

6 December 2011

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*



Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

**Our final newsletter for 2011** – the year has just flown by. We now look forward to end of year activities and assemblies, prizegiving, Christmas and a well deserved break. Thank you staff for being such a talented, professional and caring group, parents for all your support and most importantly, pupils for making our school the happy place that it is.

#### **OUR TREASURES**

Only a few days at school then 6 weeks holiday. It won't always be like that for **Molly Wakely** who joins Lochie and Emily at St Patrick's. Welcome also to **Joseph Ramirez** and his mother Teresita who join us from the Philippines.

#### **COOL AT SCHOOL**

Our final award for 2011. Congratulations to all pupils who have been recognised this year for their "specialness!" A person who is 'JOYFUL', enthusiastic, friendly and a delight in class is **Tayla Frisby**, a year 5 pupil in M7.

#### **FAREWELL AND THANKYOU**

Leaving us at the end of the term are Mrs Robyn O'Hagan (M9) and Mrs Irene Fraser (A3) who have stepped in this year to do a wonderful job. Thank you, we know you won't be far away.

#### **END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS – THIS THURSDAY**

Join us **this Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> at St Patrick's Church, 9.30am** as **ALL OUR PUPILS** celebrate Mass together and thank God for the many blessings 2011 has brought us.

#### **CHRISTMAS GIVING – HELPING THOSE WE KNOW!**

Miss Jobbins and her Year 3 class, **M8** discussed Christmas as a time for giving. They talked about the many people who go without at this time of year, in particular those in our own school community. So ..... they are starting to collect goods to make gift baskets (edible Christmas treats.) that we can distribute to a number of families to make their Christmas better. They thought if the **WHOLE SCHOOL** could bring something it would mean we would be able to help **LOTS OF OUR FAMILIES**. Can all donations please be in by **THIS FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**. Thank you M8.

#### **JUNIOR ATHLETICS DAY**

Join us for a morning of racing and excitement **THIS FRIDAY** from **9.30 – 11.30** at school. Lots of races, effort and **BIG SMILES!** We look forward to seeing you.

#### **2012 CLASS ORGANIZATION**

We are currently finalizing our class organization for 2012. There will be a number of changes to syndicate structures due to a change in the roll. Our structure will likely be:-

Junior Syndicate (Year 1 / 2) - Mrs Bartlett, Williams, Nikolaison and Draeger.

Middle Syndicate (Year 3 / 4) - Ms Bevan, Miss Jobbins, Mr Nicholas and Warren

Upper Syndicate (Year 5 / 6) - Mrs Smith, Miss Halas and Mr Hickling

Senior Syndicate (Year 7 / 8) - Mrs Dudding, Alderson, Sutton and Mr O'Neil

#### **PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – DRAWN THIS FRIDAY MORNING**

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.**

#### **ST PATRICK'S OUT OF SCHOOL CARE**

Have vacancies available for 2012. Enrolment forms are available from the school office.

#### **END OF YEAR PUPIL REPORTS AND PORTFOLIOS**

These will be given to pupils on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** at school and should be opened **at home with you**. Please be positive about the reports when you discuss them. There has been some great progress made by your children this year.

(The "next steps" are a guide for next year.!) Your child's class and year level for 2012 is included in the report. Reports will be in your child's Pupil Portfolio.

**Please note:-** Year 8 reports will be given out at prizegiving on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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.**

#### **FINAL PTA MEETING – AND THANK YOU**

This **Thursday, 8 December** at **The Thirsty Whale**. Join us at 7pm as we reflect on 2011 and look ahead to 2012 with a glass and a bite to eat.

#### **ENROLMENTS FOR 2012 - ARE YOU???**

If you have a child **turning 5 in 2012** please contact the school, 8439238 for an enrolment form.

#### **END OF YEAR SCHOOL EVENTS / PRIZEGIVING**

8<sup>th</sup> December – End of Year School Mass – **9.30am, St Patrick's Church**

9<sup>th</sup> December – Year 8 End of Year Social

14<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

#### **SCHOOL FINISHES NEXT THURSDAY**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30**. All children need to be picked up at 12.30pm.

Taradale & Tamatea buses will run at 12.30. (Bayview and Clive children will need to be picked up by their parents).

#### **SCHOOL STARTS**

In 2012 – **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 8.45am**. (School office will be open for uniforms, enrolments, etc Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 9 – 3pm.)

#### **P.T.A YEAR 6 SCHOLARSHIPS (\$500) FOR 2012**

We thank our P.T.A for their very generous sponsorship of 5 SCHOLARSHIPS (value **\$100** each) which will be awarded to Year 6 pupils who will be continuing their Intermediate Schooling at St Patrick's in 2012. These pupils must reflect our Special Character, and in particular our school motto **"To Live Justly."** Scholarships will be presented at next Wednesday's Upper Syndicate prizegiving at 9.45am. (The \$100 voucher will be credited to the pupils account in 2012 to help pay for stationery, technology and other school fees). This is a wonderful initiative that rewards our pupils.

Have a happy and holy Christmas

Jurek Wypych  
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