



MIDDLE SYNDICATE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to another year at St Patrick's School and to our new families a warm welcome to our wonderful school. The children all seem happy to be here and we teachers, are enjoying getting to know the children in our new classes.

Already the term calendar seems to be filling up rapidly- with cultural, sporting and EOTC activities. Thank you to those who have returned notices and information sheets regarding your children.

This term in R.E. we will be looking at the Charism of our school, Lent and the associated Caritas programme, Easter and our strand which is Jesus. There is an Ash Wednesday Liturgy on the **14th February** which you welcome to attend. Our beginning of year Mass is on Wednesday, **21st February** at St Patrick's Church, and we will be having our St Patrick's Day Mass at school on Friday **16th March**. Holy Week begins on **26th March** and will culminate with our liturgy in the hall on **Thursday 29th March**.

Our Inquiry focus this term is "Kotahitanga"- unity, togetherness and relationship building, which is why we had a visit from the aquarium staff on Thursday **8th February** to talk about Seaweek and its importance to us as kaitiaki (guardians). We will be looking at our families (culture and whakapapa-ancestry), local area and environment as part of this Inquiry.

You would already have received notices about the sports that the children are able to play this term. In case you haven't, please check with your child.

However, here is a list

- Basketball Years 3-6
- Cricket Years 3-6

- Volleyball Years 3-6
- Hockey 3-6
- Tee Ball Years 3-5

The children are all having a day at Westshore Beach taking part in the Beach Education Safety programme. You will all have received the notice concerning the day that your child is participating. We consider it very important that the children are all aware of how to keep themselves safe in and around water. Thank you to those who are helping out with transport and supervision. For these days to go ahead though we need more parents to help with transport and supervision.

We have a group of children participating in the Weetbix Tryathlon on **February 14th**.

Our focus for P.E. is Athletics. The children are developing their jumping, running and throwing skills. The syndicate Athletic Sports is being held on **Friday 23rd February** beginning at 9.30 am. Spectators are warmly welcome!

You will receive a "beginning of the year catch up" phone call from your child's teacher over the next week unless of course you have already seen them. These calls are to touch base and make sure that everyone is happy with the way the beginning of the year is going.

Please keep in contact with your child's teacher if there is anything that we need to know about them. Sometimes there are things happening at home that impact on your child and affect their behaviour at school. If we know about this we can act appropriately.

We are looking forward to a busy and enjoyable term.

Middle Syndicate Teachers

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