

19 February 2013

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“Miracles usually happen when you are not looking”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,


OUR LATEST TREASURES

We welcome **Paige & Molly Jones** and to A1. They began last week, much to the delight of big sister Georgia and have settled in beautifully.

COOL AT SCHOOL

This award is presented to one of our pupils each week when their actions / words reflect the Gospel Values that we teach and try our best to follow. Often, the award is given to a person who models the “Monthly Value.” This week's recipient is **Luke Gichard** a Year 8 pupil who has begun the year fantastically with his sensible and responsible behaviour.

CONGRATULATIONS MRS SOMERVILLE

We wish Kim (Halas) and Dan every happiness and good health for their lives together. They were married on Saturday – “na zdrowie.” 

WHAT IS LENT

Lent is a period of six and a half weeks leading up to Easter (40 days, not counting the Sundays). It began last Wednesday (Ash Wednesday). It is the time for Christians to prepare themselves spiritually for the celebration of Easter. The word ‘Lent’ comes from the Old English word Lencten meaning ‘spring’.

In their Gospels, Matthew and Luke record that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert. During this time he prayed and fasted. While there, he was tested and tempted by the devil. He did not give in. Lent is a time when we as Christians, remember the temptations of Jesus. We remember our own temptations. It is a time for repentance – feeling genuinely sorry and asking God’s forgiveness.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Congratulations to the 60 athletes who participated in this huge event last week – 1,000 competitors. Thank you in particular to Teenica and Miss Jobbins for your organisation, to the **many** parents who provided support and transport, Wayne and Brendan for setting up before the Park was officially open and to **OUR STUDENTS** who had a great experience and made us proud with their behaviour and effort.

YEAR 7 ACTIVITY DAY

Our Year 7 pupils spend a day at Pandora Pond this Friday kayaking and exploring the Estuary. A great way of challenging themselves, building teamwork and getting to know each other even better. Have a great day.

BIG BUDDIES

All classes at St Patrick’s School have been paired up with a buddy class. Our Junior classes have someone from the senior end of the school as a buddy and our seniors have a duty to be good role models to their younger buddy. A great way of interacting and making our school an even more special and caring place.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS – WE NEED YOU!

This **May (30th)** our school will along with all schools in NZ be holding elections for a **NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES**. We will be seeking **5 parent** representatives with a number of our existing board leaving. **PLEASE CONSIDER BEING NOMINATED** to join your B.O.T – a great way to be involved in our children’s education. For more info call me or any B.O.T member (Shane Gibson, Louise Dallas, Phil Ryan, Father Crotty, Jan Hiha, Gerard Cook, Kate Smith)



PARENT /WHANAU EVENING –NEXT WEEK

All Parents/Caregivers are invited to this hour long meeting – **7pm Wednesday 27th 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 27TH!**

KAPA HAKA AT ST PATRICK’S – Ka rawe hoki!

A number of our students have the opportunity (starting next week) to participate in Kapa Haka. Our junior syndicate will be involved on Tuesday afternoons and our middle / seniors (Year 4-8) will be scheduled for Thursday afternoons. We welcome Joe-anne Walters who will tutor and guide our pupils.

Here’s hoping for an “inspiring” 2013 – ka mau te wehi!

FAMILY PHOTO PORTRAITS – A SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

We have booked a professional photographer to come to our school on **Saturday 16 March 2013**. Pay a **\$10** sitting fee and receive a **FREE 10” x 13”** photograph of your family or children. Fill in the form enclosed with today's newsletter and return it to the school office.



ABSENCES / LATENESS

Please phone 843.9238 or text (027.750.7813) in the morning **before 9.00am** or report to the office **before they go to their classroom**. Unexplained absences are followed up to the best of our ability.

SCHOOL BANKING

NZCU Baywide is once again offering school banking for your children. If you would like to open an account for your child, packs are available from the school office. Banking day is **Thursday**. Bank books and deposit slips are to be handed into the office.

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.

MARIST SOCCER

Junior registrations are available online from 16th Feb at www.maristfc.co.nz or at the Marist clubrooms 2nd March 10am – 2pm.

PORTHILL SOCCER

Registration must be complete by 3rd March. Phone Kerry 834.3055 or download a registration form from www.sportsground.co.nz/porthilljuniors.

HAVE YOU HEARD.....?

Visitor to a churchyard. “Are you the regular grave digger?” “No, sir,” replies Mike, “I’m just filling in.”

LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

Out of court

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL

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