

7 February 2012

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

### FLATOUT!

Second week back and we are “running.” Plenty happening, your children are happy and there is a wonderful atmosphere throughout the school. A great year to be involved in your child’s education – we look forward to your support.

### WELCOME, KIA ORA, TALOFA

Two new pupils to welcome to the St Patrick’s School family this week.

**Antonio Tolovaa** in SJ16 and **Alyssa O’Callaghan** in A4. We hope you enjoy learning and making new friends at St Patrick’s.

### SCHOOL WELCOME MASS

Join us this **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February in St Patrick’s Church at 9.30** as we pray for the year ahead and celebrate the Catholic Character that makes St Patrick’s School the special place that it is and will be for us all in 2012.

### YEAR 7 ACTIVITY DAY – TUTIRA

As part of our “getting to know each other and ourselves” activities for our Senior pupils this year, our Year 7 pupils will have the first of their ‘Activity Days’ **this Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** at the Guthrie Smith Centre in Tutira. Personal challenges and team building will be the day’s focus. Bus leaves school at **7.30am** and will return at **4pm**. Pupils are to wear appropriate clothing and take their lunch. The \$50 Activity Fee can be paid this week or when you receive your school stationery account.

### ART DECO PICNIC – NEXT FRIDAY

Join us next Friday **17 February at 12.30** under the trees and picnic with your children. Wear your “Art Deco” clothes to school (we would like all children to make an effort. Something made at home will be great). Parents, grandparents etc most welcome, bring a picnic and blanket. (If it rains – we will “picnic” in our classrooms). All pupils must wear a hat (school sunhat will do!)

### PUPIL INFORMATION SHEETS (BLUE) IN BY FRIDAY PLEASE

Please make sure these are returned (90% have). We need your latest contact details in case of emergency.

### PARENT /WHANAU EVENING

All Parents/Caregivers are invited to this hour long meeting –

**7pm Thursday 16 February**

Please meet in the school hall where we will introduce our staff to you and inform you of some new initiatives at St Patrick’s in 2012. You then will be able to visit each teacher in their classroom as they talk specifically about their room, their expectations, routines etc. We hope you support this as we work together to make your child’s education the best it can be. **SEE YOU THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup>!**

### BUS RUN – TAMATEA / TARADALE

Our Tamatea / Taradale bus runs are operated by Metro and are shared with Sacred Heart College. Enquire at the office for the bus route or phone Metro(835 0590) . We have been able to keep prices the same as last year as we subsidize about 50% of this cost **Term Pass is \$80, 20 ride pass is \$30 and a single trip ticket is \$2.**

These can be purchased from the school office. From next week, pupils who do not have a pass/ticket will not be able to use the bus. (Family concession available for three or more, ask at the office).

### ABSENCES / LATENESS

Please phone 843.9238 or text (027.750.7813) the school in the morning **before 9.00am** if your child is absent from school. We expect children who are late to **report to the office before they go to their classroom**. Unexplained absences are followed up to the best of our ability.

### SCHOOL BANKING

NZCU Baywide is once again offering school banking for your children. If you would like to open an account for your child, packs are available from the school office. Banking day is **Thursday**. Bank books and deposit slips are to be handed into the office. **SUNHATS – FOR EVERYONE (BY TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEB)**

School Sunhats are **compulsory for all pupils** as part of our summer uniform. To show our commitment, we are selling them for **\$7.00** available from the school office. We are happy to subsidise the cost (total cost is \$12) of these so that EVERY PUPIL can afford to be “SUN SAFE”. Pupils without school sunhats (caps not acceptable) will not be able to use the field or playground areas. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

### OOPS OUR MISTAKE

Term 3 ends **28 September** (not 23<sup>rd</sup>) as in last week’s newsletter.

### MILO CRICKET

A reminder to all who take part or would like to take part in Milo ‘Have a Go’ Cricket. This starts up again this **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February** at 3.30pm in front of the pavilion at Nelson Park, Napier.

### TERM ONE DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- February**
- 9 - Welcome Mass at St Patrick’s Church 9.30am
  - 12 - Staff Mass at St Patrick’s Church 9.30am
  - 16 - Parent / Whanau Meeting – 7pm in School Hall
  - 17 - Art Deco Picnic – 12.30
  - 21 - Senior Swimming starts
  - 22 - Ash Wednesday
  - 28 - Junior Swimming starts
- March**
- 2 - Senior Swimming Sports – 10am
  - 2 - Kapa Haka begins
  - 6 - Middle Syndicate Athletics – 11am
  - 7 - PTA Meeting – 7.30pm (School Library)
  - 16 - St Patrick’s Day Mass (9am) and fun activities
  - 20 - Upper Syndicate Athletics
  - 23 - Kahurangi Dance Company – whole school
  - 26/27 - Parent / Pupil / Teacher Interviews



### LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

Mind over matter

Ka kite ano  
Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych  
PRINCIPAL

### THIS WEEK’S QUIZ

