

23rd August 2022
"In a Catholic Way We Learn Today for Tomorrow"

THANKYOU AND FAREWELL

My last newsletter to you after 21 years, so enjoy. Thankyou for your support and for trusting your children with us. I have had a wonderful career and my time at St Patricks' has been one full of blessings with only a few minor "blips" on the way. I love our students and will, in particular, miss them. I wish the school all the best for the future and hope that the "culture and legacy of care" that I leave continues to develop and grow. You are all lucky to be part of this school so make the most of it.

God bless you all – keep the hugs going. x

NEW ARRIVALS

We welcome Erwin Mathew Anish who is in M17. Erwin and his family have moved to New Zealand from India and he has settled in beautifully. Brand new is Quinn Claudatos to A1. She began yesterday and looks happy. Welcome to her and her family.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to Paige Dobson, a true year 8 champion who is humble, caring, confident and an amazing sports person and student. Just brilliant!

SCHOOL CLOSED-NEXT FRIDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

School will be **CLOSED** on **FRIDAY** 2nd**SEPTEMBER** for a Teacher Only Day/Mid Term Break.
Also....I did promise the students a "FREE DAY OFF" if they all CHEERED THE LOUDEST for me in the "drum off" competition with Mr Wallace last Friday at the Strike Percussion performance – and THEY DID! (so bribery does work) and what a nice farewell gift from me to them.

RUGBY WAS A RIPPER

The St Patricks' Year 3-6 Rippa team played an exhibition game before the Magpies Ranfurly Shield Challenge match against Counties at McLean Park. A great game and our score was more convincing than the Magpies on the night.

Thanks to parents, coaches and of course our players.



EDIBLE ARTS

This Thursday 20 of our senior pupils are competing in the Edible Arts Showcase at Toi Toi (Municipal Theatre) Hastings along with other Schools and adult entries.

We wish them all the best.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Your voting papers have been mailed to you so please VOTE for what is an important group of people who represent you in supporting the direction in which our school is heading.

REMEMBER – WE NEED TO ELECT (5) FIVE PEOPLE

Candidates are: John Williams, Anita Anderson, Tony McEwan, David Cheetham, Dan Somerville and Frank Ene.

Votes can either be posted in the reply-pack envelopes or dropped into the voting box in the school office. Good Luck to you all!

TRIVIA NIGHT- THAT WAS FUN!

Last Friday night our school hall was packed with a fantastic crowd enjoying a night of fun, challenge, laughs and spending generously. Thank you to our F.O.S.P. (Friends of St Patricks) team for organising this and to all of YOU who supported by donating prizes, your time and possibly even your \$. Grant has told me that about \$16,000 was raised to go towards hockey and netball goals for our new Astro-turf courts....with change left over for more.

A brilliant effort!

A wonderful night with wonderful people building our St Patricks' community – thankyou.



DAFFODIL DAY GOLD COIN MUFTI DAY -FRIDAY

This <u>FRIDAY</u> we will be supporting the Cancer Foundation by holding a <u>GOLD COIN</u> MUFTI DAY. We encourage students to wear something YELLOW if they can.

F.O.S.P (P.T.A) MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY

Join us this Wednesday 24th at 7pm *is* the staffroom for a quick meeting to de-brief our Trivia Night and look forward to a School Disco, Movie night etc.

AND TO FINISH ... What is brown and sounds like a bell – DUNG!

Have a good week everyone! Regards and Blessing- take care St Pat's family.

Jurek Wypych

PRINCIPAL- for 10 more days x