

22 November 2011

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

*“If the only tool you have is a hammer
You tend to see every problem as a nail.”*

OUR LATEST ARRIVAL – WELCOME BACK

Is **Sidney Williams** who comes back to St Patrick’s after 3 years in Auckland. She has settled beautifully into M5 and is catching up with all of her old friends.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Another one of our senior (Year 8) pupils to congratulate is **Bridie Hughes** who has impressed us with her growth in responsibility and initiative.

FINAL SENIOR SYNDICATE MASS FOR 2011

Join our Senior Syndicate as they celebrate Mass together for the last time as a syndicate **next Wednesday 30th November at 9am** in our Sacred Space.

OFF TO BLACKHEAD BEACH

Over the next two weeks, our Year 5/6 pupils head off to Blackhead Beach to experience the great outdoors. This is a brilliant camping experience with the beach at our doorstep. Thank you Mrs Smith, Miss Halas, and Mr Warren for organising this camp and the MANY PARENTS who have donated food, support and most of all, your time by helping out at the camp. Good luck to all, enjoy the friendships, scenery and experience.

MAX MUFTI DAY – THIS FRIDAY

Very much part of our school’s Special Character is the way in which we care for each other – in particular those in our own community. **THIS FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER** we are holding a **MUFTI DAY** to raise funds for one of our junior pupils, **Max McCarthy** who suffers from **Diabetes Type 1**. This means that Max will need constant daily treatment and monitoring for the rest of his life. He has an insulin pump attached to his body and the cost of maintaining this is prohibitive. **SO THIS IS WHERE WE CAN HELP**. All proceeds from this mufti day will help Max and his parents pay for on-going treatment and supplies.

PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The PTA have a Christmas Raffle on display in the office foyer. Prizes include **toys, chocolates, wine, toiletries** and a **\$100 meal voucher for the “Hogs Breath”**.

Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2 - available from the school office.

NICE TO WIN FOR CHRISTMAS.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL EVENTS /

PRIZEGIVING (FOR YOUR CALENDAR)

8th December – End of Year School Mass – **9.30am, St Patrick’s Church**

9th December – Year 8 End of Year Social

14th December – Syndicate Prizegiving / Final Assemblies

9.45am - Upper Syndicate in school hall

11.30am - Junior and Middle Syndicates in hall

7.00pm - Senior Syndicate at **St Patrick’s Church**

15th December – End of Term. **School finishes at 12.30** – No Afterschool Care

CARRYING ON THEIR WINNING WAY

Congratulations to our Year 5 / 6 cricket team who had an exciting and close victory on Saturday to remain unbeaten this season. Great team support by parents and coaches, plus enthusiastic players who enjoy their games and listen to advice all adds up to a great team spirit, well done.

THANKS ALSO to our Friday afternoon Year 3 / 4 cricket teams who are doing so well and our many Year 1 – 4 **T.Ball teams** who turn out each Saturday morning and enjoy the competition and team sport.

CONGRATULATIONS

Kurtis Weeks, who was selected for HB Under 12 Cricket Team – well done!

YEAR 3 & 4 ACTIVITY DAY & NIGHT

As part of their environmental study our Middle Syndicate head off to Ahuriri Estuary to appreciate the jewel we have saved and the delicate eco-systems that are around us. An attraction could also be the fish n chip lunch and the following “sleepover” in the hall on Thursday night for our Year 4 pupils. A special feature of this will be late night Mass with Father Paul Kerridge – the ultimate bed time prayer! Have a great time, there will be some tired children on Friday! (Thank you our very **BRAVE** teachers!)

TEA TOWELS – AMAZING GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS

The perfect gift for family and friends both in NEW ZEALAND and OVERSEAS.

Your children have created these wonderful creations (one per syndicate) and they look fantastic. A lasting treasure of St Patrick’s School. They can be viewed at the school office. **COST:** \$10 for one, \$18 for two, \$26 for three and \$35 for four.

IF YOU HAVE PRE-ORDERED – THEY ARE READY FOR YOU NOW.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR NOVEMBER

This month, we focus on the value of **JOY**. What a great value for our pupils – Joy is evident in both the playground and classroom. Our pupils can...

“Make every day joyful for yourselves and others”

GONE FISHING!

Our Year 7 pupils complete their creativity study with a day of fishing this Friday. We look forward to fishy tales and a group of happy pupils.

SUMMER LIBRARY READING PROGRAMME

First in!!!

Held from 5 December 2011 to 13 January 2012.

For children aged 4 – 11 years.

Rewards – Entertainers – Activities – Books and its FREE.

Enrolments start at Napier and Taradale Libraries at 10am Saturday 3rd December.

LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

a man for all seasons

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL



*The new employee stood before the paper shredder looking confused. “Need some help?” a secretary walking by, asked.
“Yes,” he replied, “how does this thing work?”
“Simple,” she said, taking the fat report from his hand and feeding it into the shredder.
“Thanks, but where do the copies come out?”*