

# ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER



16 February 2021

*"Your WORDS carry amazing power.  
So when you speak, make sure you  
UPLIFT someone and NOT put them down."*

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

## **COVID ALERT LEVEL 2**

Until we hear further from the government we are in Alert level 2. Please follow guidelines sent to you in yesterday's alert and be kind to each other – and us.

**We can do this together.**

Teachers are also preparing for Level 3/4. If that occurs we will be ready for distance learning.

- 1) Hard packs will be available from the school for each "whanau" if needed.
- 2) Distance/on-line learning will be available through Zoom, facebook pages, See Saw and our learning hub.

**You will be informed.**

## **NEW TO OUR SCHOOL TODAY**

We welcome **Kira SM12, Manuel SJ14, Queen A3 Velandria** and their parents to St Patrick's School. Welcome also to **Emmerson Dickinson SM12** who joins Sienna here from Korea. May you all enjoy learning and making new friends.

## **COOL AT SCHOOL**

The first for 2021. We congratulate **Xavier Petera**, one of our "responsible" Year 7 students who has welcomed our new students so well, shown initiative and displayed such a positive and polite attitude.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY-TOMORROW (40 DAYS OF LENT)**

We celebrate the beginning of Lent tomorrow (17<sup>th</sup>) in our school hall at 9am with a school liturgy for students.

## **THE '40 DAYS' OF LENT**

Our "40 days" is a round number with symbolic meaning. The Jews spent "40 years" in the desert on their way to the Promised Land. Jesus spent "40 days and 40 nights" fasting in the desert before beginning his ministry.

However, fasting was always prohibited on Sunday, which meant there were only 36 fasting days in the six week period. To make the Lenten fast include 40 days, the Church added four days of fasting (Ash Wednesday, and the Thursday, Friday and Saturday after Ash Wednesday). Lent itself ends on the evening of Holy Thursday (the vigil of Good Friday). We then begin the **Triduum**, the most sacred three days of the year, lasting through Easter Sunday evening.



## **ART DECO PICNIC – THIS FRIDAY**

**PICNIC WILL NOT GO AHEAD IF WE ARE STILL AT ALERT LEVEL 2 but children can still wear Art Deco Clothing.** Otherwise join us this 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!)

## **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.

## **PARKING – A COMPLAINT**

I have received a complaint from the Napier City Council about our parents parking on **YELLOW LINES** when they pick up/drop off children. In particular outside "Best Start" Pre-school near our Junior "Angel Whanau" and at the "bend" near the traffic lights. Please be mindful and keep those areas clear – for the safety of our children.

## **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

## **MUSIC LESSONS AT ST PATRICK'S**

We have Campbell Burns from Napier Music Academy (he is brilliant) tutoring students at school. A few places are available for 2020. Choose from: Guitar, Piano, Drums or Singing. Group **\$17.50** Individual **\$35 per lesson**. Go to [www.napiermusicacademy.co.nz](http://www.napiermusicacademy.co.nz) to register.

## **TAMATEA / TARADALE BUSS PASS**

All travelling on the bus **MUST** have a pass / ticket. We subsidize the bus by more than 50% so we need your contribution to keep this bus.

**Term Pass \$80, 20 Ride Pass \$30, Single Ride \$2.**

## **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.

Ka kite ano  
Regards & Blessings  
Jurek Wypych  
PRINCIPAL