

Senior Team Newsletter Term 4, 2020

Welcome back! This term is the final one for many of our students and families. For those leaving us we are hoping this term will be a memorable one. For those of us remaining behind we aim to strive our hardest to meet our goals and prepare to become the leaders of the school.

Rosary – Please join us in the hall on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings this October to share the rosary together.

End of Year Outing...16th December

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.

2021 Responsibilities

Signing up for Year 6 responsibilities will happen in the first two weeks of term. This will enable us to announce the 2021 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 2021. 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.

Homework

Despite the busyness of this term the students will still be expected to complete their weekly homework of spelling, independent reading and Maths Whizz tasks at home as well as any classroom work not completed. Thank you for your continued support in this learning partnership.

Thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement and transparency over a much disrupted 2020. Here's to another great time of fun and learning over the final 49 teaching days of Term 4...should you have any concerns over the final few weeks please raise them with your child's class teacher initially. Kind regards and blessings from all of the Senior Team.

Concept Learning

This term our overarching concept of "INNOVATION" will continue until Wednesday 28th October when we will celebrate at the Senior School "Tuatara Taonga" when the students will be sharing their inventive innovations in the school hall...invites to follow! From there the students will focus on "SERVE" as we look at how serving and living like Jesus helps us to protect and nurture our common home. The other curriculum focuses for this term are Health and PE along with the Arts, Science, Maths and English. In RE our focus will be the presence of the Holy Spirit (Wairua Tapu). As this unprecedented year comes to an end each student will be looking into themselves and reflecting on where they were, how far they have come and where they will go to next.

Positive Puberty

For our Year 6 students and families, and as part of our health curriculum, we are bringing NEST Consulting back again this year to share with our students the process of pubertal change. There will be a parent's evening session on the **10th of November at 6.30pm**. The students will be involved in their sessions on the 11th of November. This is always a time where some questions come to the fore and our parents evening will give you the strategies to answer those questions in a frank and mature way. Should you have any questions about this please feel free to contact Heather Collins or Karen Noble-Campbell for clarification.

Important dates for the diary

Rosary - M, W, F mornings 8.45am (October)
Swimming - Week 1/Week 8 (Tuesday)
Kapa Haka Festival - 22nd October 6pm (SMCollege)
Tuatara Taonga - 28th October 1.30pm - 4.30pm
Year 3-6 Athletics - 30th October
2021 Camp Meeting - 4th November 7pm - 8pm
Positive Puberty - 10th November 6.30pm
T.O.D - 13th November
Mission Day Market - Fri 27th Nov 5pm - 8pm
School Prize Giving - Thurs 10th Dec 6.30pm - 8pm
End of Year Mass - Fri 11th Dec 11.15am
Leavers evening - 14th December 5.30pm - 8pm
End of Year outing at Massey pools - Wed 16th Dec
Final assembly - Friday 18th Dec 9am
School closes 12 noon Friday 18th December

Swimming

Notices went out last term advising you that each Tuesday (for 8 weeks) all students will be going swimming at Lloyd Elsmore Pools as part of the Health/PE Curriculum. Please ensure togs and a towel are brought each Tuesday in a separate bag.