

27 November 2012

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

*“Everything ever created started with a dream,  
So dream BIG!”*



**COOL AT SCHOOL**

We congratulate **Alexee McCarthy**, a Year 8 pupil who is ‘cool’ because of her sense of responsibility, caring, steady nature and her consistency. We wish Alexee (and all our Year 8/s) all the best for their **5 years** at Secondary School.

**ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL MORNING**

First Communion at St Patrick’s Church was as beautiful as the weather on Sunday – God smiled upon 21 of our pupils as they received the Eucharist for the first time. Thank you to Nui, Lisa, Louise, Margaret and the team who prepared our children so well for this celebration. Don’t let this be the last Sunday in 2012 that you go to Mass!!

**JOIN OUR MIDDLE SYNDICATE**

This **Thursday 9am** in our **School Chapel** as they celebrate Mass together for the **very last time**.

**PROUD OF MISS JOBBINS**

We congratulate our wonderful M9 teacher Miss Nikki Jobbins who has completed her first 2 provisional years of teaching and receives her “full registration” this Thursday. We are very pleased to have Nikki teaching YOUR children.

**TOUCH RUGBY REPS**

Congratulations to **Jaden and Shyan Murphy, Phillip King-Panapa and Jamie Chamberlain** for being selected for the H.B Under 11 mixed touch rugby team. A **HUGE** thank you to Angela and Jason for coaching our pupils and for setting up Friday after-school touch rugby games for St Patrick’s School. Brilliant!

**MARBLES – THE SEASON BEGINS**

Yes, it’s that time of year again! Look out for clusters of children, animated conversations, bags of marbles, rules, skills and new holes in the ground.



**GONE FISHING**

Our Year 7 students head off on Friday for an Activity Day of Fishing and Rock-climbing. A great way for them to work together and develop their leadership and co-operative skills (and patience) as they prepare to be our school leaders in 2013. A fish n’ chip lunch is planned apparently. (I have never seen a cockabully filleted before!)



**CHRISTMAS GIVING – HELPING THOSE WE KNOW!**

Miss Jobbins and her Year 3 class, **M9** discussed Christmas as a time for giving. They talked about the many people who go without at this time of year, in particular those in our own school community. So ..... they are starting to collect goods to make gift baskets (edible Christmas treats.) that we can distribute to a number of families to make their Christmas better. They thought if the **WHOLE SCHOOL** could bring something it would mean we would be able to help **LOTS OF OUR FAMILIES**. Thank you Room 9, that is what Christmas is about. If you would like to donate over the next 2 weeks please send your items to either Room 9 or the school office.

**GOSPEL VALUE FOR DECEMBER**

Our final value for 2012 is “**Acting With Kindness.**” How do we show our kindness to others? A wonderful thing for us to practise as we prepare for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Christ.

**KIDS FOR KIDS**

Come and hear the St Patrick’s School Choir at the **Kids for Kids** concert on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at the Municipal Theatre starting at 7.30pm**. Buy your tickets from the Municipal Theatre. Be in quick as they go fast! If you miss out on tickets come along to our **school assembly on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November** and hear the choir sing.

**CAMP WAKARARA 2012**

Three classes – 3 great experiences! Thank you **Mrs Smith, Miss Halas and Mr Hickling** for organising the camps, parents for your support and fun and all our pupils who enjoyed themselves, learned lots and made it to Sunrise Hut. It was worth it!

**SCHOOL ORGANIZATION 2013**

Some real changes have been planned for next year. Our syndicate structure will change and we will now, instead of having four syndicates across the school, have three.

**Junior** – Years 1 – 3 lead by Ms Bevan

**Middle** – Years 4 – 6 lead by Mrs Smith

**Senior** – Years 7 – 8 lead by Ms Dudding

Final teacher placements will be in next weeks newsletter.

**PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAWN NEXT WEEK**

50cents a ticket, available from the school office – 50c a ticket (3 for \$1)

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** – Barkers Gift Basket

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** – Wine & Chocolates

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** – Wine

**SANITARIUM WEETBIX TRYATHALON**

**On February 13, 2013** St Patrick’s School is offering the opportunity for students aged 7 - 13 to “Give it a try” as a school group. Notice home with newsletter today.

**END OF YEAR SCHOOL EVENTS / PRIZEGIVING**

13<sup>th</sup> December – End of Year School Mass – **9.30am, St Patrick’s Church**

14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 8 End of Year Social

18<sup>th</sup> December – Syndicate Prizegiving / Final Assemblies

**9.45am** - Upper Syndicate in school hall

**11.30am** - Junior and Middle Syndicates in hall

**7.00pm** - Senior Syndicate at **St Patrick’s Church**

19<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term. **School finishes at 12.30** – No Afterschool Care

**LAST WEEK’S QUIZ**

Rock around the clock

Tofa soifua

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych  
PRINCIPAL

**THIS WEEK’S QUIZ**

