

ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

17 August 2021



*"PATIENCE" is not the ability to wait,
but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting.*

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

COOL AT SCHOOL

We congratulate **Shakya Morris-Bryan**, a Year 4 student who is an excellent role model of living out "The St Pat's Way" as she supports and helps others in a positive and caring fashion.

GRAND PARENTS LITURGY-THE BLESSING OF A FAMILY

On Friday, the Angel Whanau hosted 80 grandparents, parents, friends and whanau in the hall with a beautiful "circular" Liturgy, that celebrated the many circles of love that we are a part of. Following that, all went to 'play', create and see how we learn together at school.

A valuable time and a HUGE THANKYOU to all Grandparents (and GREAT Grandparents) who blessed us with your presence- (your Grandchildren loved it).



INDIAN COMMUNITY FESTIVAL -ONAM

On Saturday over 100 members of our Indian community (from the Kerela region in the south of India) celebrated their most important annual festival – ONAM (once a harvest festival). There were games, dance, singing, traditional story telling and of course wonderful food. Children and adults dressed in national costume (absolutely beautiful) and made the occasion so joyous and colourful.



SACRED HEART COLLEGE OPEN EVENING-TOMORROW

Wednesday 18 August – 6 30pm. You are invited to an evening with your daughter (Year 8) to look at options for Secondary Schooling in 2022. Sacred Heart College has proven to be a fantastic school for our ex pupils. Please come and check out what this great school has to offer.

SCHOOL ABSENCES – WE NEED TO KNOW

In Term 2 we had a considerable number of absences which were marked as unjustified absences from school (holiday during term time, **truant**/no explanation provided from the family /caregivers.)

We ask you as the parents /caregivers to please provide us with a reason as to why your child is absent. (It is a requirement) Please **call/text/email** us to let us know.

Text 027 750 7813

Email Thru the school app or

admin@stapatsnapier.school.nz

Phone the office 843 9238 (leave a message)

Please do this by **9am**. Any "unexplained" absences will be from now marked as "**TRUANT**".

A SNIPPET FROM "XANTHE PRIETOS' BIOGRAPHY"

Jesus is an AMAZING Teacher! He taught many young people about God and all the wonderful things he created. Jesus was still young but he was able to adapt to all the controlling Romans. Jesus led the people and guided them to good rather than being stuck under the Romans greedy hands. However the Romans did not like hearing the people call Jesus "The King!". For this reason Jesus would have a hard time and told them to praise God not him.

Jesus is like, the BEST human ever to step on this planet! He gave hundreds of people fish and bread only from his little basket! He also gave his disciples the body of Christ and wine in the last supper. It was a truly magical moment when the Dove flew above their heads and gave them the ability to speak a different language!!

Jesus had never done anything bad. He has never sinned nor did he disobey the orders of God's plan. He died exactly as God scripted so when people died they would go to heaven. Jesus was a good man however he died at the age of 33, when he was still young. He didn't actually get to live his life properly because his existence was planned from the very beginning even before he was born. There is no real need for me to express why Jesus is a role model for us all... the above makes it obvious.

I dare you to be a Disciple.

THANK YOU

Thank you to parents, family and members of our community who volunteer to support class learning, class trips, sports teams, etc. Your passion and assistance enables some wonderful opportunities for our St Pats pupils.

Regards and Blessing

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL