

21 March 2017

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“Always speak the truth, so you can get the right advice.”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

NEW TO ST PATRICK'S

We welcome **Galilee Laga'aia** and **Bobbie Milnes** who began in A3 yesterday. They have both settled in beautifully and we hope their families enjoy being part of the St Patrick's School family.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Zanthee, Jacob and Shane Koorey. Zanthee's lovely granddad passed away last week. May he rest in peace.

JUNIOR SYNDICATE ATHLETICS – THIS THURSDAY

Join the Juniors' (A1-A4) this **Thursday, 23 March at 11am** on our back field for a morning of drama, close finishes, personal bests and lots of fun. Stay afterwards for lunch and a cuppa.

SPORTS AND SCHOOL UNIFORM – CHANGES IN THE WIND?

The PTA's focus this year includes an update of sports uniforms. After many years our **NETBALL** and **BASKETBALL** uniforms are being replaced by modern designs. Currently the PTA will be replacing the senior netball uniform as well as purchasing 2 sets of basketball shorts / singlets to be ready for the 2017 season. Netball skirts for our younger players are also being investigated.

The school is also starting to look at changing our P.E tops as well as re-vamping our school uniform. We will keep you informed as this process will take time. We will seek in put from students when options are in the design phase. Exciting Times!!

MINI PITCH TOURNAMENT!

We will be welcoming Reignier Year 5/6 pupils to St Patrick's on Friday 31st March for an afternoon of mini-pitch softball at 12.00. They will join us for lunch then “the games begin!” You are most welcome to join us.

HEAD-LICE - PLEASE CHECK

Like every school we sometimes have a problem with head-lice. **PLEASE...** check **YOUR** child's hair and **TREAT** if needed. You will be asked to pick up your child and provide treatment before they return to school if necessary.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE – THIS THURSDAY 23rd

An easy lunch and good value too! Raising funds to help our Representative Basketball Team

\$1.50 a sausage. Please bring money / order to your class teacher by 9am Thursday 23rd March

SACRED HEART “150 YEAR” JUBILEE

Calling all ex-pupils (no first day pupils left!) a fantastic celebration is planned for **20-22 October 2017**. Get a group of your classmates together and register on FACEBOOK or call the college 835 3761 for more information.

WHANAU MEETING FOR OUR MAORI COMMUNITY – THURSDAY 30TH MARCH

Nga mihi o te wa kia koe me te whanau (Greetings to you and your family).

A meeting is planned for **THURSDAY 30th MARCH** at **5.30pm** in our new Marist Block, Room M5. We ask EVERY FAMILY to be represented as we discuss ways with you to lift your tamariki's achievement and better meet their needs. Your views are important, whanau and kura together.

PARENT /PUPIL /TEACHER INTERVIEWS (YEAR 3-8 PUPILS)

Next Monday **27 March** and Tuesday **28 March**. We encourage all pupils to attend these as they will be involved in leading this conference and telling how and what they are learning.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **FREE KINDLING (LAST CHANCE)** – we have taken down our old (very dry) trellis from the back field pergola. Great kindling – needs to be gone this week (first in – you can drive up to it).
- **POSITION VACANT** – The Parish Pastoral Council is implementing a Parish Strategic Plan. To support the work they are looking for a secretary. Main task is to take the minutes of the monthly Pastoral Council meetings. Other tasks and conditions (payment) are negotiable. Contact the Parish Secretary for more information 844 2224 or email secretarycpn@gmail.com

PIZZA LUNCHES NEXT WEEK

We plan to have Hell's pizza lunches again next week over 3 separate days. Order forms will be delivered to classrooms or available from the **OFFICE** with the details you need.

Wednesday 29th – Junior Syndicate, Thursday 30th – Middles and on

Friday 31st – Senior Syndicate.

Orders **MUST** be returned with the correct **MONEY** by **TUESDAY 28TH MARCH**.



HAVE YOU HEARD

What do atomic scientists like for lunch? Fission chips.

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL