



# ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

“In a Catholic Way We Learn Today for Tomorrow”

12<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Well folks, it has been one heck of a term, but we have made it.

Throughout the uncertainty and disruption caused by COVID, I am proud to say that our students, staff, and St Patrick's community have been magnificent. You have all banded together, been supportive, calm, trusting and have just “got on with it”.

A particular thank you to our staff – What a great team!

## COOL AT SCHOOL

Two people to celebrate to end this term.

**Indie-Lee Paku**, a year 4 student who is a great role model in class with her gentle manner, politeness and for the quiet way in which she speaks up for others.

**Pietra Ribeiro-Kelly**, a Year 6 student who always produces high quality work, has a responsible attitude and is another who is so supportive of her classmates.

## ANOTHER ANGEL FOR THE ANGEL WHANAU

We welcome Makenzie Blance who began in A1 a week ago and she just LOVES SCHOOL. A smile on her face as she enters and leaves the school gate.

You enjoy learning and making the best friends at St Patrick's Makenzie.

## CONGRATULATIONS—OUR VERY OWN MR PAUL WALLACE

This Saturday evening at the Easter Vigil Mass, Paul will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation as he is welcomed into the Catholic Faith. What a wonderful expression of his belief and commitment. We are very proud of our Mr Wallace.

## BUS TICKETS FOR TERM 2

Now available to collect from the office  
\$80 (Term)/ \$30 (20 ride)/\$2 (single ride)



## SCHOOL CLOSED/OPEN FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY BREAK

School is closed from Good Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> April and we start Term 2, on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

*Happy Easter!*



## EASTER AND HOLY WEEK “THE REASON FOR THE SEASON”

For us as a Catholic School, this week is the most important one in our calendar year.

On Holy Thursday (14<sup>th</sup> APRIL), our school will be involved in Holy Thursday Reflections throughout the day as we remember with our students the importance of this week.

So... **HOW DO WE PREPARE FOR EASTER?** We are now in our final day's preparation for the great festivals of Holy Week – **Holy Thursday**, when Christ instituted the Blessed Eucharist, **Good Friday**, when He took upon Himself the full weight of our sins as He dies on the Cross, and **Easter Sunday** when having buried our sinfulness, He rose to New Life and promised New Life to us.

Easter joy comes with the realization that Christ lives His New Life in us. Simply let the risen Christ into your heart. He is longing to be invited in. Then you will feel His joy which lifts you up and carries you when necessary.

### **WHAT TO DO....**

Make sure you **celebrate Mass** with your family – what better way to recognise Easter Sunday and affirm your reason for sending your child to a Catholic School.

## LOOKING FORWARD TO TERM 2 ....

- Winter Sports start with school netball, hockey, basketball, and canoe polo.
- A “well-being” survey coming home for parents/caregivers and students to gauge, monitor and help enhance our student wellbeing at school.



- Year 8 students participate in St John's College “STEAM” programme for the boys and our girls are involved in “THE HEARTS” programme at Sacred Heart College.



## FINAL FUNNY

A grasshopper sits down at a bar. The bartender says, “We have a drink named after you! The grasshopper replies “Who names a drink Steve?”

Wishing you all a safe, happy and Holy Easter break.

Regards and Blessings

Jurek Wypych

PRINCIPAL