

“When in doubt, just take the first step.”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

NEW TO ST PATRICKS

We welcome **Jack Bowen** and his family to our school. He began in A1 yesterday. Enjoy learning and making friends.

KEEP IN PRAYERS

Kurtis Weeks and his family. His grandmother (Rachel’s mum) passed away last Friday. May she rest in peace

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Madison Benbow**, a year 6 pupil who is caring, compassionate and a great friend. She lives out our Gospel values.

WELL DONE LUKE

Like Gichard has been chosen to represent Napier Schools at the Blue Light P.C.T – Competition in Wellington (NZ Champs) in April. He is part of a team of 4 chosen from all Napier Intermediates to compete in a Fitness, Team Building, Mental Challenge Competition.

PARENT/WHANAU EVENING – TOMORROW NIGHT

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 of the 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!

VINNIES SAY THANK YOU

A huge thanks to everyone who supported the Vinnie’s with their Cake Stall last Friday. The Vinnie’s raised \$233 for Easter gifts for Roseannes and Bardowie. An awesome effort.

HELMETS AND BIKING

We have noticed that many of our students biking to school are not wearing their helmets correctly. Loose chin straps will not keep the helmet on if you fall off. **PARENTS** – Please check that your child’s helmet is fitted correctly

OFF TO A GREAT START!

Our Saturday morning sport is in full swing with T-Ball, Softball and Cricket (including Friday cricket at Nelson Park) making the most of the good weather.

Thank you COACHES and PARENTS for your wonderful support.

On Saturday our 1st X1 had a comprehensive victory over Hereworth with Patrick Muldowney batting out the whole innings. Our Year 5/6 team won their game by 102 runs – not bad for their first outing in this league!

TAC TRIATHLON

Good luck to our senior teams who compete at this annual event this Friday at Windsor Park.



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

PROUD OF OUR PAST PUPILS

It is great to see the potential that was developed at St Patrick’s School flourish and materialize at secondary school, in particular our two excellent Catholic Secondary Schools. N.C.E.A results from both these colleges in 2012 were outstanding. Many of our pupils were recognised for their achievement and also were given leadership roles in 2013. We acknowledge these past pupils:

ST JOHNS COLLEGE

Scholarships in Year 13: Ryan Ennor and Sheldon Levett

N.C.E.A Excellence: Level 1 : Caleb Levett, Hugh Mooney **Level 2** Joshua Tidy

2013 PREFECT: Blake Williams

SACRED HEART COLLEGE

N.C.E.A Level 1: Merit Lydia Askew, Elsie Levy, Grace Meates, Baylee Molloy, Jacinda Rapley, Paula Wright **Level 1: Excellence** Olivia Burrell, Jessica Ennor, Jamie Nichol **Level 2: Merit:** Natasha Brewer, Alisha Davis.

Level 2: Excellence : Rachael Iremonger, Oliver Lawrence, Adela Wypych.

Level 3 : Merit: Anna McCarrey

2013 PREFECTS: Natasha Brewer, Adela Wypych, Rachael Iremonger, Zofia Gyde.

OOPS -YEAR 7 ACTIVITY DAY

Who can I Blame?? This will in fact be held on the **22 March** (not February)

MARIST SOCCER

Junior registrations are available online from 16th Feb at www.maristfc.co.nz or at the Marist clubrooms **Saturday 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.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS and ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

I.C.A Any Year 5 – 8 pupils wishing to participate in the Australasian tests as part of our enrichment programme. Tests in Computer Skills, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Maths are available. **ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 22nd MARCH** (no late entries accepted).

LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

Hot under the collar

Ka kite ano

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL

THIS WEEK’S QUIZ

