

14 February 2012

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Pakoti family, their daughter Hera Ani, a Year 13 pupil at Sacred Heart College last year passed away on Saturday. She was a real leader, talented in sports and arts and much loved by her Sacred Heart Whanau. May she rest in peace.

OUR NEWEST TREASURES

Two new pupils to welcome to the St Patrick's School family. **Ariya** (SJ17) & **Tanyar** (M5) **Somla-Or** started last Wednesday. We hope you enjoy learning and making new friends at St Patrick's.

A NEW TREASURE

A very proud brother Cody Wise thinks his new little sister Chloe is a cutie. Congratulations to Jackie and Dan.



COOL AT SCHOOL

This award is presented to one of our pupils each week when their actions / words reflect the Gospel Values that we teach and try our best to follow. Often, the award is given to a person who models the "Monthly Value."

This week we congratulate **Aquino Muagututia**, a Year 8 pupil whose kind words and welcome have made the transition to St Patrick's easier for new pupils.

PARENT / WHANAU EVENING – THIS THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

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 16th!**

SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2012

Our school leaders (House Captains) for terms 1 and 2 were announced on Friday. They have accepted the challenge of leadership and responsibility and we expect them to be great role models throughout the year. Please pray for them.

MARCELLIN (BLUE) – **Amy Gibson & Jake Ashby**

FOREST (GREEN) – **Queisha King-Panapa & Loto Sau**

AUBERT (GOLD) – **Bridget Hannan & Steven Shapland**

BARBIER (RED) – **Paris Brown & Cameron Madams**

BUS PREFECTS

Congratulations to our Bus Prefects who have been selected to keep our pupils safe on the Taradale / Tamatea bus runs. Please help them with this responsibility.

They are:- **Alicia Rapley** and **Zac Lockyer**

ART DECO PICNIC – THIS FRIDAY

Join us this 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!)



GOSPEL VALUE FOR FEBRUARY

Each month the school will focus on a Value that is intended to develop our pupils. This can be practised at home as well as at school. **February Focus: - SPEAKING WITH GENTLENESS.** How do we speak to each other? Do we use people's proper names? Is our language appropriate? Do we greet people in a friendly manner?

So a good way for everyone to practise this skill is to say GOOD MORNING / TALOFA / KIA ORA – to everyone they see when they arrive at school.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS and ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (I.C.A.S)

Entry forms are available from classroom teachers for all Year **5 – 8 pupils** wishing to participate in the Australasian tests as part of our enrichment programme. Tests in Computer Skills, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Maths are available.

ENTRIES CLOSE 16 MARCH (no late entries accepted).

All entries **MUST** be accompanied with the **CORRECT FEE**.

If your child **did not** bring an entry form home and you would like to participate, please contact the school office

HELPING OUR CHILDREN READ – WE NEED YOU

If you, or grandparents etc have some free time and would be interested in supporting our children with their reading please let us know. We would like to provide additional opportunities for our children to read to and with an adult. We will provide some training and tips. Just call into the office and leave us your details or phone 843.9238.



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.

OFF WALKING

Our Middle Syndicate classes (M8 – 11) head off to the Ahuriri Estuary later this week as part of their environmental studies. Take your time to look at the beauty around you.

PROUD OF OUR PAST PUPILS

It's great to see the potential that was developed at St Patrick's School by our senior pupils materialize when they are young adults at secondary school. N.C.E.A results from Sacred Heart College were above the National Standard in all areas – congratulations.

We acknowledge these past pupils who gained extra recognition.: -

Merit Endorsement – Alisha Davis, Annabelle Gordon, Zofia Gyde, Courtney Harris, Sasha Lewis, Shannon McDonough, Stacey Jones, Anna McCarrey, Jessica McCleary, Litecia Gyde, Siobhan Hughes, Georgia O'Grady, Kayla Healey, Laura Ferrick.

Excellence Endorsement – Rachael Iremonger, Olivia Lawrence, Adela Wypych, Anna Mooney.

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.

LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

Down Town

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
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