

20 April 2010

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

*Welcome back to a very **BUSY** Term 2. Many exciting events and activities this term at your school so be involved.*

*Great to see so many smiling faces yesterday (and today) – we are lucky to be in a school where people care about each other.*

### **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Tayla Wrigley and her family. Tayla's father and little sister were involved in a tragic accident over the Easter break – may they rest in peace.

### **NEW TO ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL**

We welcome 7 new faces to our school family. Firstly we have 4 “brand new” treasures that have made Mrs Bartlett get back to room A4 to start her class for the year.

Welcome **Liam** and **Imogen Millner** (twins – but not identical!) and their parents Julie and Paul to St Patrick's. Also new are **Ruth Tietie**, who joins Jabez, Esther and Miracle and **Cramer Hannan** who has big brother Riley and sister Bridget at St Patrick's.

Welcome also to **Joel Freeman** (M10) and his parents Sharron and Paul, and all the way from Wairoa are **Phillip** (M10) and **Queisha King-Panapa** (M7) and their parents Rowena and Phillip. Welcome to you all, enjoy learning and making life-long friends.

### **NO SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY – 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL**

School will be closed for **ALL PUPILS** this Friday as staff attend a Professional Development Day which centres around this year's school focus – “Inquiry Learning.”

### **JUNIORS IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS**

Our junior syndicate will be involved in E.O.T.C (Education Outside the Classroom) activities around the school this and next week culminating in a picnic at Marewa Park next Friday. Activities include tent pitching (and falling down!) Scavenger hunt, treasure hunt / orienteering, camp-fire cooking and tramping.

**Have a great time and pray for good weather**

### **“DISCOVERING OURSELVES”**

Room M8, 9, 10, and I1 began their “Discovery Time” activities this week. These “lessons” are structured weekly to encourage our pupils to use their initiative, imagination, creativity, co-operative and research skills to produce work and creations that they can explain, are proud of and often are unique. Thank you teachers for giving our pupils this experience.

### **OFF TO CAMP**

School will be “considerably” quieter over the next 3 days as our Year 8 pupils head off to camp at the Guthrie Smith Centre in Tutira. Good luck, have fun and learn a lot about yourselves and your classmates.

### **TARADALE / TAMATEA BUS RUNS**

Our Tamatea / Taradale bus runs are operated by Metro (835 0590) and are shared with Sacred Heart College. Enquire at the office for the bus route and ticket sales.

Due to increased costs, all prices have risen. Term Pass is \$80 (subsidized by the school) 20 ride pass is \$30 and a single trip ticket is \$2.

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).

### **WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER – NO NEED TO RUSH**

Pupils will be able to start wearing their winter uniform from the **beginning of Term 2**. There will be a **‘3 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 **10 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 (Int), grey socks.

**Girls:** Black or brown shoes only, winter pinafore (upto Yr 6) winter skirt (Int), white skivvy (upto Yr 6) white longleeved blouse (Int), Navy Blue or Bottle Green tights (Junior) Black tights (Upp – Int) or above the ankle 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!

### **ABSENCES / LATENESS**

Please phone 843.9238 or text (027.750.7813) the school **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 – GET INTO THE HABIT**

Pupils can bank weekly at school with the Wine Country Credit Union. See the office for details or to open an account. *Saving – a great habit to get into.*

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS – WE NEED YOU!**

In March every voter will receive a personal letter inviting them to consider offering themselves as parent representatives on the Board. The Board is appointed for a three year term, and **five parent representatives** will be elected to these positions. The election is held by postal vote.

Milestone dates for Parent elections are:-

Call for nominations by 15 March

**Nominations close noon 23 April**

Voting papers must be distributed by 28 April

**Voting day 7 May Count votes 13 May Board takes office 14 May**

Other members of the Board of Trustees are – Four Proprietors representatives, 1 Staff representative and the Principal.

Please contact the Principal or any BOT member if you would like any information about being a Board member.

### **TRICKY DEFINITION**

**Litigate** – what an Italian has in front of his house

Nice to be back with nice people

Regards and Blessings

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