

4 December 2012

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

“Two weeks to the end of term!”

COOL AT SCHOOL

We congratulate **Lily Burt**, a Year 3 pupil who has a great sense of fairness, is polite and a positive role model.

JUNIOR ATHLETICS DAY

Join us for a morning of racing and excitement **THIS FRIDAY** from **9.30 – 11.30** at school. Lots of races, effort and **BIG SMILES!** We look forward to seeing you.



MUFTI DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY 12th DECEMBER

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 collecting goods to make gift baskets (edible Christmas treats.) that we can distribute to a number of families to make their Christmas better. **So... instead of a gold coin could all families please bring a non-perishable food item to go in our Christmas hampers e.g. noodles, cans etc.**

END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS – NEXT THURSDAY

Join us **next Thursday 13th at St Patrick’s Church, 9.30am** as **ALL OUR PUPILS** celebrate Mass together and thank God for the many blessings 2012 has brought us.

RECONCILIATION AT SCHOOL

All pupils who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be able to prepare for Christmas this Thursday at school as Fathers Earl and Tim join us.

YEAR 7 AND 8 LEADERSHIP DAYS

Our senior students will spend a day this week (**Year 7 Wednesday and Year 8, Thursday**) with the team from Challenge 2000 and participate in a number of fun and challenging activities aimed at bringing out the best in them as both individuals and members of a team. There is **NO COST** as the school (your General Purpose Fee donation) will cover this. Pupils wear **SENSIBLE MUFTI** on their leadership day.

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS - \$3500 OWING

Could these be settled **this week please**. You may have received an account in the post and/or received a call from me recently. We need to start 2013 with a clean slate. Please pay at the school office (we have EFTPOS).

END OF YEAR P.T.A MEETING

Finishing off with style **THIS THURSDAY, 7pm at the Thirsty Whale**. The Board of Trustees will join the P.T.A for a glass and a bite to eat to thank you all for your wonderful support, hard work and enthusiasm in 2012.

P.T.A CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – DRAWN THIS FRIDAY

The PTA Christmas Raffle is on display in the office foyer. Tickets are 50c or 3 for \$1. Prizes include: **Barkers Gift Basket, Wine & Chocolates, Meal voucher for the “Hogs Breath,” & Wine.**

NICE TO WIN FOR CHRISTMAS.

WE STILL NEED YOUR OLD CELLPHONES

We are just a few old cellphones short in order to receive a **handycam** for the school. So if you have any old cellphones please bring them to the school office. Thank you.

END OF YEAR PUPIL REPORTS AND PORTFOLIOS

These will be given to pupils on **Monday 17th** at school and should be opened **at home with you**. Please be positive about the reports when you discuss them. There has been some great progress made by your children this year.

(The “next steps” are a guide for next year!) Your child’s class and year level for 2013 is included in the report. Reports will be in your child’s Pupil Portfolio.

Please note:- Year 8 reports will be given out at prizegiving on Tuesday 18th.

GIFT OF ‘GIVING’ FOR CHRISTMAS

CARITAS has developed 4 FUNDS that are aimed at helping people in need.

Contributing is easy (Phone 0800.22.10.22 or www.caritasgifts.org.nz)



THE FOUR FUNDS

Caritas Gifts are set out in four funds: the Hope Fund supports our development work; the Life Fund sustains emergency support; our Peace Fund promotes healthcare, human rights and justice; while the Learning Fund supports education and environmental care. When you purchase a gift from one of these funds, the money you spend supports that area of Caritas’ work. Brochures and more info available from the school office.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL EVENTS / PRIZEGIVING

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

14th December – Year 8 End of Year Social

18th 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**

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

THE ULTIMATE SPORTS CAMP & EXPERIENCE

Thursday 20th & Friday 21st December, 9am – 3pm for ages 6 – 14.

Cost: \$50 for both days.

Venue: St Patrick’s School. Fliers sent home with today’s newsletter.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM “HOGS BREATH CAFÉ”

Hogs Breath Café have given each child at St Patrick’s a **“Free Kids Meal”** card that can be used at any time (no expiry date!). The card will be given to every child today. Thank you to Adam & Shana for their generosity.



YMCA HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

From (17 – 24 December) and (3 – 4th January). 8 – 4pm daily, \$33 per day. Bookings are essential so phone 878.3027 or www.ymcahb.org.nz.

NAPIER / TARADALE LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

Starts Monday 10th December and runs until Friday 18th January 2013. For more information phone Nicoleta 834.4141.

LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

Horsing around

Regards & Blessings



Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL

