

# Year 5/6 News and Events!

## Term 1 2019

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to 2019 and another year at school with your children. It is always exciting beginning a new year with familiar, and sometimes new faces! We also welcome Mr Todd Reid to the syndicate. Mr Reid is in SJ 13 and is enjoying getting to know the wonderful St Patrick's children.

As usual we are already busy with our planned programmes and activities.

Our R.E. focus in Term One is centred around:-

- the Charism of St Patrick's - who we are and what being part of St Patrick's School means
- Lent and the Caritas programme entitled "Living Our Lives With Love"
- Easter
- Church and being part of the Community of Disciples

Many of our children took part in the Weetbix Tryathlon - their attitude and effort is amazing and we are proud of them all!

For P.E. our focus is Athletics and we will have the school Athletic sports on Wednesday 3 April. Beginning time and outline of the day will follow later in the term.

As you are aware the children are offered a variety of sports to participate in during this term. We have children playing cricket, basketball and summer hockey. A big thanks to all those people who are helping with coaching, umpiring and managing.

We have a whole school focus for our Inquiry. This focus is 'Taonga'. We also want our children to realise that they are all Changemakers and through their choices and decisions, changes happen. This focus will be integrated through many of our curriculum areas and the concepts that will be developed will continue throughout the year.

As part of this unit we hope to have a day at the MTG and the Aquarium. When the dates and programme are finalised we will send more information home. We will need help with transport.

We have organised for the Red Cross to come to the school and talk to the children on being ready and prepared for an emergency. This is happening on 28 February.

This year our Year 6 children will be the PAL leaders in the school. These are a group of children who are trained to lead the younger children in games and activities at lunchtime. There is a day's training on Friday 1 March.

As our last year E.O.T.C. camp at Motutere was such a success we have decided that all three classes will go on camp together again. So, we have booked Guthrie Smith camp from 26-29 November. Once again we will fundraise, as we will need to pay for a bus and for the use of the instructor while we are there.

This term we are participating in the #NZreadaloud. Our text is 'Conrad Cooper's Last Stand' by Leonie Agnew. As part of a connected literacy venture, the students will be using an online forum called Edmodo. Your child has used this before and there is an option for parents to be able to access this if you would like. Please let your child know if you would like to be involved in this aspect of their learning.

As part of our Mathematics learning this year the children will all be required to sign up to Maths Buddy. There is a fee for the year which will be added to your school account. To reinforce classroom learning and extend individuals the children will be able to access this programme from home as well as school.

We look forward to meeting you at our whanau meeting next week. If you have any concerns that you think we need to know about your child please contact us. Your children are our concern and together we will work together for them.

Kaehlah, Todd, Kate

