

**Dear Parents/Caregivers...**

Welcome to the 2014 school year. A special welcome to returning families and to our new students and their families:

*Giselle Fraei    NataliaTopia    Paul Holani  
Calin Paasi    Roneeza Iosefa*

We hope all our students enjoy the learning environment at St Patrick's School, building up the skills to achieve their learning goals while developing a deeper relationship with our God.

This morning we started our year with a prayer liturgy and I would like to share one of the prayers with you all:

*Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year.*

*Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings  
You put before us.*

*Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting  
opportunities that this new school year brings.*

*Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.  
Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies  
and courage to accept new opportunities.*

*Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience  
Your presence in our new friends.*

*Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year!  
Amen*

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to call and make a time to come and see me.

Yours sincerely,

Carmel Bullôt,  
Principal

**WAITANGI DAY:** Thursday 06 February is Waitangi Day.  
There is **no school on Thursday.**

**General Notices:**

**WITH THIS NEWSLETTER:**

2014    Dates to Remember

**BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR – MASS:** We will celebrate our new School year with Mass at 9.00am on Friday 07 February. We invite our friends and families to join with us for this occasion.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW SCHOOL YEAR.**

There have been some room and class level changes this year. Below is a list of teachers and classes:

Room 8	Mrs Dines	Year 7 – 8
Room 6	Miss Chao	Year 5 – 6
Room 5	Mrs Richardson	Year 4
Room 4	Mrs Twomey	Year 2 – 3
Room 2	Sr Eoalesi	Year 1
Room 1	Miss Craig	Year 2 – 3

**STATIONERY LISTS:**

- Students have brought home their Stationery, RE, Activity Fee (& for Year 7-8 Technicraft) Lists.
- At the moment it would be cheaper to buy stationery at places such as Warehouse Stationery.
- RE, Activity Fee and Technicraft fees must be paid to school.
- Please make sure your child/ren have all they need to ensure a successful year's learning.
- **Please pay all amounts due by Friday 21 February**

**PICKING CHILDREN UP AFTER SCHOOL**

- Please remember all the teachers go with the children to the Main Gate in Queen's Road. When picking children up from Queen's Road please use the parking spaces or the car park behind the stone cottage.
- Parking on the yellow lines by the crossing means the Patrol Wardens cannot see past the cars – this is unsafe for your children and is illegal. If cars park on the yellow lines we will give their registration numbers to the Police. They may send you a ticket.
- There are no teachers on duty at the Sunset View Rd. gate. If parents want to collect children from here they must come to the gate to collect them.
- The Church Rd carpark is for staff only. This carpark is not for dropping off in the morning or picking up students in the afternoon.

**Board of Trustees News:**

Kia Ora and Welcome on behalf of the Board of Trustees to all our families. We wish you all a happy New Year. We also extend our welcome to families new to St Patrick's. May your time with us be a safe and happy experience.

Kylee Stowers  
Chairperson

**BELL TIMES:** This term we are trialling different morning and lunch break times. The children will have the same amount of break, or play time but at slightly different times.

School starts:	8.40am
Learning block 1:	8.45am – 10.45am
1 <sup>st</sup> break:	10.45am – 11.15am
Learning block 2:	11.15am – 12.45pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> break:	12.45pm – 1.25pm
Learning block 3:	1.25pm – 2.40pm

**LUNCH ORDERS:** With the changes to our break times, children must order before school. There will be no lunch orders taken at the lunchroom.

**MANAIAKALANI – NETBOOK LEASE CONTRACTS:**

Anita Sarich, is at St Patrick's School  
**8.45-9.30am on Thursday mornings (term time only).**  
She is here to help parents with Netbook contracts and payments.

If you want to contact her at other times:

Anita Sarich  
Phone 09 521 1104 ext 887  
or text - Mobile 021 838947

**TAMAKI MUSIC SCHOOL 2014:** Enrolment day is on:  
Saturday 8 February 9 am - 11 am  
Tamaki Primary School

Tuition is available in the following instruments

- Clarinet • guitar • recorder • flute • violin