

# ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021



**"JOY" is what happens to us when we allow ourselves to recognize how good things really are"**

**In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow**

## COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Rosie Symes**, one of our House Captains who is recognized for her leadership, initiative, and sense of responsibility. Rosie has been with us 8 years, since she was 5, and is leaving us as a well-rounded and talented teenager.

## YEAR 5-8 PRIZEGIVING – CHANGE OF DATE

The cup/award presentations for Year 5-8 (St Josephs and Marist Whanau) will now take place on **FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 11am**. We will endeavour to stream/record this event and will take photos of prize winners. Unfortunately, parents **cannot** attend due to COVID restrictions.

## SCHOOL CLOSED THIS FRIDAY

Teachers will have a day finalizing end of year assessments and reporting for your children. I trust you can make the most of this "3 day weekend"



## A SPECIAL CELEBRATION – FIRST COMMUNION

Over the next 3 Sundays, a number of our students, will be taking that next important step on their personal faith journeys by receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist (First Holy Communion).

COVID restrictions have changed the format of the celebration but not the joy and significance of it, so we bless, pray for and congratulate:

Jaxon Bound, Cormac Brassington, Leanne D'Cruz, Helena Hutchinson, Tamas Madarasz-Smith, Addison Marple, Molly McEwan, Anna Moioli, Pietra Ribeiro-Kelly, Kepa Symes, Bronson Bartley, Madeleine Eustace, Joseph Hicks, John Luke Keukelaar, Martin Matauli, Alice McBrearty, Shakyia Morris-Bryan, Wiremu Potaka-Osborne, Katalina Samoa, Lilly-Lah Samoa, George Shortall, Thomas Shortall, Joel Burkett Murillo, Macy Humphrey, Thomas Joseph Nellaryil, Charlotte McDowell,

## SWIMMING CHAMP RESULTS

Over the past two weeks the St Josephs (Yr 5/6) and Marist Whanau (Yr 7/8) held their swimming championships. Overall results will be announced at the Prizegiving on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

## SCHOOL ACCOUNTS – THANK YOU FOR PAYING

Your children's final school account will be emailed to you this week. Please ensure you pay as we need to cover our costs as well.

Please contact me if you need to discuss payment, I can help.



## MAHIA CAMP – WHAT A BLAST

Literally – we saw the "Rocket lab" launch on Thursday afternoon on our walk back from Mokotahi. We also saw the stranded Sperm Whale that was sadly injured and later died. We said a Karakia to acknowledge the taonga that was leaving us. The Camp was fantastic – great weather, great children, great spot, and great teachers. Thank you for giving our children possibly a once in a lifetime experience.

Our parent helpers made this possible and the evening coffee breaks, chat, sharing of experiences and Raro making ensured that our children were well cared for. The crayfish were a bonus (thanks Tom)

## CLASS ORGANIZATION FOR 2022

There are some changes for 2022 with teaching staff. Because of our growing Intermediate (28 Year 7 enrolments) we have employed a new teacher, Rachael Smith for 2022.

**ANGEL WHANAU** - (Year 1/2) Jan Bevan, Toni Jensen, Pip Draeger/Nadine McEwan, and Kaehlah Dawson (Team Leader).

**MISSION WHANAU** - (Year 3/4) Elise Macdonald, Nikki Thompson and Crystal Hewitt (Team Leader)

**ST JOSEPHS WHANAU** - (Year 5/6) Todd Reid, Julie Kelleher, and Kate Smith (Team Leader).

**MARIST WHANAU** - (Year 7/8) Darin Marple, Karina Campbell, Kim Somerville, Rachael Smith, and Paul Wallace (Team Leader).

We are lucky to have all our Support Staff and teachers returning in 2022.

## COVID UPDATE

As you would have heard, there was a COVID case in the Onekawa School community identified in the weekend. At St Patricks School we are still very vigilant and aware.

So please remember to:

- Drop off and pick up children at the gate.
- Sign in/scan if you need to enter school grounds.
- Wear a mask if you need to enter school grounds.

Thank you for keeping us all safe.



Regards and blessing to you all.

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