

27 March 2012

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

*“Some of the greater things in life are unseen:
That is why you close your eyes when you kiss, cry or dream.”*

OUR LATEST ARRIVALS

We welcome **Matthew Stewart** to A4 and St Patrick’s School. Welcome also to **Ryley Musson-Body** who joins big brother Lexx here. May you both enjoy learning and making new friends.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Phillip Halpin**, a Year 7 pupil whose positive attitude, sense of humour (appropriate!) and no-nonsense approach to school work has been well and truly noticed.

SENIOR ATHLETICS

Join us **tomorrow** at 10am and support our seniors as they compete in their annual athletics challenge.

MISSION MUFTI DAY THIS FRIDAY

Bring a **GOLD COIN** this **Friday 30 April** and wear mufti as we raise funds to send to this years’ Mission Appeal **“Giving with a Generous Heart.”** CARITAS will be distributing money raised directly to those in need. It is important for our students to realise that they **can** make a difference to help others who are far less fortunate than themselves and that **giving** is an important part of being in a caring society.

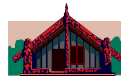


PTA MEETING – NEXT WEDNESDAY

Join us **7.30pm, Wednesday 4th April** in the School Library as we re-elect our committee and plan the year ahead. **BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU** – we need to see **NEW FAMILIES** represented to give us new ideas and support.

UPPER SYNDICATE – OTATARA PA VISIT

Our Year 5/6 pupils will visit Otatara Pa (near E.I.T) tomorrow to learn about and experience our rich local history. They will be led by a guide from the local iwi and have the opportunity as a group to walk where our tangatawhenua did centuries before. Thank you to all parents who are helping us on this trip and to Mrs Smith for organizing this experience. **PLEASE** – make sure the **\$3** fee is paid by **tomorrow morning**.



Kia pai te haere (have a good trip)

RECONCILIATION FOR PUPILS

All pupils who have made their First Communion will be able to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our School Chapel **THIS THURSDAY 29th March**.

MATHLETICS WEBSITE REMINDER

There are still spaces available for Mathletics online which 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. If you are interested contact Mrs Purcell-Thompson by Friday. **Cost is \$30.**

ENROLMENT, ENROLMENT – ARE YOU?

If you have or know of anyone **turning 5** this year please let us know. Phone (843.9238) and we will send you an enrolment form so that we can be prepared for the upcoming terms.

CONGRATULATIONS

Alena Kamper who got 2 First Placings in the HB Multisports IronKids Triathlon in the 11 – 13 yr old age group. Well done.

SUNHATS HOME

Winter is slowly arriving – please make sure your child brings their sunhat home this week for the winter terms. They will need to be back Term 4. Please name them – twink works well.

WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Pupils will be able to start wearing their winter uniform from the **beginning of Term 2**. There will be a **‘2 week’ changeover period** where either summer or winter uniform can be worn. ALL PUPILS will be expected to be in **FULL AND CORRECT winter uniform by Monday 7th May**. This gives you plenty of time to get your uniform organised. Uniform requirements are available from our school office and Postie Plus.

CORRECT UNIFORM IS:

Boys: Black shoes only, grey shorts, grey skivvies (upto Yr 6), grey shirts (Yr 7/8), grey socks.

Girls: Black shoes only (ballet type are not appropriate), winter pinafore (upto Yr 6) winter skirt (Yr 7/8), white skivvy (upto Yr 6) white long sleeved blouse (Yr 7/8), Black, Navy Blue or Bottle Green tights or knee high white socks.

(**Sneakers** are NOT ACCEPTABLE – please don’t buy any).

HAIR!

Our expectation and standards at St Patrick’s are:

Girls – neat, tied back if long, off the face, not coloured.

Boys – neat, tied back if long, off the face, not coloured.... Simple!

BASKETBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Basketball HB is hosting the Weldwell School Holiday Basketball Camp at Pettigrew Green Arena for children Year 3 and above. For information phone: Ben Valentine 833.6215.

SCHOOL’S OUT NELSON PARK HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

From 10th – 20th April. For all enquiries phone Jillian 021.773.151 or email schoolsout.nelsonpark@kidicorp.co.nz

FOR SALE

One St John’s College Blazer,(size 96) excellent condition, \$130.00 ono. Phone Lorraine 843.6188.

PLACES AVAILABLE AT OUR AFTERSCHOOL CARE

Immediate starts are available at our on-site Morning Care and Afterschool Care. Morning Care is from 7.20am – 8.20am and Afterschool Care is from 3pm - 5.30pm every school day. As we are OSCAR approved subsidies are available to those who qualify. Vacancies exist on all days and first comers will be first served. For further information and enrolment forms please phone Betty Cull on 843.6045 or 021.0525.233.

LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

Six feet under ground

Have a great week
Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL

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