

1 May 2018

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“The best way to gain SELF CONTROL is to practice it.”

Welcome back to what promises to be a very busy and exciting term, full of new learning, challenges and achievements.

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

TWO NEW TAONGA (TREASURES) TO CELEBRATE

We welcome to A1, Mrs Thompsons New Entrant class, two new pupils and their families. Welcome to **Barnaby Domigan**, and **Ollie Karangaroa** and their families to our St Patrick’s School family. Both boys looked to have settled in beautifully yesterday. Enjoy learning and making life long friends.

CARITAS DAY THURSDAY - GOLD COIN DONATION

This THURSDAY 3 MAY, the WHOLE SCHOOL will be taking part in the 2018 CARITAS “LIVE IT” Challenge as we are made aware of the people of TIMOR LESTE (East Timor) and their struggle to have the basics that we take for granted. On Thursday we will have a NO TECHNOLOGY DAY with a BACK TO BASICS and NO FRILLS outlook. No devices, lights, computers, fancy art supplies etc... Raising an awareness of how lucky we are and in class R.E discussions how we can help others in some way.

A GOLD COIN DONATION FOR CARITAS IS ASKED FOR.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR MAY

May is the month of Mary (a special time to think of our own mothers). The value that the school will focus on this month (and Mary must have had a ton of it) is:- “SELF CONTROL.” We practise self control in what we say, do and how we react. The rule we need to follow is. “THINK BEFORE YOU ACT – MAKE A WISE CHOICE



YEAR 7/8 CAMP TO ROTORUA

Next week (Monday – Thursday) our Year 7/8 Senior Syndicate head off to Rotorua for their 2018 Camp. A HUGE thank you to Jodie Webb and staff for their organization and to the parents who are coming with the group.

Should be a wonderful learning experience for our students.

WELL DONE GIRLS

Ella Brassington and **Acacia Tamihana-Joe** were selected for the Year 8 Napier Netball Reps.

BACK AGAIN - TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY 22 JUNE – 7pm in School Hall. Teams of 4 (\$20 per team) – Supper provided, bar facilities, great prizes and good fun as we raise funds for YOUR children. Phone school office 843.9238 to enter a team (limited to 25 teams).

PTA - FRIENDS OF ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Last term we had a great turn-out at our “New Beginning for 2018” parent/teacher meeting. Lots of ideas (more to come) and enthusiasm and the meeting was over in 40 minutes.

Things discussed were:-

- We are in a good position to help fund school projects.
- New hall sound and audio system (\$10,000) has been installed.
- New and existing fundraising ideas discussed.
- One formal meeting a term, **Wednesdays at 5.30pm** (children cared for in the library/classroom)
- For **2018 ONLY** – the PTA are subsidizing each pupil our **NEW P.E SPORTS TOPS** by \$20 – the cost is now **\$25** (usually \$45).
- Fundraising ideas for 2018 include Robotics, upgrade Cultural uniform, school gardens, upgrade Junior area, school set of blazers, etc.

NEW SCHOOL P.E TOPS ONLY \$25 IN 2018 (USUAL COST \$45) ONE PER STUDENT ONLY AT THIS PRICE. THANK YOU P.T.A

NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 5.30PM – 6.15PM – WE WILL DISCUSS:-

- Gala for 2018? – A new format?
- Trivia night for 22 June.
- Movie Night at The Municipal Theatre in winter.
- Movie Night / Family Picnic on school field in Term 4.
- Hangi/Umu Night.
- Plus any other ideas.

St Patrick’s School works in partnership with parents and vice versa. **YOUR** help and involvement is needed.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE - PROSPECTUS EVENING - NEXT THURSDAY

FOR ALL YEAR 8 BOYS – NOT TO MISSED. THURSDAY 10 MAY 7-8pm at St John’s College Hastings. An overview of what makes St John’s College a great school and a chance to view their Sports Institute in action.

HOUSE URGENTLY NEEDS TO RENT - CAN YOU HELP?

3/4 bedroom house for one of our school families. Reference available. Please contact Dawn 022 040 5068 if you can help.

Here’s to a great term
Ka kite ano, tofa soifua
Regards and Blessings

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