

12 February 2013

*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

Zac, Aaron and Kelly O'Neill and their family. Zac's grandmother passed away last week, a beautiful mother and grandmother. May she rest in peace.

### TWO NEW ARRIVALS

We welcome **Bethel M9 & Asmeret Neguse M10**, who began today from Auckland.

### NEW TO THIS WORLD

Congratulations to Catherine & Damien on the birth of their baby girl, Maisie who was born on Sunday. A little sister for her proud brothers, Thomas, Oliver & Max.

### ASH WEDNESDAY TOMORROW

We celebrate **Ash Wednesday**, tomorrow at **2.15 in the hall** where the “Ashes” will be distributed.

### PTA GET-TO-GETHER

Meet **THIS THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> at the Thirsty Whale, 7.30pm** for a relaxed chat, catch up and look at what 2013 may offer. All welcome, the more new faces the “merrier!” 😊

### SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2013

Our school leaders (House Captains) for terms 1 and 2 were announced on Friday. They have accepted the challenge of leadership and responsibility and we expect them to be great role models throughout the year. Please pray for them.

MARCELLIN (BLUE) – **Madison Tabuteau & Kurtis Weeks**

FOREST (GREEN) – **Ella White-Shaw & Reilly Hannan**

AUBERT (GOLD) – **Georgia Kittow & Phillip Halpin**

BARBIER (RED) – **Grace Burrell & Maia Briggs**

### BUS PREFECTS

Congratulations to our Bus Prefects who have been selected to keep our pupils safe on the Taradale / Tamatea bus runs. Please help them with this responsibility.

They are:- **Monica Cacho-Bevin & Tilo Majer**

### ART DECO PICNIC – THIS FRIDAY

Join us this Friday **15 February at 12.30** under the trees and picnic with your children. Wear your “Art Deco” clothes to school (we would like all children to make an effort. Something made at home will be great). Parents, grandparents etc most welcome, bring a picnic and blanket. (If it rains – we will “picnic” in our classrooms). All pupils must wear a hat (school sunhat will do!)

### OFF ON A TRAIN TRIP

Our Junior Syndicate (Rooms 1 – 5) head off next **Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** to travel on the Art Deco steam train. Have a great time and enjoy your journey.

### GOSPEL VALUE FOR FEBRUARY

Each month the school will focus on a Value that is intended to develop our pupils. This can be practised at home as well as at school. **February Focus: - SPEAKING WITH GENTLENESS.** How do we speak to each other? Do we use people's proper names? Is our language appropriate? Do we greet people in a friendly manner?

So a good way for everyone to practise this skill is to say **GOOD MORNING / TALOFA / KIA ORA** – to everyone they see when they arrive at school.

### FUNDRAISING FOR OUR STUDENTS – TRIVIA NIGHT

Napier Old Boys Marist 12<sup>th</sup> Grade **Rugby Quiz Night – St Patrick's School Hall.** **22<sup>nd</sup> February 7pm**, \$10 per person – teams of 4 – 6 members. To book contact Rachel Weeks at [k.r.weeks@xtra.co.nz](mailto:k.r.weeks@xtra.co.nz) or phone 843.3492 (evenings or leave a message).

### PUPIL INFORMATION SHEETS (PURPLE) IN BY FRIDAY PLEASE

Please make sure these are returned (90% have). We need your latest contact details in case of emergency.

### SWIMMING FOR GOLD – CONGRATULATIONS

**Alena Kamper** competed at the 2013 Hawkes Bay Poverty Bay Swimming Champs and won 10 Gold & 2 silver medals. She is now the 2013 HBPB under 12 Group Champion.

### PARENT /WHANAU EVENING

All Parents/Caregivers are invited to this hour long meeting – **7pm Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February.** Please meet in the school hall where we will introduce our staff to you and inform you of some new initiatives at St Patrick's in 2013. You then will be able to visit each teacher in their classroom as they talk specifically about their room, their expectations, routines etc. We hope you support this as we work together to make your child's education the best it can be. **SEE YOU WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> !**

### HAVE YOUR SAY – WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT

The Board of Trustees will be reviewing the following policies by **1 March** (a new time frame given to us by the government). They are available for you to view in the office foyer, as is your School Charter.

POLICIES REVIEWED: 1) Health & Safety & 2) Smokefree

**N.B** The Charter is also being reviewed in this tight timeframe and your submissions are most welcome.

### INCREDIBLE YEARS' – JUST BRILLIANT

The Incredible Years is a research-based programme that aims to increase children's social competence at home, early childhood centre and school. It has proven effective in helping to reduce aggression and behaviour problems. The programme also helps to develop positive family relationships, provide parents with strategies to prevent misbehaviour and provide a support network for parents. There are two courses running in Napier commencing **28 February.** For further information phone Heather Osborne 027.234.2220, Janelle McDonald 021.497.178 or the Family Centre 843.7280.

### TERM ONE DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

#### FEBRUARY

- 12 – B.O.T 5.30pm
- 13 – Ash Wednesday
- 13 – Kiwi Tryathlon
- 15 – Art Deco Picnic
- 18 – Junior Train Trip
- 22 – Year 7 Outdoor Day
- 27 – Parent / Whanau Meeting 7pm
- 28 – Senior Swimming Sports
- 29 – T.A.C Triathlon (Y7/8)

### LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

Backward Glance  
We have had a wonderful start 2013

Jurek Wypych  
PRINCIPAL

#### MARCH

- 6 – PTA Meeting – 7.30pm
- 15 – St Patrick's Day Celebration
- 19/20 – Middle Syndicate Athletics
- 28 – Easter Break starts

#### APRIL

- 3 – PTA Meeting 7.30pm
- 8/9 – Parent/Teacher/Pupil Interviews
- 10 – Junior Syndicate Athletics
- 19 – End of Term

### THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

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