

# Senior Team Newsletter Term 4, 2019

## Welcome Back to Term 4

Welcome back to all our families. We trust the break was well spent doing fun family things together and enjoying each other's company. We also hope you managed to find the sun and get used to the daylight saving hours. This term promises to be another busy one with many opportunities being offered for the students. Please keep an eye out for the school newsletters, check the school calendar on the website and use the Facebook page to keep up to date and yourselves informed.

### Religious Education

October sees us celebrating Mary in a special way by gathering together in the hall each Monday, Wednesday and Friday to say one decade of the rosary together. A different class or pair of classes will take turns to lead the school in the rosary. Parents are most welcome to join us for this special prayer time in the first three weeks of term. In class we will be learning about the life of Jesus and what He taught us while here on earth.

### Connected Learning

This term we continue with our year long, overarching, connected curriculum, concept of Joyfulness. This term each class will be looking at this through the context of Future Possibilities, with a particular RE, English and Social Studies. Future Possibilities brings our years' worth of learning to a conclusion as we look at faith based actions we can take to help bring joy to ourselves, others and the world. Our termly homework will tie into this with the students being challenged to take on an action either at home or in the community that will show they are making a difference and transferring their learning.

### Swimming

Free swimming lessons began on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. These lessons are part of our school curriculum and it is intended that each student takes part, unless there is a valid medical reason why they may not. Each student is expected to come to school with their swimming togs, goggles and a towel, in a separate sturdy bag, on that day. If your child is not able to take part in these lessons could you please email Mrs Campbell to advise her of your reasons why - she will then pass that information onto the classroom teacher concerned - any student not taking part with their class will remain at school in a different class while their class is at swimming.

### Senior Team Assemblies

The Senior Team will meet for a team assembly on the Wednesdays of Weeks 4 and 6 at 8.45am. We will also meet in Week 7 for prayers as a team and Jump Jam. Families are most welcome to join us.

### Exciting events happening this term

**Week 1** -Swimming begins (Tuesday), School Gala (Saturday)  
**Week 2** -Biosecurity visitors (Monday), Touch field Day (Tuesday),  
**Week 3** - Labour Day holiday (Monday), All Souls Day (Thursday), All Saints Mass 11am (Friday),  
**Week 4** - OLSOS athletics day Years 3- 6 (Thursday)  
**Week 5** - Parents Puberty Information evening 6.30pm (Wednesday), Year 6 Puberty lessons (Thursday)  
**Week 6** - Education Review Office in all week, Interschool athletics (Tuesday)  
**Week 7** - Mission Day (Friday), Reports go live on the portal  
**Week 8** - Parent Conferences (Monday 2-5.30 and Tuesday 3-5pm), Weetbix Tryathlon (Tuesday), Year 6 students to Sancta Maria College transition visit (Wednesday), Prize Giving 6.30pm (Thursday @ SMC),  
**Week 9** - McAuley House Assembly (Monday), Year 6 Leavers Evening (Monday), End of Year outing (Wednesday), 2020 classes announced (Friday), End of Year Mass 11am at our parish church (Friday)  
**Week 10** - Final School assembly 8.45, School finishes at 12.00 (Tuesday)

### Homework

This term we will continue with the termly homework task. This will come home with your child in Week 1/2 and they will have until Friday of Week 7 to complete the tasks. It is hoped that you will encourage your child to reflect on their learning and assist them to present work of their highest ability. Maybe you could encourage your child to present their work in a different format this term. Don't forget to also support your child with their weekly spelling, reading and online learning tasks. Thank you for your ongoing support.



### GALA! GALA! GALA! GALA!

Here's hoping you all have October 19<sup>th</sup> clearly marked in your diaries as an opportunity to come along and take part in our annual school gala. We need all hands on deck to make this as successful as it has been in the past. Please show your support by signing up to help out on a stall for no more than an hour. This is a great way to interact with your school family on a different level. Please also show your support by baking a cake and/or some sweets and donating any unwanted or unloved items to sell. But best of all come along on the day and take part in all the fun - the day promises to be just as, if not more, exciting than it has been in the past. See you there!

### End of Year Outing

This year to celebrate the end of a successful year the year 5 and 6 students will be going to Massey Park pools, Papakura for a fun time on the water slides, in the wave pools and on the aqua run. Payment for this event will come out of your school donations that you paid at the beginning of the year.



### Senior Responsibilities for 2020

Signing up for Year 6 responsibilities will happen in the first two weeks of term. This will enable us to announce the 2020 House captains at our End of Year Mass and pass the leadership mantle over to them at this very special occasion. If your child is currently a Year 5 please could you have a chat to them about responsibilities they would like to take on in 2020. Everyone is expected to have at least one role. Taking on a leadership role means committing to that job for the whole year and being available to step up, when required, for other roles as well. The senior team sees all badge holders and senior monitors as leaders within our school.

**Reminders** - If you have any questions please see or email your child's teacher then Karen Noble-Campbell as Team Leader.

Please report any absences to the school office and present a doctor's certificate for any more than three days sickness absence.



Here's to another great term! May the learning we do permeate through the way we live our lives and help make a difference to all those we interact with. Kind regards - The Senior Team