

30 October 2012

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

*“Your children get only one childhood.....  
so let them live it.”*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

### KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Graeme Hickling (our M6 teacher) and his family. Graeme's brother Tony passed away on Sunday. Also Ava & Scarlett Powell, whose grandfather passed away in Ireland. May they both rest in peace.

### COOL AT SCHOOL

We congratulate **Danielle Richfield**, a year 8 student whose consistent positive behaviour and attitude is a great example to her classmates.

### MATHEMATICS MARVELS

Three of our senior students have recently been recognised for their academic excellence in the I.C.A.S (University of N.S.W) Mathematics Competition which is sat by thousands of students across N.Z and Australia. **Sian Williams** and **Chris Tichborne** (both year 8) were awarded CREDIT PASSES which puts them in the top third of N.Z students. Gaining a HIGH DISTINCTION PASS was **Matthew Hiha** (Year 7). This puts Matthew in the TOP 5% of ALL YEAR 7 pupils, an outstanding result.

### ST PATRICK'S – AQUARIUM OPENING

Our pupils will help mark the opening of the new Penguin facility at the N.Z Aquarium this Thursday evening with a performance from our School Choir and a number of junior pupils. What a fitting way to welcome these beautiful animals to their new home – with waiata.

### ALL SAINTS MASS – JOIN US

The school celebrates **All Saints Day** this **Thursday** with a **School Mass at 9am** in the **School Hall**. You are invited to join us.

### CRICKET AND T.BALL (SOFTBALL)

Summer Sports are well underway with the first round of competition “kicking off” last weekend. A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all coaches, parents, teachers and supporters who are giving our pupils the opportunity to play a team sport and represent St Patrick's School. We have 3 Friday cricket teams (Year 3 / 4) one Year 5 / 6 team and one senior (Year 7 / 8) First XI. There are 4 T.Ball teams playing and one Year 5 / softball team. Good luck to all our players. Enjoy your games, play fairly, play your best and represent **yourselves** and your school proudly!

### REIGNIER SCHOOL SPORTS AFTERNOON

Next **Tuesday** the **6<sup>th</sup>** our Upper Syndicate (Year 5 / 6) will host Reignier School for an afternoon of tabloid sports. A great opportunity for our 2 Catholic Schools to share their talents and friendships.

### NAME IT OR LOSE IT!

**UNIFORMS, SUNHATS, SANDALS!** They all look the same **BUT**, they are different! We can't tell who owns them if they are not **NAMED!** We have many in our lost property that are never claimed. Please ensure that you name your child's clothing and if it's 2<sup>nd</sup> hand, make sure it's **YOUR CHILD'S** name on it and not the previous owners. **THANK YOU.**

### SOLVING THAT CHRISTMAS PRESENT PROBLEM –

We are once again producing “Children's Art Calendars” and “A5Diaries” through Abacus Calendars. Cost is **\$9 for Calendars & \$15 for Diaries** – they will be in full colour. Pupils are currently doing the art work for their calendars / diaries. Order forms sent home **LAST WEEK** (more available from office) You can view your child's art (**before you order**) from **24 October – 2 November** in your child's classroom. An ideal present – especially for Grandparents. Orders close **9th November**. Make cheques out to **St Patrick's School PTA**. Money **must** come in with orders. Each child has their **own** order form (payment can be combined).



### ALL IN SUMMER UNIFORM AND HATS! – NEXT WEEK!

**EVERY PUPIL** must be in **CORRECT** summer uniform by **Monday 5 November**. This includes **CORRECT SANDALS** and a **SUNHAT**. Please ensure all uniforms, sandals, sunhats (twink works well) are clearly named with **your child's name**.

### CLASS ORGANISATION FOR 2013 – CONTACT THE PRINCIPAL

We are beginning the process of organising classes / teachers for next year. Please contact **me personally** by **Friday 2 November** if you need any issues considered that we may not already be aware of when placing your son / daughter in a class for 2013. If your child will **not be** at St Patrick's next year, I would appreciate it if you can inform us by Friday 2 November also.

**NOTE:** There will be staff and syndicate changes in 2013 which are as yet to be confirmed.



### SPORTS UNIFORMS (YEAR 3 – 8)

We expect that **EVERY STUDENT** in Years 3 – 8 will have the **CORRECT** sports uniform for P.E and our sporting events. The school P.E top is available from the school office \$40 (same for boys and girls) and the blue shorts are available from Postie Plus.

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK – RATHER “GLASSY!”

For all your glazing, mirrors, aluminium joinery needs contact Rick and his team at **Nichol Glass and Aluminium**. They do a great job at St Patrick's School – I'm sure they will do the same for you.



### OUR LAST QUIZ

Royal Pardon

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych  
PRINCIPAL

### THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

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