

# ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

9 November 2021



*'The JOY that you give to others, is the JOY that comes back to you.'*

*In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow*

## AT LAST SUNSHINE



**I know we are being swamped with COVID information and it grows and sometimes changes daily, but it is important that you read the information we send to you. Thanks for your support.**

## WE WELCOME

New last week in SJ13 was **Mika Macauling**. Mika has settled in beautifully and we welcome her and family to Napier.

## COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Nevaeh Hardgrave**, a Year 7 student who is just 'Heaven'. A wonderful role model and example for all with her manners, attitude, kindness and the way in which she lives out the 'The St Pats Way' both in words and action.

## OFF TO MAHIA

Our St Joseph's Whanau (Year 5/6) head off to Mahia next Wednesday for 3 days camping, walking, swimming, team building, learning and fun. Thankyou to **ALL** the **PARENTS** who have bravely volunteered (no pressure) to go and help and especially to Kate, Nikki and Todd for their organization and enthusiasm. A real treat to be able to go under the present circumstances, so we are lucky. Have fun, be good and be kind.



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVINGS, MASS, ASSEMBLIES - A BIG CHANGE

Due to the uncertainty around COVID levels and following Ministry advice we have decided (sadly) that these events will now be either cancelled or held at school with **STUDENTS ONLY** attending, with **NO PARENTS** allowed on-site.

#### The plan is now:

**Year 5/6** and **Year 7/8 PRIZEGIVINGS** will be held during the day on **WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**. We will film and possibly "stream" these events.

Year 8 leavers medal ceremony will also be on this date and will hopefully be held outdoors so the whole school can acknowledge and farewell our leavers.

There will be NO Assemblies/performance by the ANGEL (Year 3) or MISSION (Year 4) Whanau.

End of year **School Mass** is cancelled.

The **Year 8 Leavers' Dinner** planned for 15 December at Speights will go ahead.

#### COVID UPDATE

ALL education workers on-site at a school MUST have at least one dose of vaccine by MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER.

## **Mandatory First Vaccinations by November 15, 2021 All Coaches, Managers and Volunteers**

On Monday, 25 October the [COVID-19 Public Health Response Order for Mandatory Vaccinations for Education](#) came into effect.

Everyone who works for a school or kura, external providers and volunteers who have contact with children or students or will be present at a time when children and students are also present must have had a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by 15 November and their second vaccination by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

As a first step and with pace, all NZ Schools have been instructed to evidence that people working onsite or offsite with children in Term 4 must have received their first vaccination by 15 November 2021.

**Below outlines the St Patrick's School process for all coaches, managers, volunteers and external personnel to follow. This will allow you to work with, coach or manage St Patrick's School students on or offsite.** We will confidentially collect and store the test results and vaccination status submitted by the above people and organisations.

Please do feel free to contact me if you have any queries. Thank you for the quick sharing of your first vaccine information and your understanding of the importance of this.

### **Regular and 'One off' Volunteers, Coaches and Managers Term 4 2021**



**You are vaccinated (at least 1 shot) before 15 November 2021** - By 3.00pm Friday, 12 November 2021 please provide us with evidence of your vaccination

**You won't be vaccinated by 15 November** - Please let us know before 3.00pm Friday, 12 November 2021 which enables us to find a person to cover your role from Monday, 15 November through until the end of the term.

### **Thanks for your understanding**

### **SCHOOL CLOSED – FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER**

Please mark this date on your calendar.

Teachers will have a day looking at assessment and reporting for your children.

### **APOLOGIES....very bad Cup tip. Still running**



Regards and blessing to you all.

Jurek Wypych  
PRINCIPAL