



11 December 2012

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow



Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

Our final newsletter for 2012 – the year has just flown by. We now look forward to end of year activities and assemblies, prizegiving, Christmas and a well deserved break. Thank you staff for being such a talented, professional and caring group, parents for all your support and most importantly, pupils for making our school the happy place that it is.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Last but not least, we congratulate **Queisha King-Panapa**, a Year 8 student whose positive attitude, maturity and the fact that she puts in 100% to everything she does makes her an excellent role model for others.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS – THIS THURSDAY

Join us this **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.

FAREWELL MRS BARTLETT

After 27 years of wonderful service, advice, love and inspiration we farewell and wish Mrs Pam Bartlett all the best for “retirement.” But you know.... She will be as busy as ever, no such thing as rest ...! Please take time to personally say goodbye to Pam if you are able to or join us on the 18th at 11.30am in the hall for our end of year junior assembly.

FAREWELL MR HICKLING

We also farewell Mr Hickling who leaves us to explore new avenues. Thank you Graeme for what you have given to the pupils and community of St Patrick’s School and we wish you all the best and every success for the future.

P.T.A CHRISTMAS RAFFLE RESULTS

Thank you to all those who supported this fundraiser.

1st Prize – Liana Symonds, 2nd – Blake Macdonald, 3rd – Raewyn Williams.

2013 CLASS ORGANIZATION

We have finalised our class organization for 2013. Our structure will be:-

Junior (Year 1 – 3) Ms Bevan, Mr Warren, Mrs Nikolaison, Mrs Williams & Mrs Wilson.

Middle (Year 4 – 6) Mrs Smith, Ms Sutton, Mr Nicholas, Miss Jobbins, t.b.c

Senior (Year 7 – 8) Ms Dudding, Miss Halas, Mrs Alderson & Mr O’Neill

WE’VE WON AGAIN!

Our road patrollers have won the Napier City Road Safety Challenge Shield for 2012. This recognises their work as road patrollers and is competed for by **EVERY** school in Napier. We won it in 2011 and now have won it 4 times in total (more than any other school) CHOICE!!

MUFTI DAY THIS 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 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.

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)



SCHOOL STATIONERY 2013

Remember – all pupils will be supplied with **STATIONERY PACKS** on their first day (30 January) back at school. These packs have **all their correct stationery needs** and are purchased at a very competitive rate (you will receive an account late February).

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

SCHOOL FINISHES NEXT WEDNESDAY-12.30PM

Wednesday 19th December at 12.30. All children need to be **picked up at 12.30pm.**

Taradale & Tamatea buses will run at 12.30. (Bayview and Clive children will need to be picked up by their parents).

SCHOOL STARTS

In 2013 – **Wednesday 30th January at 8.45am.** (School office will be open for uniforms, enrolments, etc Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th January, 9 – 3pm).

P.T.A YEAR 6 SCHOLARSHIPS (\$500) FOR 2013

We thank our P.T.A for their very generous sponsorship of 5 SCHOLARSHIPS (value **\$100** each) which will be awarded to Year 6 pupils who will be continuing their Intermediate Schooling at St Patrick’s in 2013. These pupils must reflect our Special Character, and in particular our school motto **“To Live Justly.”** Scholarships will be presented at next Tuesday’s Upper Syndicate prizegiving at 9.45am. (The \$100 voucher will be credited to the pupils account in 2013 to help pay for stationery, technology etc)

PRINCIPAL’S SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

New this year. Given to a Year 6 pupil who will be attending our Senior school in 2013. The person chosen will be a “worthy recipient” who has shown notable progress and development over the year. (Value \$100)

FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOS - 2012

There are a collection of photos on CD of the St Patrick’s First Communion Day. If anyone would like a copy please phone the parish office for details (835.3621)

Have a happy and holy Christmas.

Travel safe and see you in 2013

Jurek Wypych
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