

7 May 2013

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

*Welcome back to what will be a busy and exciting term – enjoy!
I wish all our wonderful mums a Happy Mother's Day this Sunday*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,



FAREWELL FATHER TIM

Our beloved Father Tim (The Mons) passed away last Sunday in St Patrick's Church whilst celebrating Mass, doing what he loved, in the place that he loved and with the people he had cared for over the last 34 years. Father Tim was a special man, full of faith, humour and a magnetism that made everyone who knew him instantly respect and warm to him. No matter how old, he was a friend to everyone.

His love of our children in particular, will always be remembered. Father Tim's last act at Mass before eucharist was to baptize Maisie Hollands – doing what he loved, bringing people closer to Christ.

His funeral on Friday was a moving and fitting tribute as we reflected on his life, his "Irishness," his love of rugby, N.Z and the Parish he spent the last 34 years in.

Thank you to all our pupils and families who were present at the funeral. Father Tim was very fond of our school and it was great to see St Patrick's represented so well in the service. We will all miss Father Tim, but he will live on forever at St Patrick's. He died with "his boots on" – something he often said was how he would like to meet his maker. He will be telling the angels jokes now. May he rest in peace.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Lorraine, Anton, Elise and John Levy as they farewell a father, husband, grandfather and much respected community member. Lorraine's dad passed away recently, a beautiful man who will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace.

WELCOME TO OUR LATEST TREASURES

Four new people who began yesterday – they all look great. Firstly in A1 (their first day EVER at school) we welcome **Sophie Morgan** and her parents to St Patrick's School.

Welcome also to **Harshmeen** who joins big brother Ishan here and **Aryam** who also has a big brother here, Amanuel in M9. Lucky Mrs Wilson – 3 beautiful faces.

A special welcome to **Melissa Arnold** (M7) and her family who have arrived from Auckland. Enjoy Napier and St Patrick's.

We hope the four of you enjoy learning and making great friends at St Patrick's.

WELCOME MRS KELLEHER

We wish **Mrs Julie Kelleher** all the best at St Patrick's as we welcome her to M11.

We are delighted to have her with us and look forward to sharing the gifts and talents that she brings to our children and school.

PTA MEETING – TOMORROW NIGHT

Join us this **Wednesday (8th May) at 7.30pm** in the library as we plan for what promises to be a year of real change at St Patrick's School.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Nominations for YOUR B.O.T close next **Thursday 16 May**. Thank you to those who have already been nominated, we look forward to electing a new B.O.T that will help guide St Patrick's over the next three years.

STILL ROOM FOR NOMINATIONS – COULD IT BE YOU?

YOUR ATTENDANCE DUES

The Catholic Schools Board's Attendance Dues (\$390) is the fee you committed to on enrolment of your child. This helps cover our property insurance premiums and capital works. Because the Government does not own St Patrick's we cannot use any of our Government Grants for these property costs.

This year, the Marist Block will need major modifications and replacement to comply with new codes. This is a very expensive project and **your** attendance dues will provide St Patrick's with new and modern learning spaces.

Attendance Dues are not only a legal requirement, but a critical part of the preservation of your school.

By now you will have received your May dues invoice. Thank you to those families who have already paid their account. If you have not, please ensure you do so before 31st May, or set up a regular payment through you bank or credit card. Please feel free to contact CSBL on **0800 462 725** to discuss your account, or visit the website www.csbl.co.nz or your school principal for more information.

Can I encourage payment of your Attendance Dues and PLEASE, contact me personally if circumstances are making this too difficult. I am sure I can help as **NO CHILD** should miss out on a Catholic Education due to financial hardship.

KELLY SPORTS – AWESOME AUTUMN SUPER SPORTS

Kelly Sports is again offering its multisport programme on Tuesdays after school this term at St Patrick's School. AWESOME AUTUMN SUPER SPORTS is designed specifically for year 1 – 4 children so they can experience a range of sports. A player of the day award and voucher from Hog's Breath Café Napier will be awarded each session.

To enrol please visit our website www.kellysports.co.nz or for further information contact Alex Jones at hb@kellysports.co.nz or phone 843.4219.

WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

There will be a **'2 week' changeover period** where either summer or winter uniform can be worn. ALL PUPILS will be expected to be in FULL AND CORRECT **winter uniform** by **Monday 20th May**.

CORRECT UNIFORM IS:

Boys: Black shoes only, grey shorts, grey skivvies (upto Yr 6), grey shirts (Yr 7/8), grey socks.

Girls: Black shoes only (ballet type are not appropriate), winter pinafore (upto Yr 6) winter skirt (Yr 7/8), white skivvy (upto Yr 6) white long sleeved blouse (Yr 7/8), Black, Navy Blue or Bottle Green tights or knee high white socks.

(**Sneakers** are NOT ACCEPTABLE – please don't buy any).

PLACES AVAILABLE AT OUR AFTERSCHOOL CARE

Immediate starts are available at our on-site Morning Care and Afterschool Care.

Morning Care is from 7.20am – 8.20am and Afterschool Care is from 3pm - 5.30pm every school day. As we are OSCAR approved, subsidies are available to those who qualify. For further information and enrolment forms please phone Betty Cull on 843.6045 or 021.0525.233 (before 9pm).

LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

Right between the eyes

Regards and Blessings – Happy Mother's Day x
Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL

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