

4 October 2011

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

The end of a very busy and productive term.

Enjoy your holiday break, be safe and refreshed for Term 4.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Graeme Hickling and family as they celebrate the life of Graeme's sister-in-law who passed away last week. We pray that Graeme's brother and family find comfort in the treasured memories they have. May she rest in peace.

OUR LATEST TREASURES – FOUR DELIGHTS

We welcome to St Patrick's School and Room A4 four delightful pupils who begin their schooling journey. We keep you in our prayers and trust that you enjoy learning and making life-long friends. Welcome **Jorja Walton** who joins big brother Mason at St Patrick's, **Emerson Burt** who has big sister Liliana here and **Zac O'Neill** who is here to keep an eye on his dad in room SM14 (good luck Zac!) We also welcome **William Greer** who began yesterday and his parents Shana and Adam to St Patrick's.

COOL AT SCHOOL

We congratulate **Jeremiah Taufale**, a Year 5 pupil who is responsible, hard-working and caring. A pleasure to have in class and at St Patrick's.

BACK FROM WELLINGTON

Our Year 8 pupils had a wonderful four days in Wellington. They made "The News" at Capital E, saw Solar Systems and Galaxies at the Planetarium, Orks and models at WETA Workshop, Kiwis at Mt Bruce, amazing exhibitions at Te Papa and the 'buzz' of Wellington on a beautiful Spring day in World Cup mode. They even saw Sonny Bill and Maa Nonu! Their behaviour was exemplary and we were very proud of them. A big thank you to Mr Hickling, Ms Sutton and Dudding for their organization and care and to Craig, Bronwyn and Gavin, three parents who made a huge impact and contribution. Finally, I would like to thank our pupils who were fully involved, enthusiastic and great ambassadors for our school and their families.

JUNIOR POETS

Our Junior Syndicate completed their language focus with a poetry recital festival last Thursday. Beautiful renditions with many smiles made for compelling audience viewing and participation. Literature is alive and well at St Patrick's.

Our finalists were:-

Year 1 – **Cramer Hannan, Tilly Valley**

Year 2 – **Leonardo Taii, Paige Diack**



CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS

Congratulations to all our Year 4 – 6 pupils who ran in last weeks' Napier Cross Country Champs. A great team effort.

Good luck to our senior pupils who take on other schools tomorrow at Puketapu School in the T.A.C's Cross Country competition.

PTA MEETING

There will be a PTA meeting the first Wednesday back in Term 4, **26th October, 7.30pm** in the **School Library**.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2012 - ARE YOU???

If you have a child turning 5 in 2012 or know of someone who has a **year 6** pupil who wants to attend our Intermediate (Year 7/8) next year – then please call me or the office for an enrolment form or make an appointment. I am happy to answer any questions you may have or show you around our wonderful school.

CONTACTING YOUR CHILDREN AT SCHOOL

If you need to contact your child **DURING SCHOOL TIME** a message will be taken at the office and passed on as soon as practicable. **PLEASE DO NOT ASK** to be put through to the classroom to speak to your child, as it often disrupts lessons. **THANKYOU.**

TEA TOWELS – READY NOW

Tea Towels are back and they look amazing. We appreciate that the gala was only a couple of weeks ago, so thought it best to distribute the tea towels in the first few weeks of next term. If you have pre-ordered them and wish to pay and pick up your tea towel earlier please call Megan Gallen, 835.8883 or 027.241.4686.

TERM 4 STARTS

See you on **TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER** – smiling, refreshed and ready for a busy and shortened fourth term.

TERM 4 BUS PASSES – TARADALE / TAMATEA

Get organised early – Term 4 bus passes are now on sale at the school office (\$80 for the whole term).

SUMMER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Pupils will be able to wear Summer Uniform from **Monday 3rd October**. We expect all pupils to be in full and correct summer uniform in term 4 by **31st October**. (So there is a 4 week changeover period). Remember we sell: - Girls pinafores and skirts. Boys & Girls sweatshirts and sports shirts. Postie Plus stock the rest of the uniform requirements.

SCHOOL VALUE FOR OCTOBER

This month our focus is on **"RESPECT."** As Christians, we should respect all that God has created (people, property, our environment) – we can do this in what we say and do (words and actions). Respect can start at home and at school. Our catch phrase will be...

TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO TREAT YOU.

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2012

We have a number of scholarships that our pupils are eligible for in 2012, they are:-

Tim Hannigan Jubilee Scholarship - \$250 awarded to a **Year 7 pupil** who displays the qualities and attitudes that reflect our school's Special Catholic Character.

P.T.A Year 6 Scholarships (5 at \$100 each) - awarded to pupils who will be in Year 7 in 2012. These pupils must live out our school motto "To Live Justly." This includes Fair Play, classroom diligence and attitude, sense of community and service to the school.

TENNIS ANYONE?

Contact Simon Winter at HB Lawn Tennis, 843.6573 about school holiday tennis programmes and after school coaching.

LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

Turn the other cheek

Have a safe and happy holiday break
Regards & Blessings

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