# ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER



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In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow "COMPASSION will cure more sins than condemnation"

We have had a wonderful start to our term (It is nice to be back) with **9** new enrolments and a fantastic "buzz" around the place. Enjoy the term and keep up to date with what is going on in YOUR school.

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW TAMARIKI AND FAMILIES**

A special welcome (in A4) for their very first day at school EVER- Freyja Waaka, Henry Williams, Joseph Piper, Alby Ellison and Matthew Manson. Also new to ST Patrick's are Britt Nayga, Noah van Diest, Leo Forster and Harry Miller. Welcome to you and your families. May you enjoy your time at St Patrick's, learning, loving life and making new friends.



## A STUNNING REVIEW OF ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

The final report from the Special Character Review held in Term 1 this year has been confirmed by the Catholic Education office. It was VERY POSITIVE and it can be summed up by the following...

"In his message for the 2021 World Day of Peace, Pope Francis appealed for a "culture of care". He defined this culture as one that, "calls for a common, supportive and inclusive commitment to protecting and promoting the dignity and good of all, a willingness to show care and compassion, to work for reconciliation and healing, and to advance mutual respect and acceptance. As such, it represents a privileged path to peace."

The statement from Pope Francis embodies what the review team saw at <u>St Patrick's School</u>. The Tamariki at St Patrick's are surrounded by the love of Jesus working through the words and deeds of all staff. From input given by staff prior and during the review and talking with whanau and tamariki, it is evident that what drives this community's culture of care is the desire for all children, their families, and the staff, to be known, cared for, and given every opportunity to be the best possible version God created them to be.

The School's journey has seen the creation of "The St Pat's Way".

To say I am proud is an understatement. Thank you to our staff for their care and to you, our parents. Be assured that this school is living proof that "Jesus is our guide and friend".

## STEAMING AHEAD

Once again this term, our Year 8 boys travel to St Johns College on Friday mornings for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths) lessons that introduce them to a variety of Curriculum areas. We are very lucky to have such positive relations with both our Catholic Secondary Schools in Hawkes Bay, St Johns and Scared Heart.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOS-NEXT FRIDAY 6th**

School photos for 2021 will be taken next FRIDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST in the morning by Photolife.

Class, individual and family group photos will be available and ordering will be <u>ON-LINE ONLY</u>.

A "flyer" will come home with each child todo outlining the process.

ORDERING PHOTOS: Each child will receive a "key code" that is unique to them. You will receive this some time after photo day.

## **TARADALE/TAMATEA BUS TICKETS**

These are on sale at the office \$2 single trip, \$30 for a 20 trip pass and \$80 for a Full Term (80c a ride). Please have yours purchased by the end of the week (unless you have <u>credit</u>, we <u>cannot</u> put them on your account).

## P.T.A MEETING -NEXT TUESDAY

Join us at 5.30pm in the staffroom on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August for a QUICK MEETING as we plan to make St Patrick's a BETTER place for YOUR CHILDREN Be good to see new faces.

# SCHOOL DISCO-NEXT FRIDAY 6th

Grab our flash dance shoes and moves and join in the fun in our school hall.

(3. 15pm -4.15pmYr 1&2 ) (4.30pm -600 pm Yr3-Yr6 ) (6.30pm. – 8.00 pm Yr 7&8)

More information next week.

## **CANOE POLO – OUR LATEST VENTURE**

This year was the first year for Canoe Polo at St Patrick's since 2010. We had four teams representing the school (thanks to Mr Marples enthusiasm) and two of those teams made the FINALS for their grade. Well done to you all!

The Sat Pats "Flames" won their game against Mahora and the "Sparks" were runners up.





Regards & Blessings Jurek Wypych

PRINCIPAL

