



PARENT WEEKLY UPDATE

8 June 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

DATES TO DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK:

- **Saturday 9 June** – 1st XV traditional versus Rongotai 1st XV at Evans Bay Park at 2.30pm.
- **Sunday 10 June** - College Open Day at 1.30pm. Thank you to the students who have volunteered to help.
- **Monday 11 June** – Polynesian Parents' Association meet in the staffroom at 6pm and the Parents' Association meet in the staffroom at 7.30pm.
- **Tuesday 12 June** - a reminder to Year 9 parents that we have our second *Parents of Patricians* evening with Wine & Cheese on from 7.30pm till 9pm in the College staffroom. We would like at least one parent of every Year 9 student to be present. Please make this meeting a priority. If you are unable to attend please email your apology to Gerardine Parkinson, the Rector's PA – admin@stpats.school.nz.
- **Tuesday 12 June and Wednesday 13 June** - Year 12's on retreat at the Home of Compassion in Island Bay. The year group is split into 2 groups and will go on either day.

LOCKDOWN PRACTICE: On Wednesday 13 June there will be a "lockdown" exercise. Parents will receive a notification via email, text and website notice that the school is in lockdown. This is a practice exercise. There is no need for concern. (For further details see the website).

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO: Every 5 years we take a whole school photo. You may have seen the 2013 one in the Chanel corridor. Students often stop and look at it. Every student who spends 5 years at our College will be in a photo. We will be doing this on **Wednesday 20 June**. All students must be in formal uniform on that day.

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT INTERVIEWS: Parent-Teacher-Student interviews will be conducted on **Wednesday 20 June** from 2.30 to 4pm and then 4.15 to 6pm and **Thursday 21 June** from 4pm – 6pm and 6.50pm – 8pm. **Please note you can book on either night. Parents can book from 9am today - Friday morning 8 June.** Interviews will be of 5 minutes duration. It is beneficial if students can attend as well. Please go to the school's home page www.stpats.school.nz to book interview times. If you encounter any problems using PTO please notify the school office, preferably via email at aldona.yardley@stpats.school.nz I am sure the system will be of benefit to the students, parents and the staff. Any feedback from you will be most welcome.

Mr Wayne Mills, Deputy Rector, email: wayne.mills@stpats.school.nz

AN INVITATION TO THE BIRTHDAY MASS FOR SUZANNE AUBERT - TUESDAY 19 JUNE AT 6pm. The Sisters of Compassion and the Catholic Parish of Wellington South invite staff, students and families to this year's celebration at St Anne's Church, Emmett St, Newtown. 2018 is the 183rd anniversary of the birth of Venerable Suzanne Aubert, founder of the Sisters of Compassion and a woman of great faith. Each year, people from across Wellington gather to celebrate her birthday at the commemorative Mass and to share hospitality afterwards. For more information contact Deirdre Hanlon at heritagecentre@compassion.org.nz or (04) 282 1953

HOMESTAYS REQUIRED – 27 JULY to 15 AUGUST: We will shortly be hosting 20 students from various Catholic Colleges in Hong Kong. They will arrive here on Friday 27 July and leave on Wednesday 15 August. We have been asked to host these students in pairs. We also require homestays for five younger Year 9 and Year 10 students – 3 from Japan and 2 from China. One Japanese student will be with us from 20 July to 29 September the other from 23 July to 31 August. The two Chinese students will be here for two weeks at the start of the term. If you live within a bus ride to the College and you are interested in hosting students in your home, or you would like more information about hosting students please contact Maria by email on maria.elenio@stpats.school.nz or by phone on 027 4187500. The College will be paying the families for hosting each student.

2018 NCEA FEE: The **2018 NCEA** fee of **\$76.70** has now been attached to all senior and some Year 10 student's accounts, please be advised that payment must be made by the **31st August 2018**. If you have a current **Community Services Card**, you can fill in a Financial Assistance form available from the cashier and the cost will be reduced to \$20.00. All fees can be checked via the Parent Portal. Any queries please contact Jacky Reid 939-3070 ext 226 or email jacky.reid@stpats.school.nz

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE FOUNDATION DINNER - SATURDAY 30 JUNE AT 7PM. This is always a great night. Ticket sales are going well but we have room for another 40 people. Tickets are \$80. Come and join our community on this special occasion. Email development@stpats.school.nz for tickets.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER: WE'RE AGAIN FUNDRAISING WITH ENTERTAINMENT™: The NEW 2018|2019 Entertainment™ Books are here! For every Entertainment™ Book and Entertainment™ Digital Membership we sell, \$13 contributes to our fundraising! The new Entertainment™ Memberships are available now and are packed with thousands of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers that you can use through to 1 June 2019. The more Memberships we sell, the more we raise! Use this link to take you directly to our college page <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1042f11>

Kind regards

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