

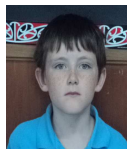
11 June 2013

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

*“If you want peace, work for justice”*

*Pope Paul VI*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,



### COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Lexx Musson-Body**, a Year 3 pupil who is a wonderful class member, always gives his best, sets goals and perseveres until the job is done!

### A COMPREHENSIVE WIN

Congratulations to our Senior rugby team who won their “Catholic Clash” against Hastings Catholic / combined schools **60 – 0** last Wednesday at St John’s College. The boys played brilliantly and represented St Patrick’s with great skill and sportsmanship. (Could be the St John’s 1<sup>st</sup> XV in 2017?) Thanks Clint Chamberlain for your encouraging coaching and to all parents who braved the cold to support.

### JOIN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE THIS THURSDAY

**This Thursday at 9am** in the school chapel our Middle Syndicate will celebrate Mass together. You are invited to join them and share a “cuppa” afterwards.

### WELCOME TO YOUR NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Following our recent election, our new Board of Trustees was announced last week. They will have their first meeting tonight – straight to business! Thank you to all candidates who put their names forward to help guide and support our school.

So welcome, **Teenica Grant**, **Bevan Walker** and **Ken Cooper** who were “newly” elected, **Phil Ryan** and **Gerard Cook** who were “re-elected” and **Teva Taii** and **Brother Mark Oliver** who join **Louise Dallas** as Proprietors Representatives on the Board.

**Aaron O’Neill** was elected as the new staff rep. I look forward to working with the above team as they guide St Patrick’s (as your representatives) into the future.

### EARLY WARNING – SCHOOL CLOSED

School will be closed on **FRIDAY 28 JUNE** as staff will be involved in Professional Development (First Aid) for the day. A day off school for our pupils – there must be some jobs around the house you can create!

### GOSPEL VALUE FOR JUNE

Our focus this month is “**PERSEVERANCE.**” A skill that we need to work on if we are to succeed in life. Our attitude is “**KEEP ON TRYING.**” If at first you don’t succeed - try again. That means “quality” also – giving your best. So “keep on trying” in your relationships, school work, faith, family and friends – it will pay off.



### FAMILY MASS – ST MARY’S PARISH 9AM 23 JUNE

We are having a **family Mass at St Mary’s, 9am 23<sup>rd</sup> June**. Come along and celebrate with us. As the children will be involved, there will be no separate children’s liturgy. If you would like to help with readings or prayers, please contact Keryn or Brendan Powell 844.2344. **Kids, bring your grownups!!**

### CAN YOU HELP ON WET DAYS?

One of our Junior pupils (Latham St) needs help with transport on some wet days. If you can help, phone Amy on 020.402.10708 – THANK YOU

### OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMME

All classes across the school will be studying the “**God Strand**” until the end of term. The R.E programme is designed to “build” knowledge, understanding and discussion as it develops from the junior school through to senior.

Year 1 (A1 & 2) focus on “**God is Creator**”

Year 2 (A3) focus on “**Our Gracious God**”

Year 3 (A4 & M5) focus on “**God is present in the world**”

Year 4-6 (M6 – M11) focus on “**Who is God**” – the many names and images of God.

Year 7/8 study “**God’s Desire for Humanity**” as God has created people to grow and change and to live life to the full. Ask your children about what they are doing in R.E – some excellent work is being done.

### A FUNDRAISING IDEA – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Can you or someone you know provide a **cool** means of transport to school?... a vintage car, a horse and cart, a brand new 2012/2013 V6 or V8, a Hot Rod....

The PTA are running “A Raffle for a Ride” fundraiser where children can win a ride to school. We have already secured a Fire Truck and a Police Car and need volunteers that can provide something special to take a student to school in on either the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 11 July. We are fundraising for IT equipment and need your help. If you can provide a ride to school in something a bit special, please ring Belinda on 976.2238 (evenings) or 021.115.7701.



### ATTENDANCE DUES – HAVE YOU PAID?

A new Attendance Dues Committee of **Pam Bartlett**, (843.6647) **Buster Harvey**, (845.2925) **Brian Peplow**, (844.8541) and **myself** (8439.238) has been formed to **ASSIST YOU** with Attendance Dues Payment. We can grant rebates or write off some debt if a need exists.

**WE URGE YOU TO MAKE SOME PAYMENT OR CONTACT US TO DISCUSS HOW WE CAN HELP WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

A number of our families will be contacted this week as they have made **no payment at all in 2013.**

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.

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK – NEED A GOOD “SPARKY” ?

For all electrical work, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week call **BARKER ELECTRICAL 0800.77 12 13**. **St Patrick’s Special** – 10% discount for St Patrick’s families. We thank Tracey and Tim for their on-going support

### LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

Honour among thieves

### THIS WEEK’S QUIZ

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PRINCIPAL