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WEEKLY EVENTS

Swimming

Seniors Thursday 2pm—3pm

Juniors Friday 2pm—3pm



TERM DATES:

- 25 March St Catherine's Technology.
- 31st March BOT Meeting 6pm
- 14th April last day of Term
- 2nd May—Term 2 start date



We welcome Raiden

Ditchburn who has started in room 1 (late February)

Also Binon Bobin who is in room 4.

Welcome to St Patrick's Primary School.

We hope you enjoy your time here with us.

“God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.” Pope Francis

It has been an interesting term. Just when we thought things were on track, Omicron affected us all.

Thank you for supporting our decision to work from home for two weeks. With only a quarter of the students at school physically, it made sense. It was too hard to try and teach from school and try to teach students online, at the same time. Stopping and taking stock of what was happening proved to be a wise choice for us all. The staff mostly, stayed well during this time. Thank you for helping with this. Almost half of the students ended up having the COVID-19. We don't know what variants are around the corner. We don't know how they will affect us. What we do know is that our tamariki are growing in resilience and that they are becoming more adaptable to change. These are two positive outcomes of this time.

The Quote from Pope Francis is relevant for us all. During times of stress, we can get grumpy or say things to each other that we regret later. It seems, also, that we can forgive others more quickly and easily than we can forgive ourselves. Pope Francis reminds us that God is always waiting and is willing us to seek God's mercy/forgiveness.

So, as we accompany each other on this journey, let us be mindful that we have God as our constant travelling companion who wants to stay connected with us and support us.

Blessings Tony.

Covid Update

If and when one or more of our teaching staff get sick, we will try and cover their class with a relief teacher. If we are unable to do this, your child may have to work from home for that week. We will only know when the time comes. We are preparing work so that the students can be independent at home, with or without a device. We will be able to accommodate a few children in other classes, for those of you who are unable to have your child at home during the day.

Key dates:

We are also planning a Holy Week Presentation April 10 -14. This will be filmed so that parents can be see how we are retelling our story of Salvation this year.

NEW PARENT APP:

The new login code was emailed to you a few weeks ago, please find it use the login for you to access your child's information, if you haven't already.

Board Members Required:

6 months only (see page 2 regarding elections)

Sarjon Warde was a member of the board. He and his family are now living in Australia. We are looking for another member to support us on the Board. It will only be until the 4th term, when there will be elections for a whole new board. If you think you would like to try it out, or would like to nominate someone, please let Leanne know. Leanne is our Board's minute keeper.

OUR MERCY VALUES

Encourage your child to think about our Mercy Values .

OUR GOSPEL VALUE:

PEACE AND TOLERANCE



Tolerance is the **positive** and cordial effort to understand another's **beliefs, practices** and habits **without** necessarily sharing or **accepting** them.

Joseph E. Osborne

Board Elections in the 4th term 2022

Every three years, the community elect members to represent them on the Board. The school has 4 places for elected members and three places for representatives of the Cardinal, our proprietor. Please consider if you would like to be on the Board, or, someone whom you could nominate.

Learning Conversations - Home school partnerships.

On 12 May next term, 2nd week back, we will be holding our home school partnership learning conversations. This will be with your child, their teacher, and the parent/s. We will be starting at 1:30pm. If you are unable to collect your child from 12:30pm, we will continue to look after your child at school. A notice will be sent home at the beginning of next term.

School Production: Thursday 19th May

Keep the date. Times to be confirmed closer to the day. Most likely a performance during the day and one in the evening. Ask your child for more details.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

This fortnight we pray for children celebrating their birthdays.



John Oshana



Marvin Zaia



Tensae Ayele

