

12 March 2013

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“However good or bad a situation is.....
..... it will change.”



Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Teuila & Theodore Apineru-Penitito and family. Their Grandmother passed away in the weekend – a beautiful, caring grandmother. May she rest in peace.

OUR LATEST ARRIVAL

We welcome **Kadyn Wharehinga-Gifford** and his family to St Patrick’s School. Kadyn began today and seems to have settled in beautifully.

Enjoy learning and making life-long friends.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Jack Ryan** a Year 6 pupil who is recognised for his excellent team work and class contribution.

CARITAS COIN TRAIL

Tomorrow (Wednesday) we ask that all children bring a **coin or two** to make up a school **COIN TRAIL** that will then be sent to **CARITAS**. This years’ theme is helping those in Pacific Countries.



SWIMMING CHAMPS

Our senior swimming sports were held recently at the Onekawa Pools and everyone competed with great enthusiasm. Results:-

Y7 Girls: 1st **Bridgit Kelly-Lowe** 2nd **Brittany Barker**

Y7 Boys: 1st **Jeremiah Taufale** 2nd **Aaron Giles**

Y8 Girls: 1st **Maddison Tabuteau** 2nd **Alena Kamper**

Y8 Boys 1st **Luke Gichard** 2nd **Reilly Hannan**

NO SCHOOL – NEXT WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

We have been informed there is a Teacher meeting for **ALL NAPIER PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS** on **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 20 MARCH**. Teachers will be discussing ongoing issues in NOVOPAY (and we have had a lot!), their new contract and career structures. We ask all parents to arrange to have their **children collected at 12.30** that day. (After School Care will contact those affected). For those unable to organize care for their children from 12.30 – 3pm we will have a “skeleton staff” at school who will be able to supervise them. I will inform you if the situation changes.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS and ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

I.C.A.S 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).

ST PATRICK’S DAY – CELEBRATION –THIS FRIDAY

St Patrick’s Day (17 March) is on a Sunday. We will celebrate this day at school on **Friday 15th**. We begin with a School Mass at **St Patrick’s Church, 9.30am. (Please join us)**. Following Mass Buddy Classes will pair up for the remainder of the morning and in the afternoon we will hold inter-house tabloids. Should be a lovely day – I am sure St Patrick would approve!



STRIKE PERCUSSION (\$3 TO BRING)

Next Thursday morning (21st) the school will be entertained by ‘Strike Percussion’ – N.Z’s premiere percussion group, showcasing styles from around the world. Each child needs to bring **\$3** to their teacher by next Wednesday. (Total cost is \$5, but subsidized by your G.P.F Donation).

PARENT / PUPIL / TEACHER INTERVIEWS (YEAR 4 – 8 PUPILS)

These are being held at school on **Monday 8 April** and **Tuesday 9 April**. We encourage all pupils to attend these as they will be involved in leading this conference and telling how and what they are learning. Please return the interview reply slip at the bottom of this newsletter by **THIS FRIDAY 15 MARCH** so that we can set interview times (All families will be allocated a time)

INTERVIEWS FOR OUR YEAR 1-3 PUPILS

This year the **Year 1 – 3** classes will continue the new format adopted last year. Each child will have an interview during the month of their 6th and 7th birthdays so that teachers can report their progress against the National Standards. There will also be an opportunity to meet the teacher to discuss your child when they are 5 ½, 6 ½ and 7 ½. These meetings may or may not be when the Year 4 – 8 students are having their school-wide interviews. The class teacher will contact you to arrange an individual time to discuss your child.

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 you have already received and return it to the office by **Wednesday 13th March**.



MATHLETICS WEBSITE – OPEN TO PUPILS

Mathletics online covers all aspects of mathematics and responds to individual needs. The programme allows children to work at their own pace or they can challenge other students from all over the world in real time competitions. Students signing up will have full access to the site for 12 months. See your child’s teacher if interested for an application form. Access to the site costs **\$30. (APPLICATIONS CLOSE 27 MARCH)**

LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

Right under your nose

THIS WEEK’S QUIZ

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PRINCIPAL

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INTERVIEW REPLY SLIP (YEAR 4 – 8 ONLY)

Please reply to classroom teacher by this **Friday 15 March**

Family: _____ Children _____ Room No: _____

My preference for an interview is: (please circle)

MONDAY 8 APRIL **3.15 – 5.30pm** or **6.15 – 8.30pm**

TUESDAY 9 APRIL **3.15 – 5.00pm (only)**