

# ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021



**"JOY" does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day!**

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

## OUR LATEST TAONGA (treasure)

We welcome **Elijah Patu** and his whanau to the St Patricks' School family. Elijah began his schooling last week in A4 and looks to have settled in beautifully. Enjoy learning and making life-long friends Elijah.

## COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Autumn Sobek**, one of our wonderful Year 4 students from the Mission Whanau. Autumn is the most polite, caring, helpful and hardworking person who is always delightful and friendly.

## SCHOOL CLOSED – FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Please mark this date on your calendar. Teachers will have a day looking at assessment and reporting for your children.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVINGS, MASS, ASSEMBLIES - A BIG CHANGE

Due to the uncertainty around COVID levels and following Ministry advice we have decided (sadly) that these events will now be either cancelled or held at school with **STUDENTS ONLY** attending, with **NO PARENTS** allowed on-site.

#### The plan is now:

**Year 5/6** and **Year 7/8 PRIZEGIVINGS** will be held during the day on **WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**. We will film and possibly "stream" these events.

Year 8 leavers medal ceremony will also be on this date and will hopefully be held outdoors so the whole school can acknowledge and farewell our leavers.

There will be NO Assemblies/performances by the ANGEL (Year 3) or MISSION (Year 4) Whanau.

End of year **School Mass** is cancelled.

The **Year 8 Leavers' Dinner** planned for 15 December at Speights will go ahead.

### **COVID UPDATE**

ALL education workers on-site at a school MUST have at least one dose of vaccine by MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER.

We are awaiting on advice about the legal ramifications of the health order and how it will effect access **for all** onto School sites after this date. Until then please – get vaccinated for you and your families, your friends and communities safety.



## FOOTBALL REPS- THE ROUND BALL GAME

We had a number of students represent H.B at the Central Football Tournament in the weekend. Hazel Marwick's team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in their division and in 1<sup>st</sup> place (HB under12) was Ben Jackson. Ashton Forgie and Frank Nicholls . Great to see the talent we have at St Patrick's School



## MUFTI DAY

I was approached by a lovely 'delegation' of students who asked if we could do a **GOLD COIN MUFTI DAY THIS FRIDAY** (5 November), to raise funds for those in our community in need. (Pastoral Care at Home). So.....yes, we are having a **MUFTI DAY** on Friday with a **GOLD COIN DONATION THEME "BRIGHT LIKE A FIREWORKS"**

## SUMMER IS HERE – SUNHATS AND SANDALS TIME

Year 1 – 7 students are expected to wear sandals and **ALL STUDENTS** are expected to wear a **SCHOOL SUNHAT** (\$10) as we will have a **"NO Hat – No play"** policy.

## GOSPEL VALUE FOR NOVEMBER – JOY

This month we focus on the value of JOY. What a great value for our pupils – Joy is evident in both the playground and classroom. Our pupils can ... **"Make every day joyful for yourselves and others"**

### NOVEMBER

4 - Year 7/8 Intensive Programme begins (Thursday afternoons).

9 - PTA meeting – 5.30pm in Staffroom

17-19 - Year 5/6 Camp to Mahia.

26 - SCHOOL CLOSED

**AND THE MELBOURNE CUP TODAY?** (GOT LAST YEARS WINNER) -TWILIGHT PAYMENT  
How about **"Tralee Rose** -as well



Regards and blessing to you all.

Jurek Wypych  
PRINCIPAL