

15 May 2012

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

*“Write to understand, speak to be heard, read to grow.”*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

### WELCOME TO THE WORLD

Two very proud big sisters in Sophie and Maddie who celebrated the birth of Charlotte last week. Congratulations Angela and Jason – 3 beautiful girls!



### COOL AT SCHOOL

Is **Tane Hiha**, a Year 6 pupil who is a responsible and caring Christian gentleman who thinks of others before himself.

### LITERALLY LITERACY LOVERS!

We wish our two Senior Literacy Teams all the best as they compete against Intermediate teams from throughout Hawkes Bay this Friday evening. Our Lit Quiz squad is: –

**Jacob Grey-Webber, Magdalene Tidy, Sacha Lawrence, Sian Williams, Oscar Cameron, Cameron Madams, Chris Tichborne, Ella Whiteshaw, Grace Burrell and Mia McCulloch.** (Thanks Ms Dudding and Sutton for your coaching).

### SACRED HEART VISITING

We look forward to Sacred Heart College debating teams visiting our seniors this Friday as they demonstrate their debating skills. A good lead up to our own school programme.

### CHAMPION CATHOLIC COLLEGES!

(That's twice alliteration for the observant readers!) Congratulations to **Sacred Heart** and **St John's College** who were joint winners of the 2012 O'Shea Shield. This year's event was held in Wanganui and 17 colleges from Nelson to Taranaki competed in this prestigious oratory event. Catholic education is truly alive and well in Hawkes Bay!

### HOW SILLY SOME PEOPLE CAN BE!

I am referring to those parents etc, who **DO NOT USE** the pedestrian crossing outside our school and at times put themselves and their children's lives at risk. We expect you to be **ROLE MODELS** even if you have to walk a little further. Better late than dead! **AND....** Yellow lines **DO NOT** mean park here. I wish it were strangers who do this but unfortunately I am talking about our own families.

**Thank you for being safe.**

### MATHLETICS

Our free trial ends soon. If you would like your child to continue using the programme please ask for a permission form. Cost is \$22 and this gives your use from now through until 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013. “A fun way to learn and develop mathematical skills.”

### DISCO – A GREAT TIME

Pupils had a wonderful time, dancing, laughing and running around last Friday. Thank you to **House Captains** for a great job and to parents and teachers for their help. Thank you also to Tracey for the lights and to Michelle for her organisation.

### SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER

Next Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May we will have a sausage sizzle to raise funds for our Year 8 pupils who head to Wellington for a week in term 3. Thank you for your anticipated support (an easy lunch day) 😊 Details in next week's newsletter.



### SCHOOL VALUE FOR MAY

May is the month of Mary (a special time to think of our own mothers). The value that the school will focus on this month (and Mary must have had a ton of it) is

**“SELF CONTROL.”**

We practise self control in what we say, do and how we react. The rule we need to follow is. **“THINK BEFORE YOU ACT – MAKE A WISE CHOICE.”**



### TRIVIA QUIZ NIGHT - A FUN NIGHT OUT

Friday 22nd June 7:30pm, School Hall.

Teams of 4 (\$20 entry)

Supper provided, bar facilities, great prizes and funds raised for **YOUR CHILDREN!** (sports uniforms)

Phone School Office 843.9238 to register your team (limited to 25 teams)

### SCHOOL ACCOUNTS – URGENT

School Accounts have been once again sent to families who still have amounts owing from the beginning of the year. Some of these totals are **LARGE** and payment needs to be made (even in small weekly instalments – it does make a difference). Please contact me if you need to discuss payment or options – something can be worked out.

### HOUSE TEAMS AT ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

We have 4 house teams at St Patrick's – your child is in one of them – **do you know which one?** Here is a brief history of each to explain why they are significant to us. **FOREST** (Green) Father John Forest was one of the original priests ordained in Lyon, France 1830. Arrived in N.Z 1842 and in Napier 1859. Was instrumental in setting up the Parish of Napier. In 1859 opened a parish school (**us**). Served for 25 years as Parish Priest, was the first priest in N.Z to celebrate his golden jubilee. Died in 1884 and is buried on Cemetery Hill Napier.

**BARBIER** (Red) Euphrasie Barbier founded the “Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions.” These Sisters arrived in N.Z in 1865 and taught in our schools (St Patrick's, Sacred Heart & St Josephs) for over 150 years.

**MARCELLIN** (Blue) Marcellin Champagnat was one of the first group of Marist priests ordained in Lyon. He later founded a religious group for men known as the Marist Brothers. 4 Brothers came to Napier in 1878. Our school was once called “Marist School” as you can see on our front gates near Kennedy Road.

**AUBERT** (Gold) Suzanne Aubert came from France early 1800's. She served as a Missionary in the Pacific before coming to Meeanee. She lived behind St Mary's Church in Meeanee Road. She was one of “The Sisters of Compassion” and in her pastoral work included many people, in particular the Maori community.

### LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

Just BETWEEN you and me

Ka kite ano,  
Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych  
PRINCIPAL

### THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

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