

28 February 2012

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

*“My life is my message”
Ghandi*

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Connor and Charlotte Hooper and their family. Their much loved Grandad passed away recently. May he rest in peace.

NEW TO ST PATRICK’S

We welcome **Danyon Start** to St Patrick’s. He began yesterday in A4 and joins big brothers Sam and Logan here. Also **Teuila Apineru-Penitito** who started school today and joins big brother Theodore. Welcome also to **Joseph Fortune** who began in M6 last week. Enjoy learning and making life long friends.

COOL AT SCHOOL

We congratulate **Tilly Vallee**, a Year 2 pupil who shines out for her kindness and the care she shows to others. Well done Tilly, a wonderful gift.

CHAMPION IN OUR MIDST

Cameron Madams, a Year 8 pupil, recently competed in the National Swimming Championship in Wellington. He did very well as an individual but capped off a weekends swimming with a **GOLD MEDAL** in the individual medley relay, swimming the last leg to take his team to victory.



ANOTHER CHAMPION!

I have been informed that one of our old boys, **Steffan Levett**, has joined the Marist Order to train to become a Marist Priest. We congratulate him and wish him all the best and pray that this vocation he has been called to pursue is a rewarding one.

THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I would like to thank and acknowledge Teresa Jones & Jo Burrell who are both stepping down from our Board of Trustees after many years of ensuring St Patrick’s is a better place for your children. Their contribution has been immense and we thank them for their time, professionalism and care.

KAPA HAKA BEGINS – KA PAI!

A number of our pupils will begin Kapa Haka this Friday afternoon. Initially up to 60 pupils from across the school will be involved in these weekly practices as we head towards our second performance at the Kapa Haka Festival. We are delighted that our pupils have the opportunity to further participate in tikanga Maori.



MIDDLE SYNDICATE ATHLETICS DAY

Join Rooms 8 – 11 next **TUESDAY 6 MARCH**, 11am at school as they take part in their Athletics Sports. Bring a sun hat and rug and cheer your children along.

T.A.C.S – SENIOR TRIATHLON

A dozen of our Year 7/8 pupils will be representing St Patrick’s School next Tuesday at Frimley Park (HASTINGS) in the Schools Triathlon (bike, run, swim). Thank you to parents who are providing transport and much needed encouragement. Good luck seniors, have a wonderful day.

MRS BARTLETT AND HER WINE CASKS!

No, she doesn’t **REALLY** have a problem but she needs classroom reading boxes and ‘wine casks’ are the ideal size. So be environmentally friendly and let Mrs Bartlett recycle them. Thank you. P.S Please ensure they are empty!!

AND MORE...

Icecream!! Well your 2 litre plastic containers are needed by Mrs Williams in A2 – **white ones** please that we can write on and label. (Will go with the wine!)

MATHLETICS WEBSITE – OPEN TO PUPILS

Mathletics online covers all aspects of mathematics and responds to individual needs. The programme allows children to work at their own pace or they can challenge other students from all over the world in real time competitions. Students signing up will have full access to the site until 31 January 2013. See your child’s teacher if interested for an application form. Access to the site costs **\$30**.

SCHOOL CHARTER / STRATEGIC PLAN

This is available for you to view in the office foyer. We review this document every year and your input and comments are most welcome. Please send submissions in writing to the Principal by **Monday 12th March** so that the Board of Trustees can consider your views as we review our Charter and plan for the year ahead.

HAVE YOUR SAY – WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT

The Board of Trustees will be reviewing the following policies in Terms 2 / 3 this year. They are available for you to view in the office foyer, as is your School Charter. If you would like input into these policies, please put in a written submission to the Principal (**by 12 March**).

POLICIES REVIEWED: Community Partnership and Equal Employment Opportunities.

SCHOOL STATIONERY ACCOUNTS

All your children have their 2012 stationery that we supplied to them at the beginning of the year. Their account for this plus other school activities was posted last week. We would appreciate (**we actually need you to**) that these are paid promptly. Call us if you need to discuss payment arrangements – we can always sort something out.

All accounts either paid in full or on Automatic Payment by 5 April will go into a draw for a FAMILY PASS TO THE MOVIES.

FIRST PTA MEETING – COME ALONG

Next week, Wednesday 7 March at 7.30pm in the School library. We would like to see **YOU ALL** as we plan for the exciting year ahead and discuss how **WE** can make St Patrick’s a better place for **YOUR** children.

SOCCER REGISTRATION – 2012

Junior Soccer kicks off soon and now is the time to register your son or daughter.

MARIST SOCCER – (affiliated with St Patrick’s School)

Park Island – Saturday 25 February and Sunday 4 March from 10am – 12 noon at Marist Clubrooms. Register online at www.sportsground.co.nz / napier marist.

Porthill Soccer – Phone Wayne 843.5693 or Kerry 834.3055 or online

www.sportsground.co.nz / porthill juniors

EDUKIDS

Vacancies available (right next to St Patrick’s School) 7.30am – 5.30pm. Drop in for a visit or call 843.4534.



LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

I understand

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL

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LONG**