



# ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

**“In a Christian Way We Learn Today for Tomorrow”**

**8th February 2022**

## WHAT A BRILLIANT START FOR US

We had an amazing 3 days last week to kick off the year and YOUR CHILDREN could not have started better.

We are so proud of their attitude, manners, and friendship - long may it last.

We had 51 new students who settled in happily with new friendships already been forged – so cool!

I am VERY impressed with our new Year 7 students, what a lovely, positive, and engaging group of young adults.

Your parents should be proud.

Finally, our “old” students have made all newcomers very welcome and have been so inclusive and helpful – just brilliant!

## NEW TO OUR SCHOOL TODAY

We Welcome Hera Sekyere and Brielle Field and their families to St Patrick’s School. They both began today in the St Joseph’s Whanau and we wish them both many happy years here with us.

## ART DECO DAY – 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite parents and families to this year’s ART DECO PICNIC (unless there is a major change before then). Students will “Picnic” under the trees at lunch time.

Wear your “ART DECO” clothes to school. We would like ALL children to make an effort as you usually do.

(something simple like a hat, braces, etc from home or a friend, that does not cost you at all but will add to our celebration).



## MEET THE TEACHER

We are currently looking at various ways in which we can over the next 3 / 4 weeks meet, or discuss with you, your children and how they have settled into class and some of their interests, and needs etc.

Some questionnaires have already been sent out by some Whanau teachers and over the next two weeks you should receive a phone call from your child’s teacher.

We are exploring the possibility of either face to face (zoom, etc meetings also).

**MOST IMPORTANTLY:** If you need to speak to your child’s teacher you CAN make an appointment to meet them at school, but of course it will have to be under COVID safety rules.

WE are here to do the best for YOUR children.

## TAMATEA / TARADALE BUS PASSES

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 \$80.00 20 Ride Pass \$30.00 Single Ride \$2**

## SUNHATS & SANDALS

**ALL STUDENTS** are to wear **SCHOOL SUNHATS** this summer term – **NO HAT/NO PLAY** as part of our Sun-Safe practice (those waiting for the new sunhats to arrive must wear a hat from home in the meantime).

Sandals (Year 8 optional) to be worn in Term 1 and Term 4. Students are expected to wear sandals/shoes **TO** and **FROM** school please – no bare feet!

## GOSPEL VALUE

**February Focus: SPEAKING WITH GENTLENESS.**

How 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.

## PLENTY OF SPORT HAPPENING

Cricket, hockey, basketball, futsal, and canoe polo are options for many on our students this term. Thank you to all parents for your support, in particular those coaching or taking a team in some way.

If your child has not brought a notice home and you are keen for them to play any of the above sports, please contact the school A.S.A.P, as teams are being finalized and if you are late, you will probably miss out.



## 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:

- Health and Safety
- Smoke Free
- Child Protection

## NAPIER TAEKWONDO – SOMETHING NEW FOR YOU!

Interested in Self-discipline, fitness, self-defence tournaments? Then the Napier Central Taekwondo may be just what you are looking for.

For enquires/details please contact Mark Wibberley – 027 278 4415



Regards and Blessings to you all

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