St Patrick's SCHOOL

Children of the Light

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is great to have all your tamariki back with us ready to learn and excited to see their friends and teachers.

We live in interesting and challenging times. This is the age of instant communication and unlimited information, which opens the world up to our children, but also comes with challenges and dangers. In the light of this I want to encourage you to discuss internet safety with your children. With your children, come to an agreement about what they can do online including sites they can visit and appropriate behaviours.

Things to consider are:

- reviewing and approving games and apps before they are downloaded
- reviewing privacy settings of sites and applications
- checking your children's profiles and what they are posting online
- check the sites your child is accessing
- reminding your children that anything that is posted online will be permanently on the internet
- taking the time to understand what sites your children are visiting and who they are talking with and check in regularly
- some social media sites have age restrictions to join, check these before letting your child use them or join them (usually 13 years old)
- monitoring your child's use of the internet and consider having them use it in an open, common area of the house
- making sure your children know to report any activity they don't feel comfortable with to you straight away

For more information check out this site:
https://www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/parenting/

God Bless,
Kath Lieshout

NAU MAI HAERE MAI KI TENEI KURA

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Welcome Remi Peek and Navia Simmonds to Room 1 and Conrad Brown and Louie Swanson to Room 2. It is wonderful to have you and your whanau here.

SPECIAL CHARACTER

This Sunday, the 26th of July is Caring Sunday. Catholics around the country this weekend will be focusing on the 'caring' ministries within the Church which care for people in a wide variety of ways.

The reason to celebrate Caring Sunday is threefold:

1. acknowledging these caring ministries
2. showing support through special donations
3. showing support through prayer

Together they raise awareness of how people can contribute and put care into action in the future. It allows for a special focus to be made for the many caring ministries and the people involved that often operate behind the scenes.

Some examples of where donations go are:

Parishes – for service and social justice outreaches into their communities
Community service groups – for support of the disadvantaged
Catholic Social Services – for keeping social work services free
Hospital and Prison Chaplaincy – reaching out to those unable to come to us
Programmes for young people – to promote positive youth development

"CARING – we think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our homes to remedy this kind of poverty." – Mother Teresa

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25: 35 - 36

LEARNING IN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE ROOM 4

This year Matariki was celebrated on the 13th of July however we started learning about Matariki before the holidays. We have some great picture books in the library for you and your whānau to look at.

Here is a photo of Hineraumati and Abigael standing in front of nga whare / houses we made.

THE SENIOR SYNDICATE TAUTOKO TEAM

We are very lucky to have some amazing Year 6's showcasing their amazing leadership qualities. For the remainder of the year, 18 students will be part of the St Patrick's Tautoko Team. These students will be Peer Mediators at break times and will be helping all the tamariki of Hatō Patariki. Kai Pai!!

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Room 4: Lourdes Gerrard

Room 11: Kadin Butler-Sherborne

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 28th July:	Friends of the School Committee meeting in the Staffroom at 7.30pm – all welcome.
Monday 28th August:	Swimming starts.
Friday 25th September:	Last day of Term 3.

GENERAL NOTICES

Enrolments for anytime in 2021 must be in before September this year to be eligible for the first ballot.

Please ensure your child is wearing suitable clothing and footwear during these colder days and that all clothing is named.

All holiday reading packs should be returned this week.

Towards the end of the term we will be going swimming. If your child is not confident in the water, start talking to them about what happens when we go swimming or even take them to the pool to increase their confidence.