

# WELCOME BACK TO 2022

“In a Christian Way We Learn Today for Tomorrow”



3 February 2022

Dear Parents, Pupils, Whanau, Parishioners, and all those in the St Patrick's School Community.

**Welcome back to a very different 2022. We began yesterday unsure of exactly what to expect, and we didn't need to worry. Children were happy, teachers were calm and there was the most positive "vibe" around the school. (The hose even came out at lunch time).**

**Our new students settled in immediately and they are all delightful. Thank you to our students who welcomed them so well and made them feel at home.**

I would like to introduce you all to our new teacher **Mrs Rachael Smith** who is teaching in the Marist Whanau M7

Here is a little blurb from Rachael

I am very excited to be joining the St Patrick's Whanau.

This term I am looking forward to working with our students to support their passions and aspirations for their learning.

My family are from Hawkes Bay and my husband (Graeme) and I, have spent many years in the hospitality industry and local theatre. I am mum to Makenzie (11), and we love to get out on the weekend for one on one hockey battles.



## WELCOME TO OUR MANY NEW STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

We had **51 new** pupils join us yesterday, and all looked to have settled in beautifully. A special welcome to you and your families. We look forward to getting to know you and trust that you will enjoy your years as St Patrick's.

So welcome to Petra Shum, Alice Ratcliffe, Nico Squire, Waekahu Du Fresne, Alexis Bloomfield, Isobel Bloomfield, Lukas Inger, Mia Deihl, Alex Chapman, Penny King, Stella King, Bella Coombe, Michael Boggs, Greta Boggs, Saoirse Quinn, Alexander Dowling, Beau Lepelaars, Holly O'Connor-Adams, Esme Rossiter, Annabel Smith, Leah McDowell, Kees Ball, Olivia Johnson, Libby Furlong, Mia Vorster, Emily Li, Emma Haworth, Stella Grams, Annabelle Tran Trung, Sophia Tran Trung, Lombard Vorster, Georgia Burt, Harriet Johnson, Maddy Bailey, Mila Stanger, Lennox Aoake Burling, Tamra Harvey, Willa Gabrielle, Isabel Tony, Madelyn Mardon, Farrah Taylor, Ryder Gerritsen, Abigail Andrews, Manawa Caviale-Delzescaux, Tamate Caviale-Delzescaux, Lili Caviale-Delzescaux, Oliver Andrews, Kate Todd, Emma Todd, Rebekah Todd, Lucia Sagato

## PLEASE REMINDER – FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY

- Students Year 4 – 8 need to wear masks when indoors (unless they have an exemption). Please name their masks.
- Drop off and Pick up children from the gate.
- If you need to come into school grounds
  - Wear a mask
  - Scan in
  - Always come to the office (not the classroom) if you need to see/pick up your child during school hours.

If you are UNWELL – STAY AT HOME.

## TERM DATES FOR 2022

TERM 1 – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February (Easter)

TERM 2 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

TERM 3 – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

TERM 4 – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

## OMICRON AT SCHOOL – NOT SO BAD!



## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### **BELL TIMES**

School begins at 8.45 am and ends 2.50pm. Children are not to be in the classroom until the 8.20 bell (safety issue). Please don't arrive before 8am. A clearing bell rings at 3.15pm (all children to leave school grounds promptly)

### **SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS (WEEKLY) – KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH**

**EVERY TUESDAY.** This is our main Form of communication, please keep the newsletter for a least a week. (if you would like yours emailed please contact the school office 843 9238 /or email [admin@stpatsnapier.school.nz](mailto:admin@stpatsnapier.school.nz) The newsletter is also available on our school website [www.stpatsnapier.school.nz](http://www.stpatsnapier.school.nz) and through our **school app** and facebook page. By downloading our school app and following our facebook you will be kept up to date with important notices and sharing of school life.

**THE NEWSLETTER IS NOW ONLY SENT OUT ELECTRONICALLY SO PLEASE USE ONE OF THE ABOVE TO RECEIVE IT. HARD COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE.**

### **STATIONERY FOR 2022**

Stationery packs were given to pupils yesterday. I hope you all appreciate these no hassle packs to start the year with. Stationery will be included in the school account which will be sent to you in late February. We would appreciate **prompt payment** – thank you.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM** - We expect children to wear it properly and proudly **to** and **from** school as well as **at** school

### **SUNHATS – FOR EVERYONE (BY TUESDAY THE 7<sup>th</sup> FEBURARY)**

School Sunhats are compulsory for all pupils as part of our summer uniform. These are available from the school office- **\$10.00**. We have a **“NO HAT-NO PLAY”** policy. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

### **CONTACTING TEACHERS**

If you need to contact your child's teacher the best way to do this is by email, (email addresses are available on our website or you can do this through our school app). You can also contact the school office and a message will be sent to the teacher.

**(Teachers are not available for phone calls during class time).**

### **CONTACTING YOUR CHILD/MOBILE PHONES**

Children can be contacted or contact you with permission from a teacher through the school office.

If your child needs to bring a cell phone to school they must be **held** by the **classroom teacher** or **office** during the school day.

### **ABSENCES / LATENESS**

If your child is absent from school please phone **843 9238** or text **027 7507813** or email through our **school app** before **9.am**. Unexplained absences are followed up to the best of our ability. Children who are **late** are to report to the office before they go to their classroom.

### **PARKING AT SCHOOL – PLEASE BE AWARE!**

Please do not use the staff car park (near the school hall) for either parking or pedestrian use. We ask you to park along Riverbend Road and to use the pedestrian entrance near the office block. **Please do not park on the yellow lines**

**PLEASE ALWAYS USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

### **BUS RUN – TAMATEA / TARADALE**

Our Tamatea / Taradale bus runs are operated by Nimons and are shared with Scared Heart College. The cost of our Term pass is **\$80**, 20 ride pass is **\$30** and a single trip ticket is **\$2** these tickets can be purchased from the school office

### **PUPIL INFORMATION SHEETS (ORANGE)**

These sheets were given out to pupils today **PLEASE RETURN ASAP** - it is **vitaly important** in case of emergency that we have your current details. **Please return by Friday 10th February.**

### **GOSPEL VALUE – A MONTHLY FOCUS**

Each month the school will focus on a theme that is intended to develop Christian values.

**February Focus – SPEAKING WITH GENTLENESS?** A good way for everyone to start this skill is to say GOOD MORNING / TALOFA/ KIA ORA. Speak with kind words, and they will come back to you.

### **FINALLY**

It's great to be back – look forward to meeting you all and getting to know all our pupils.

Have a great year – it's what we make it.

Regards and Blessings to you all

Jurek Wypych  
PRINCIPAL