

“Peace begins when the hungry are fed”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Isabella Dykes** (A2) who is caring, patient and kind. She is always supportive and helpful in class – a great friend.

CLEVER COMPUTER SKILLS

Congratulations to **Roisin Kenny** (CREDIT PASS) and **Josiah McFarland** (DISTINCTION – TOP % IN NZ) who gained these excellent marks in the I.C.A.S Computer Skills Test.

OOPS! – GRANDPARENTS LITURGY – NOW 9 AUGUST (THIS FRIDAY)

Apologies for last weeks notice but our hall was double-booked and our Liturgy is now **THIS FRIDAY 9 AUGUST**. The Junior Syndicate (Rooms 1,2,3,4 &5) celebrate this beautifully and we always finish off with a picnic lunch. So spread the word and we'll see you here on the **9th – 12.00am** in the school hall and afterwards for lunch.

MATHLETICS MARVELS

We congratulate and wish the best of luck to our three senior teams who compete at this year's Mathletics Competition.

Year 7 (tonight):- **Toby Cook, Daniel Wilson, Ella Bryce, Isaac Powell.**

Year 8 (tomorrow night):- **Matthew Hiha, Kurtis Weeks, Stanley Chalmers, Monica Cacho-Bevin, Kiran Pannu, Mitchell Zyskowski, Ella White-Shaw.**

SCHOOL PHOTOS WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST

Information packs with your child's name pre-printed and order forms go home with **today's newsletter**. Orders and payment need to be back at school to the office by next **Friday, 16th August**. All cheques should be made out to **“Photo Life Studio Ltd”**

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER is an important day! Our School Production (yet to be named) will be performed at the Napier Municipal Theatre on that day. There will be 2 shows – 1pm Matinee and 7pm Grand Performance. We are currently creating and practising for this – **BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY** this show has been **CREATED BY OUR PUPILS**, so it will be creative, fresh and beautifully unpredictable.

More information will be sent out soon – **IT'S GOING TO BE FUN!**

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST 2013 – YOUR CHANCE!

For pupils of St Patrick's School who are ready to receive these sacraments (**usually Year 3 and above**) an enrolment form has been given to pupils recently. If you haven't received one – spare copies are available from the office. Enrolment forms for both St Thomas More and St Patrick's Parishes must be returned by **13 August** either to the parish or back to school (**Mrs Smith in M6 or to the school office**). Programme times and dates will be announced once enrolments have been received. We encourage all children to take up these important sacraments as part of their faith and personal development. In particular we encourage our older pupils (**Y5 – 8**) to receive this sacrament. If they don't take this opportunity now they may never in the future.

GALA MEETING – TOMORROW NIGHT

Love to see you – tomorrow, Wednesday 7th at 7.30pm in the school library. Lots to organise and **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED – THANK YOU.**



Over the next 3 weeks we are asking families to donate a **FROZEN CHICKEN** for our raffle wheel at this year's Gala. Please bring to school office – thank you.



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY – THIS SUNDAY

St John's College invites Year 7 and 8 students and their parents to their Open Day on **Sunday 11th August at 2pm**. St John's College is the Catholic Secondary School for boys in Hawkes Bay. It offers students small classes, great academic programmes, excellent sporting and cultural opportunities and a wonderful school spirit. For further information ring the College 878.6853 or visit the website www.stjohns.school.nz or attend the Open Day on 11th August – 2pm.

PTA FUNDRAISER – FRESH BAKERY DELIGHTS

An opportunity for you to order **QUALITY PRODUCTS** from our local stores. An order form was sent home with last week's newsletter. Orders with money enclosed back by **THIS WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST**. Funds raised go towards school camp.

(CHEQUES MADE OUT TO **“ST PATRICK'S PTA”**)

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

These are being held at school on **Monday 19 August** and **Tuesday 20 August**. 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 9 AUGUST** so that we can set interview times (All families will be allocated a time)

RCIA PROGRAMME – FOR ADULTS JOINING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

RCIA provides an opportunity for non-Catholics to learn about the Catholic Faith. Evenings will be held at: St Patrick's Parish House, 4 Munroe St, Wednesday 14th, 21st and 28th August at 7.30pm. For more information phone Joan Callaghan 835.3407.

BAD DRIVERS!

PLEASE..... be careful when you are on Riverbend Rd picking up or dropping off your children. Biggest dangers (and crazy driving) includes:- parking on yellow lines, using cellphones, u-turns and **NOT USING THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING.**

LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

No two ways about it

Regards and Blessings
Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL

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INTERVIEW REPLY SLIP (YEAR 4 – 8 ONLY)

Please reply to classroom teacher by this **Friday 9th August**

Family: _____ Children _____ Room No: _____

My preference for an interview is: *(please circle)*

MONDAY 19 AUGUST 3.15 – 5.30pm or 6.15 – 8.30pm

TUESDAY 20 AUGUST 3.15 – 5.00pm (only)