiful person that she is and wish her all the best, health and happiness for the future.

CLARINET LESSONS AVAILABLE

Places are available for pupils in Year 5 – 8. Anyone interested should meet Miss Morgan on Monday at lunchtime in the school music room at 12.30. Lessons are **\$50** for the year.

KEEPING SAFE – A TIMELY REMINDER

Last week one of our senior students was approached by a man as they were walking home, was asked their name, where they lived and then was followed for a short time. Police were called and the school was notified.

PLEASE, remind your children that they need to get home quickly and safely, **NOT TO TALK TO STRANGERS** (but be polite to people) and **NEVER** give out personal details. Also, children need to **LEAVE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY** at the end of the day and not hang around playing with their friends. We need to be **SAFE**, we need to be **VIGILANT**.

WE ARE IN ALERT LEVEL 2

Please follow the "rules" that apply to Level 2, scan or sign in at school, drop your children off at the gate and make sure you are **REGISTERED FOR OUR SCHOOL APP/ FACEBOOK PAGE** for up to minute information and details.

SPECIAL CHARACTER REVIEW – NEXT WEEK

We welcome the team from the Catholic Education office in Palmerston North (Pauline, Jane and Candice) who will be conducting a 3 day review of our schools "Special Catholic Character." As a Catholic school, we are accountable for this special character, and this is a chance to show the Palmerston North Diocese what we do, how we do it and why St Patrick's School is such a wonderful place to be.

NEW B.O.T CHAIRPERSON

We congratulate Catherine Hollands who has taken over the role of Board of Trustees Chairperson until next year's elections. We thank Bevan Walker for being such a wonderful chairperson for the past 7 years (he is still on the board) and wish Catherine a smooth transition as we journey through 2021.

THE NAPIER EARTHQUAKE

I'll save the drama for later but I'm running down Emerson Street, so much for being "sick". My leather sandals were full to the brim with water. I won't sit on the concrete wall ever again. My mum was gonna be there in a minute coming back from a walk. My face was beaded with sweat and my mouth was parched like the desert. My feet splatted in the salt water, waves turning the sharp corner on the curb one block to go.

I stopped dead in my tracks the birds were silent, the tree swayed even though it was a hot summer day. The earth jolted and shook, the glass shattered, the buildings crumbled like Egyptian history, my heart stopped like times in movies. Screams echoed through the air and landed on me like the sprinkling salt water. The sounds punched me in the face and blinded me making me fall to the ground tar and muddy water engulfed me.

I waited no longer, I jumped up, turned and bang! A 1931 vintage car crashed right into the Daily newspaper. I couldn't stand on my right foot, my right arm flailed around. I sat there petrified and frozen.

This was the day Napier crumbled and fell.

By Ava Mitchell SJ14

WARNING – I HAVE FOUND A NEW (OLD) JOKE BOOK

Digging through my treasures I have found an old-fashioned Joke book that you deserve to be bombarded with weekly – HERE GOES

"What did one ear say to the other?

Just between you and me we need a haircut"

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
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