



ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

14th June 2022

“In a Catholic Way We Learn Today for Tomorrow”

OUR LATEST TREASURE

We welcome **Christiano Binu** and his family to St Patrick's School. He began in A1 at the beginning of the month and has settled into school life well. Enjoy learning and making new friends here.

COVID AND BUGS

Our 2 day “circuit breaker” last week seems to have made a positive difference with the number of students absent down to 60/70 per day this week (120-140 last week). We are doing our best to ensure everyone's well-being.

SCHOOL MID-YEAR REPORTS

Every student will take home their progress report next **THURSDAY 23rd JUNE**.

This is a mid-year overall summary of what they are doing and how well they are achieving. A celebration of their learning for you to share with them. There will be an opportunity for you to discuss the report with the teacher if you wish to.

MEET THE TEACHER (INTERVIEWS) AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU

Interviews will be held on **Monday 27th** and **Tuesday 28th June** from **3pm to 5.30pm**.

TO BOOK AN INTERVIEW you will need to go to this link: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code> and use our school code **r8t7p**.

I know that many of you keep in regular contact with your child's teacher so that you are up to date with their learning and will not need to book a time.

MEET THE ANGEL WHANAU TEACHERS

The Angel whanau teachers invite you to come and experience what learning is like in the Angel Whanau in 2022. We realise that school today is so different from when you were 5,6, and 7. This is your opportunity to discover the enjoyment your children have every day as they grow their brains and learn together. There will be two sessions available.

Monday 3.00-3.40pm and Tuesday 5.00-5.40pm

If you have specific questions or concerns relating to your child, there will also be an opportunity to meet with the classroom teacher to discuss this by booking a interview time as indicated above.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

In September this year, schools across New Zealand will be holding Board of Trustees PARENT Elections. We need 5 Parent elected to join our Board.

Please consider putting your name forward for what is a very rewarding service.

Plenty of training and support so please consider it! More information, nomination forms etc to come.

MATARIKI-CELEBRATING ‘OUR’ HISTORY (Hitoria)

Matariki is a celebration for all New Zealanders. Matariki is not one specific day, it is a season heralded by the rise of the Matariki cluster in the eastern sky in winter.

The star cluster Matariki appears in our skies in the month of Pipiri (June-July), marking the start of the Maori New Year. This is the coldest time of the year and Pipiri means ‘to draw close’.

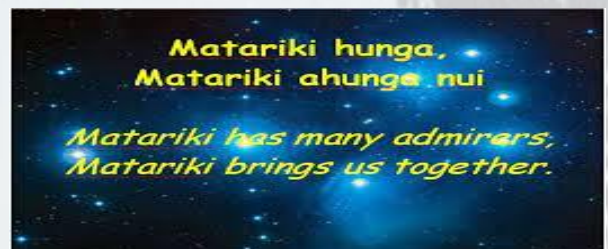
It is a time to come together with your friends, whanau, and communities. It's about eating, reflecting, having fun, and looking forward to the year ahead.

Next Thursday morning (23rd June) the whole school will be involved in across-school activities to celebrate this old (but newly recognized) celebration.

- From 9am – 12.30 you are invited to join in with us as we art, craft, sing, create and share.
- Activities such as rakau, kite making, harakeke flowers, porotiti, kai, weaving etc.

Lots of learning and lots of fun!

You are also invited to join our children for lunch at 12.30. A cuppa available in the staffroom for you.



CAR WASH FUNDRAISING THIS FRIDAY 17th

St Josephs ‘professional’ Year 5/6 car valets will wash your car beautifully for ONLY \$5 – From 11am – 1.20pm – please park behind the school hall.

JUST FOR YOU

When does it rain money?

When there's some change in the weather.

Jurek Wypych

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