

31 July 2012

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

*“The consequences of today are determined by the actions of the past. To change your future, alter your decisions today.”*

### COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Rachel Klem**, a Year 3 pupil who always is trying to improve herself, extend her thinking and understanding. On top of that.... she is kind, caring and helpful!

### MATHLETICS MARVELS

We congratulate and wish the best of luck to our four senior teams who compete at this year's Mathletics Competition.

Year 7:- **Kiran Pannu, Matthew Hiha, Kurtis Weeks, Ella Whiteshaw, Monica Cacho-Bevin, Stanley Chalmers, Connor Smith.**

Year 8:- **Sian Williams, Amy Gibson, Alyssa Zyskowski, Tasia Roberts, Chris Tichborne, Cameron Madams.**

### JOIN OUR SENIORS THIS THURSDAY

**9am** in our School Chapel this **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August** as our Senior Syndicate celebrate their first Mass of term 3 together.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS 2012 – NEXT WEEK

These happen on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August**. Information packs with your child's name pre-printed and order forms go home with today's newsletter. Orders and payment need to be back at school to the office by this **Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August**.

**All cheques should be made out to “Photo Life Studio Ltd”**

### PARENT / PUPIL / TEACHER CONFERENCE (INTERVIEWS)

These will be held at school on **Tuesday 7 August and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August**. We encourage **all pupils to attend** these as they will be involved in leading this conference and telling how and what they are learning. All families will be allocated a time/

Over the next 2 weeks we are asking families to donate a **FROZEN CHICKEN** for our raffle wheel at this year's Gala. Please bring to school office – thank you.

### PTA MEETING – TOMORROW NIGHT

**Join us at 7.30pm in the School Library (Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August)** as we discuss ways of making your school a better place.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SCHOOL

All classes are currently involved in the **SACRAMENT STRAND**. Each year level has a separate focus that builds over the years to give our children more knowledge about and a better understanding of what Sacraments are.

**Juniors** focus on **Holiness** (holiness of God – gift of the world) and **Welcome** (Baptism – welcomed into the Church).

**Middle** Syndicate focus is **Forgiveness** (Sacrament of Reconciliation restores our friendship with God – forgiving and healing).

**Uppers** focus on **Healing** – (Sacraments of Reconciliation, anointing of the sick bring healing, strength and peace).

**Seniors** focus on **Commitment** – (marriage and vocation – opportunities to live a Christian life).

### YEAR 8 PUPILS – GOING TO COLLEGE NEXT YEAR??

An important decision for all parents of our Year 8 pupils that needs to be made is where their children will go to secondary school **next year**. Investigating your options is a wise choice, in order to make an informed and proper decision (not just where all my friends are going!) **YOU SHOULD** attend our **Catholic Schools Open Days** and look at the excellent education and options they offer – it is a continuation of the Catholic Education choice you made when you enrolled at St Patrick's School.

ST JOHNS COLLEGE – **THIS SUNDAY (5 AUGUST)** from 2 – 4pm

SACRED HEART COLLEGE – **SUNDAY (26 AUGUST)** from 1 – 3pm

Make the time to go to these, I believe that these two Catholic Colleges offer our pupils an excellent education in a Christian environment that other Colleges cannot provide.

### MEADOW FRESH STICKERS

M7 have started collecting **Meadow Fresh stickers** to try and win money for school equipment. Please help us collect the stickers on the Meadow Fresh milk bottles and yoghurt pottles. Ask your parents, friends, neighbours and family to collect them. Bring them into M7 or the school office. **THANK YOU.**

### STARSHIP SCHOOL PHONE SWAP

Send your old cell-phones to us! We are collecting old cell-phones to fundraise for Starships Air Ambulance Service. Based on the number of phones we collect we can cash them in for interactive whiteboards, laptops, handycams, sports gear and cameras.

### SPCA FUND-RAISER

**Hastings SPCA desperately need our help!** We would greatly appreciate it if you were able to bring to the school office by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August, one can or packet of cat / dog food**. Write your name and phone number on it and you could win great prizes from the HB Magpies.

### 3 BEDROOM HOUSE TO RENT

Gallipoli Rd, \$315 per week. Phone Cath 844.3611.

### TERM 3 DATES (FOR YOUR CALENDAR)

#### AUGUST:-

- 1 – PTA meeting 7.30
- 2 – Senior Syndicate Mass 9am
- 3 – Year 5/6 HOPS Soccer Tournament
- 7 – School Photos
- 7/8 – Parent/Pupil/Teacher Interviews
- 8 – Year 6 visit White Pine Bush
- 15 – Feast of Assumption Mass 9am
- 16 – Barefoot 7's
- 17 – Senior Syndicate Cross Country
- 23 – Junior Syndicate Mass 9am
- 31 – **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
(Teacher Professional Development)

#### SEPTEMBER:-

- 3 – Y5-8 Science Roadshow
- 4 – Year 4-6 Cross Country
- 5 – PTA Meeting 7.30
- 6 – Year 4 Sleepover
- 7 – Senior Catholic Clash
- 7 – Year 3 / 4 Estuary Walk
- 12 – Year 5 / 6 Mathletics
- 18 – Year 8 Camp to Wellington (4 days)
- 18 – Interschool Cross Country (Year 4-6)
- 20 – Upper Syndicate Mass 9am
- 22 – **GALA**
- 26 – NZ “Shake Out” Earthquake drill
- 28 – **END OF TERM 3**

### LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

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PRINCIPAL

### THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

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