ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

14th Mahuru 2021



"Real GENEROSITY is doing something nice for someone who will never find out it was you"

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

Nga mihi o te wa kia koe te whanau (Greetings to you and your family)

BACK AFTER LOCKDOWN

It was wonderful to welcome back our students, staff and you all last Thursday. Very excited children. Thank you for your support during Lockdown and for your involvement with our on-line lessons and zoom. I am very impressed with what our teachers were able to do and thank them for firstly, ensuring that our students and families "Wellbeing" was our number one priority and secondly for offering varied and stimulating on-line lesson options and activities. Now that we are back, our focus is on getting our students into some form of routine in a safe and supportive environment.

We remain vigilant, with regards to COVID, and are doing our best to ensure that hygiene, health and safety practices are adhered to. Please remember that at Level 2 we ask you:

- To wait at the gate when you drop off and pick up your children.
- Use the Covid App (on our School App) or the QR Code to sign in if you NEED TO enter the school grounds. (GO TO THE OFFICE)
- Please ensure your children bring a drink bottle as the fountains have been turned off and that your child has a healthy and sufficient lunch (no sharing, etc)
- Mask wearing is voluntary at school and on school buses for students and staff.
- We encourage our children to regularly wash hands, sanitize and if coughing or sneezing to use their elbow or arm.
- And finally to be kind to each other.

TU MEKE AT SCHOOL

Congratulation to TOM MORRIS, a Year 8 student who has the most fantastic attitude and a wonderful "presence" about him. Friendly, polite, humble, sporty and a wonderful role model for our boys.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR MAHURU GENEROSITY

This month we focus on the value of GENEROSITY. Our focus will be "GIVE WITH AN OPEN HEART" So what is generosity?? Generosity is giving and sharing. It is giving freely because you want to. It is a quality of the spirit. It is one of the best ways to show love.



CELEBRATION TE REO MAORI

This week is "Maori Language Week" and classes will be involved in a number of activities that enhance our involvement in our bi-cultural heritage. We begin one step at a time......

KARAKIA

Ahakoa iti noa te awhina Me te aroha E whakanui No reira e hoa ma Kia ora ra

Although the help is small, through love, it will become great. And so friends, may all be well with you.

ON HOLD - THANKS COVID

Because of our Level 2 restrictions there are a number of events that have either been cancelled or postponed this term.

These include:

- Netball, Hockey, Soccer all cancelled
- School's Cross Country cancelled
- Mathletics –Postponed until Term 4
- Kapa Haka Festival cancelled
- Our Sacramental Programmes of First
 Communion and Confirmation are presently
 on hold. We will resume the preparation for
 these sacraments when we return to Level 1.
- Outdoor Cinema postponed
- PTA meeting Postponed until Term 4

SACRED HEART COLLEGE ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

As the Open Day planned could not go ahead due to Lockdown, there is a new opportunity for you to view the school.

The College will be holding TOURS of their school this FRIDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER. Please contact the school office on 06-835-3761 to book a time.

ATTENDANCE DUES/SCHOOL FEES

Please remember, that if you are having trouble paying these fees (\$455 a year) to the Diocese of Palmerston North due to COVID etc. PLEASE contact me at school and I can offer you some help (only too happy to do so).

Regards and Blessing – Ka kite ano Jurek Wypych

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