

ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

30th March 2021



SCHOOL OPEN / CLOSED

School is closed from Good Friday (2ND) and is open again on Wednesday 7th April.

"JUSTICE will only exist when truth is honoured".

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

COOL AT SCHOOL

We congratulate **Caitlin Miller**, a student in our St Josephs' Whanau who is a class captain, someone who seeks opportunities to help others in the classroom and displays a great work ethic whilst getting on with all of her classmates. And ... I notice she has no trouble engaging in a conversation.

COIN TRAIL THIS THURSDAY

This Thursday (1st April) we are holding a COIN TRAIL to raise funds for the CARITAS programme of support to the people of the island nation, Kiribati. We ask ALL students and STAFF to bring a few coins to put on our trail that will be displayed outside the office to spell the word "ENCOUNTER" which is our school theme for 2021.

Thanks in anticipation – empty those pockets, bowls and car ashtrays etc and send some coins.

EASTER AND HOLY WEEK

"THE REASON FOR THE SEASON"

For us as a Catholic School, this week is the most important one in our calendar year.

On Holy Thursday (1ST APRIL) we will be visited by St John's College at 10.15am as they re-create the "Passion Walk" from Napier to Hastings, mirroring the "Stations of the Cross" and the journey Jesus took on his way to Calvary. Our school will be involved in Holy Thursday Reflections throughout the day as we remember with our students the importance of this week.

So..... **HOW DO WE PREPARE FOR EASTER?**

We are now in our final days preparation for the great festivals of Holy Week – **Holy Thursday**, when Christ instituted the Blessed Eucharist, **Good Friday**, when He took upon Himself the full weight of our sins as He died on the Cross, and **Easter Sunday** when having buried our sinfulness, He rose to New Life and promised New Life to us.

Easter joy comes with the realization that Christ lives His New Life in us. Simply let the risen Christ into your heart. He is longing to be invited in. Then you will feel His joy which lifts you up and carries you when necessary.

WHAT TO DO.....

Make sure you **celebrate Mass** with your family – what better way to recognise Easter Sunday and affirm your reason for sending your child to a Catholic School.



CONCERNS WHO TO CONTACT

If you have any concerns about school matters the Board of Trustees would encourage you to take the matter to the appropriate person as soon as possible. Below is a handy reference list for first contact, and of people to whom you could go if you feel that more needs to be done. THE MOST HELPFUL THING FOR YOU, OUR BOARD, AND OUR PUPILS, IS FOR YOU TO RAISE ANY CONCERNS YOU HAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

1. Arrange an acceptable time to meet with the appropriate person.
2. The class teacher is always the first person to talk to.
3. The Principal is always available to talk to parents who have exhausted the first avenue of approach, or have any concerns of a serious or sensitive nature, or wish to discuss matters concerning the school generally.
4. A Board of Trustees member or the Chairperson is the next alternative, if other avenues have been exhausted, or if you feel that your concerns have not been dealt with effectively.

PTA MEETING TONIGHT – 5.30

See you in our staffroom for an hour. A chance to discuss making St Patricks a better school for YOUR children.

ANOTHER GROAN FROM THE OLD DAYS!

What should you do when it's raining cats and dogs? – be careful not to stand on any poodles.

Have a holy and happy Easter break everyone. Go to Mass on Sunday – make Easter REAL.

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL

