

# ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER



9 February 2021

*In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow*

## WHAT A BRILLIANT START FOR US

We had an amazing 3 days last week to kick off the year and **YOUR CHILDREN** could not have started better.

We are so proud of their attitude, manners and friendship – long may it last.

Over 49 new students have settled in happily with new friendships already been forged – so cool! I am VERY impressed with our new Year 7 students, what a lovely, positive and engaging group of young adults. You parents should be proud.

Finally, our “old” students have made all newcomers very welcome and have been so inclusive and helpful – just brilliant.

## NEW TO OUR SCHOOL TODAY

We welcome **Sienna Dickinson** who started in SJ15 today. Welcome also to her parents Ian and Rachel plus big sister Emerson who will be joining us next Monday.

## SCHOOL WELCOME MASS – TOMORROW

Please join us **THIS WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY AT 9.00 IN OUR SCHOOL HALL AT ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL** as we celebrate our Special Catholic Character and pray for the year ahead. **(NOTE – change of venue/time).**

## PARENT/WHANAU “MEET THE TEACHER” EVENING

We will hold our “Meet the Teacher” evening on **TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 5.00 – 6.00pm**. A chance to meet your child's teacher and discuss routines, expectations and the year ahead. There will be 2 sessions: **5.00 – 5.30pm** and **5.30 – 6.00pm** for those who have more than one child at school, so you can choose which session to attend.

## SUNHATS & SANDALS

**ALL STUDENTS** are to wear **SCHOOL SUNHATS** this summer term – **NO HAT / NO PLAY** as part of our Sun-Safe practice (those waiting for the new sunhats to arrive must wear a hat from home in the meantime). Sandals (Year 8 optional) to be worn in Term 1 and Term 4. Students are expected to wear sandals/shoes **TO** and **FROM** school please – no bare feet.

## ART DECO PICNIC – NEXT FRIDAY

Join us next Friday **19<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30** under the trees near the Junior Rooms and picnic with your children. Wear your “Art Deco” clothes to school (we would like all children to make an effort. Something made at home will be great). Parents, grandparents etc most welcome, bring a picnic and blanket. (If it rains – we will “picnic” in our classrooms). All pupils must wear a hat (school sunhat will do!)

## GOSPEL VALUE FOR FEBRUARY

**February Focus: - SPEAKING WITH GENTLENESS.** How do we speak to each other? Do we use people's proper names? Is our language appropriate? Do we greet people in a friendly manner? A good way for everyone to practise this skill is to say **GOOD MORNING / TALOFA / MORENA** – to everyone they see when they arrive at school.

## HAVE YOUR SAY – WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT

The Board of Trustees will be reviewing the following **POLICIES** and the **SCHOOL CHARTER** by **22 February**. They are available for you to view in the office foyer. **POLICIES REVIEWED:**

- Community Consultation
- Equal Employment

## PLENTY OF SPORT HAPPENING

Cricket, hockey, basketball, futsal, netball and canoe polo are options for many of our students this term. Thank you to all parents for your support, in particular those coaching or taking a team in some way.

## CONTACTING YOU SOON

Teachers will be contacting you (by phone or face to face at school) over the next few days to introduce themselves, see how your child has settled into class and also to possibly find out a few things special about your child.

## TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### FEBRUARY

10 – School Mass 9.00am St Patrick's School Hall  
17 – Ash Wednesday  
19 – Art Deco Picnic 12.30 Junior Area  
23 – Meet the Teacher Evening 5.00 – 6.00pm  
28 – Staff Commissioning Mass – 8am Thomas More

### MARCH

17 – ST PATRICK'S DAY

### APRIL

2 – Good Friday  
5/6 – Easter Monday / Tuesday holiday  
16 – End of Term 1

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Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych  
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