

16 March 2010



*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

*“Happy St Patrick’s Day”*

### OUR LATEST TREASURE

Is **Laila Salter** who began in A1 last week. We welcome her and her parents, Adrienne and Max to the St Patrick’s School family.

### COOL AT SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Is one of our beautiful 5 year olds – **Charlotte Clayton**. She has the most wonderful manners, ready smile and caring nature. We are all proud of her.

### GARAGE SALE – THIS SATURDAY 8 – 10AM

**IF YOU ARE ABEL TO HELP – WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU AT 8!!**

**Your** P.T.A will be holding a **Garage Sale** at St Patricks School on **Saturday 20 March**.

We will be selling items left over from the gala PLUS.... ANY ITEMS YOU MAY WISH TO DONATE. Please leave goods at the school office. (Or if large, next to containers near the hall.) Funds will go towards the refurbishment of our cricket wickets.

**BRING YOUR GOODS – WE WILL SELL THEM!! SEE YOU SATURDAY ST PATRICK’S DAY**

We celebrate our Patron Saints Day tomorrow with a school Mass, **(9.30 at St Patrick’s Church)** followed by a “buddy-class” morning and finally a relaxed “movie” afternoon. The staff will celebrate “properly” at 3.30!!

### SCHOOLWEBSITE – WE NEED YOUR PERMISSION

We are **FINALLY** updating our school website ([www.stpatsnapier.school.nz](http://www.stpatsnapier.school.nz)). We are asking all parents to sign a form allowing us to use our pupils “image” on the website (no names or other details revealed). If you did not sign a form at your child’s interview this week, one will be sent out to you.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS – WE NEED YOU!

In March every voter will receive a personal letter inviting them to consider offering themselves as parent representatives on the Board. The Board is appointed for a three year term, and **five parent representatives** will be elected to these positions. The election is held by postal vote.

Milestone dates for Parent elections are:-

Call for nominations by 15 March

Nominations close noon 23 April

Voting papers must be distributed by 28 April

**Voting day 7 May Count votes 13 May Board takes office 14 May**

Other members of the Board of Trustees are – Four Proprietors representatives, 1 Staff representative and the Principal.

Please contact the Principal or any BOT member if you would like any information about being a Board member.

### TRADE ME FUNDRAISER

To help funds for our cricket wicket refurbishment we have two items listed on Trade Me.

- 1) Dan Carter Autographed Jockey Boxers – listing 277268577
- 2) 2008 Silver Ferns Autographed Netball – listing 277278723

### HAVE YOUR SAY – WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT

The Board of Trustees will be reviewing the following policies in Terms 2 / 3 this year. They are available for you to view in the office foyer, as is your school Charter. If you would like input into these policies, please put in a written submission to the Principal by **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**.

POLICIES REVIEWED: Health and Safety, Smokefree School.

### SCHOOL CHARTER /STRATEGIC PLAN

This is available for you to view in the office foyer. We review this document every year and your input and comments are most welcome. Please send submissions in writing to the Principal by **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April** so that the Board of Trustees can consider your views as we review our Charter and plan for the year ahead.

### SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

You should have received these in the mail by now. Could all accounts be paid by the end of this term **1April**. If you need to discuss payment options, please contact Sharon or Marie in the office or myself – we are happy to help.

### SCHOOL VALUE FOR MARCH

Our focus this month is “**JUSTICE.**” This takes many forms and is shown in the way that Jesus would have modelled through his actions, words and attitudes. How can we be “just” – how can we be more like Jesus?

Our March skill is “**Tika – Justice**” – **the right and proper thing to do.**

### NAPIER OLD BOYS MARIST JUNIOR RUGBY – FINAL WEIGH INS

Weigh-ins for all junior rugby players will be held at the Marist clubrooms, Park Island this Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 5.30pm – 8.30pm. All current players and new players are urged to attend a weigh-in. There will also be a sale of new and used rugby gear plus a boot exchange.

### A ST PATRICK’S DAY “TALE” – JUST FOR YOU

While on vacation in Rome, I noticed a marble column in St Peter’s with a golden telephone on it. As a young priest passed by, I asked who the telephone was for. The priest told me it was a direct line to heaven, and if I’d like to call, it would be a thousand dollars. I was amazed, but declined the offer.

Throughout Italy, I kept seeing the same golden telephone on a marble column. At each, I asked about it and the answer was always the same. It was a direct line to heaven and I could call for a thousand dollars.

Then –

I finished my tour in Ireland. I decided to attend Mass at a local village church. When I walked in the door I noticed the golden telephone. Underneath it there was a sign stating: DIRECT LINE TO HEAVEN: 25cents. “Father,” I said, “I have been all over Italy and in all the cathedrals I visited, I’ve seen telephones exactly like this one. But the price is always a thousand dollars. Why is it that this one is only 25 cents?”

The priest smiled and said, “Darlin, you’re in Ireland now. It’s a local call.”

### LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

Short back and sides

Tofa soifua

Regards & Blessings

Jacinta Purcell-Thompson  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### THIS WEEK’S QUIZ

GRFOOTAVE



