



# ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

“In a Catholic Way We Learn Today for Tomorrow”

16<sup>th</sup> March 2022



## CELEBRATING ST PATRICK'S DAY – TOMORROW WEAR MUFTI – WEAR GREEN

A somewhat 'modified' celebration tomorrow as we celebrate the Feast Day of our school's Patron Saint - Patrick.

Children can wear MUFTI with a 'splash of green' needed to make it authentic.

We hope to have a treat or two during the day-but that is secret.

## A BIG THANKYOU

To **Natalie and David from 'Wisey's Bakery'** for their amazing generosity. Last week they gave a 'truck load' (literally) of pies, sausage rolls, bread, buns etc to give to families isolating and in need of a boost. And it worked amazingly. What a difference people make-and **Nat and David** certainly made that. Bless you.

## ATTENDANCE DUES

You will already have received recently, an invoice for \$465 (per student) from the Catholic Education Office in Palmerston North for Attendance Dues that are used to pay off Government loans for building and improvements in Catholic Schools in our Diocese.

Please contact me if you need assistance after you receive your invoice. I can discuss some options with you that will help you out if you are finding it hard to pay this.

## GOSPEL VALUE FOR MARCH – JUSTICE

Our focus this month is “JUSTICE” This takes many forms and is shown in the way that Jesus would have modelled through his actions, words, and attitudes. How can we be “just”- how can we be more like Jesus?

“Tika-Justice” The right and proper thing to do”

## A WEE BIT OF IRISH!

An Irishman, by the name of O'Malley proposed to his girl on St Patrick's Day. He gave her a ring with a synthetic diamond. The excited young lass showed it to her father, a jeweller. He took one look at it and saw it wasn't real.

The young lass on learning it wasn't real returned to her future husband. She protested vehemently about his cheapness.

'It was in honour of St Patrick's Day, he smiled.

'I gave you a sham rock!



Regards and Blessings

Jurek Wypych  
PRINCIPAL

## TIME FOR A CHANGE BEEN AN AMAZING JOURNEY

After 42 memorable and rewarding years of teaching, 32 as a principal in Catholic schools and the last amazing 21 plus years as a principal here at St Patrick's, the school and I am ready for a change and as such I am resigning, effective from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022.

I do this with a mixture of sadness, excitement for the future and a real sense of pride and fulfilment. I could not have asked for a more rewarding career and vocation. St Patrick's has been my life for the past 21 years. I leave with so many treasured memories, friendships and with no regrets.

The school is so different from when I began in 2001 and I am proud to say I leave it in a much better state than when I first arrived. It is now truly a place of learning, love and laughter. I am blessed to have had the honour and pleasure of working with some amazing people. I am so proud of our pupils, they are just beautiful, and we treasure them. Our school is a happy place and now sharing a hug is the most natural thing to do at St Patrick's School. (Covid willing)

It has been a real journey and I will leave knowing that St Patrick's is in a good place, in great hands and will get even better in the future.

I am proud to now be a part of our school's history.

I thank you all for accepting me and supporting me over the years. I will always remember my time at St Patrick's fondly, the fun and laughter, the challenges, the experiences but especially the people and the generations of students that I have travelled the journey with.

## COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Angus Williams**, a Year 3 student who impresses us as a caring class member, quiet, polite and loves to work with others and share his learning.



## COVID AT ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

We still have many students away. We expect it could be like this for a while. We are following all Ministry guidelines to keep everyone as safe as possible at school. We are proud of our staff, students and families for their calmness and positivity. Keep communicating with us.

Thank you for your patience and compassion at this time.

Please if your child is unwell, please keep them at home.

Take care everyone..