



# ST PATRICK'S NEWSLETTER

5th July 2022

“In a Catholic Way We Learn Today for Tomorrow”

Kia ora whānau,

Wow what a huge journey we have been on! Thank you for your respect and trust in us, your Board.

Firstly, we would like to acknowledge our current school leader, Jurek Wypych.

Jurek we look forward to your continued leadership for the remainder of your principalship.

Thank you for guiding St Patrick's to this strong position, with a great teaching team and solid direction, a place where our tamariki feel valued and loved.

This was reflected in the outstanding quality of applicants for the position. We were overwhelmed by the excellence, knowledge, and experience of those who applied.

Saturday was a big day for us as a Board, though after long robust, careful consideration and discussions we came to a unanimous decision to appoint our new Tumuaki.

It gives us the Board great pleasure and joy to announce that come September our next Tumuaki/Principal for St Patrick's School Napier is **Gemma Gardiner**.

We would like to thank you all for your support, confidence, prayers and respect, we look forward to celebrating the continued successes of our Catholic school.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Your Board.

## WHAT A TERM

Been another roller-coaster term with COVID, Flu, sickness etc but we have got through.

Thank you to our dedicated staff who make this place a safe and happy place to be, our students for their enthusiasm and care and to you, our whanau/family for your support and good will. Something I will remember and always appreciate.

## OUR LATEST TREASURES

Firstly, welcome to **Levi Lapa** and his whanau. Levi is in (A1) and settled in on day one! We also welcome, **Rayon** (SJ15) and **Raechel Jinu** (A1) who began yesterday. Their family is from Kerala in India, so they are “coming home” as we have many families here from that region. Welcome to you all -svagatani.

## COOL AT SCHOOL

Two senior (Year 8) lads to congratulate- **C.J Mabey** and **Harvey Kavanagh** for their sense of fairness, responsibility, and compassion. Great boys who are great role models and ambassadors for our school.

## SPEECH FINALIST

The Marist Whanau (Year 7/8) held a “Speech” competition and from all those who participated, three finalists were chosen to represent our school this Thursday at the T.A.C (Town and Country Schools) Speech Competition Good Luck to: **Poppy McCaskey**, **Tamati Madden** and **Caitlin Miller** and thanks to Kirsty Lambert for her tuition and guidance.

How do we care for others? Do we walk in their shoes when we judge? It is not to be compassionate – you must ACT.

## SOME BAD DRIVING-AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN

The number of parents doing U-turns outside the school at peak traffic (picking up your children) has gotten out of hand. Please be sensible – it may save a life. Oh... and yellow lines mean NO PARKING!

## ASTRO TURF – COMING OUR WAY

I am delighted (over the moon actually) to inform you that we are to have our whole netball/basketball court area ‘astro turfed’ at the start of next term. A project that has been in the planning for a while but will make a huge difference to how we use the courts with hockey field/goals, new netball courts and hoops and a basketball court/tennis court all marked out. Going to look fantastic as well as being multi-purpose and safe.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

St Patrick's School Board of Trustees elections

A chance for you to be involved in our future.

We need 5 (five) elected Parent Representatives so

please consider putting yourself forward for nomination.



School Board Elections: Nominations from 15 July.

It's board election time again. Next term we will be electing board members for the next three years.

Nominations will open for the election of five (5) parent representatives to the school board

no later than 15 July. NOTE: This starts during the school holidays.

The returning officer for the triennial board election is Bernardine Vester. She can be

contacted at [returningofficer@myschoolelection.nz](mailto:returningofficer@myschoolelection.nz).

The timetable for the election is:

Main Roll closes: Wednesday 13 July

Call for Nominations: No later than 15 July.

Supplementary Roll closes: Monday 1 August

Nominations close: Wednesday 3 August

If there are more nominations than vacancies, then parents and caregivers will receive an

invitation to vote either electronically or by post.

Voting starts: Wednesday 10 August

Election day is September 7.

Voting count: Tuesday 13 September

New board in place: Wednesday 14 September.

Nominations can be made online through an email link provided in the Call for Nominations.

However, a hard copy nomination form can also be obtained from the school office.

If you wish to stand for the board, it is recommended that you provide a candidate statement and

photograph.

The electoral roll will be held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

Please contact the Principal or a Board of Trustees member for more information.

It is an amazing opportunity for you to continue in our development and growth

*Have a well-earned holiday break, rest up and get rid of those bugs. See you on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July.*

Jurek Wypych

PRINCIPAL