



ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

31st May 2022

“In a Catholic Way We Learn Today for Tomorrow”

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Last week, our very own Mrs Rachael Smiths (M7) father passed away peacefully. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

A BIG WELCOME TO:

Hunter (M7) and **Madeline** (M17) **Stevens** and their family to St Patricks School - A move from Waipukurau, to “The Big Smoke”! We also Welcome **Bonnie McKay** (M7) who joins us from Dannevirke (slightly bigger smoke)! Enjoy learning and making new friends here.

COOL AT SCHOOL-YES, THEY ARE!

A HUGE congratulations to:

Judah Harvey, a year 5 student who is respectful, thoughtful, fair, and lives the “St Pats Way”.

Nicola Bombik, a year 8 student who is fully focused on her learning, sets herself goals and is friendly, caring and a good role model.

P.T.A MEETING-PLANNING AHEAD

Thank you to the 6 people who turned up to last Wednesdays meeting (hope we can get a few more next time) who looked at possible events for the remainder of 2022 to bring our school community together, to raise funds and to make YOUR school better for YOUR children.

Suggested events include: - Hot-dog lunch days, School Disco, Sponsored “Walkathon” Trivia Night, Outdoor Cinema Evening on Tremain Field (Park Island).

Great ideas but of course we will need YOU when the time comes to help turn these into reality.

NEXT MEETING IS: - **Wednesday, 29th June**, 7pm in the Staffroom (at least 20 people would be great and that includes YOU if you can)

NB: \$2500 has been given to the school from the P.T.A for the purchase of new netball and basketball uniforms.

50 YEARS OF FOOTBALL (SOCCER)

In 1972, Soccer was introduced to St Johns’ College by a group of enthusiastic parents (A bastion of rugby in those days and soccer was frowned upon)

To celebrate this milestone a group of “Old-Boys” and ex-players are organising a reunion for Matariki Weekend (24/25th June). For more information and a “programme of events” contact either Eamon Pollard eamon18b@gmail.com or Jurek Wypych (Prinicpal) prinicpal@stpatnsapier.school.nz Will be great to catch up and relive our youth (when we could run fast.)



STUDENT REPORTS - COMING SOON

In 3 weeks, we will be sending out Mid-Year Reports that show what progress your children are making (23rd June) The following week (27/28 June) we will be holding parent/pupil/teacher conferences (interviews) for you to discuss the year so far with the teacher. More info to come...

NOODLES FOR LUNCH – A HOT TOPIC

Please **DO NOT** send uncooked noodles in pottles to school for your child’s lunch. They are a real SAFETY HAZARD with boiling water being carried. A thermos ‘flask’ (\$9 at Kmart) is a safer option and can be heated from home.



TOUGH GUYS AND GAL’S

This Thursday (2nd) a number of our students head off to Clifton for the H.B Challenge series. Plenty of mud, water, fun and fitness. Enjoy the day - come back with washing to do.

TWO IMPORTANT CELEBRATIONS IN OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



TODAY: - 31st May - Celebrates the **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, as she visited her cousin Elisabeth. The meeting was a joyful and unique event as they both found they were pregnant.

SUNDAY: - 5th of June marks **PENTECOST SUNDAY**, and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, causing them to speak in tongues to spread the word of Jesus.

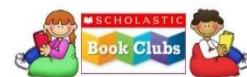
MONDAY IS A HOLIDAY



Remember, enjoy next Monday, “Queens Birthday” A chance for a long weekend together for your family-Enjoy!

WORLD PLAY DAY

A taste of some of our amazing creations.



SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB-Issue 4

ISSUE 4: Lucky Book Club books, can be viewed online as from the 6th June, on the Scholastic Book Club website www.scholastic.co.nz.

Please note: All books can only be ordered by parents/caregivers on line through the above website, and paid by a credit card. Just follow the instructions to create an account. Issue 4, closes on the 23rd June and those books will be sent to the school for distribution. Any orders placed after that date, will be posted to you, and there will be a postage charge. Orders made from Issue 3 will arrive shortly.

JUST FOR YOU

How do mountains stay warm in the winter? SNOWCAPS!

Soifua ma ia manuia (live and prosper)

Jurek Wypych

PRINCIPAL