

29 October 2013

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“If you want peace, work for justice.”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

OLYMPIC MEDALIST TO VISIT

Emma Twigg, Olympic and World Rowing medallist will be visiting St Patrick's School next Monday, 4 November to speak to a number of our pupils. We look forward to learning her story and asking her questions.

GOOD LUCK CRICKET & T-BALL TEAMS

Cricket kicks off this weekend with two kiwi-cricket teams playing on Friday afternoon at Nelson Park, our Year 5/6 team playing on Saturday and our Seniors (Y7/8) starting their competition on that day also. Our T-Ball teams began 2 weeks ago and they looked “very sharp.” Many thanks to our **COACHES, ORGANIZERS and SUPPORTERS**

(parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters etc). Have a great season!

ALL SAINTS DAY – SCHOOL LITURGY

We celebrate this **Friday, 9am in the hall.**

MIDDLE SYNDICATE AT BLACKHEAD BEACH

Our 5 classes all spend 3 days at Blackhead Beach during November. This is a wonderful camp – a “back to basics” good fun, great learning opportunity.

There is a **PARENT HELPERS CAMP MEETING** – to inform you about the programme **THIS THURSDAY, (31st) 7PM** in the **SCHOOL LIBRARY**. We look forward to seeing you there.

PTA MEETING – NEXT WEEK

Join us **7.30pm, 6 November (Wednesday)** in the School Library as we review our successful Gala and plan the end of year for **YOUR CHILDREN**.

NAME IT OR LOSE IT!

UNIFORMS, SUNHATS, SANDALS! They all look the same **BUT**, they are different! We can't tell who owns them if they are not **NAMED!** We have many in our lost property that are never claimed. Please ensure that you name your child's clothing and if it's 2nd hand, make sure it's **YOUR CHILD'S** name on it and not the previous owners.

THANK YOU.

SOLVING THAT CHRISTMAS PRESENT PROBLEM –

We are once again producing “Children's Art Calendars” and “A5Diaries” through Abacus Calendars. Cost is **\$9 for Calendars & \$15 for Diaries** – they will be in full colour. Pupils are currently doing the art work for their calendars / diaries. You can view your child's art (**before you order**) from **1 November – 15 November** in your child's classroom. An ideal present – especially for Grandparents. Orders close **15th November**. Keep an eye out for order forms coming home. Make cheques out to **St Patrick's School PTA**. Money **must** come in with orders. Each child has their **own** order form (payment can be combined).

SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

We are often asked..... “Do you have a Policy on Bullying?” The answer is no we don't.... **BUT**, we do have a **Behaviour Management Strategy** that deals with bullying and all types of behaviour. This is a school-wide, consistent strategy that reflects our School's Special Character, the rights of every individual and is restorative (Reconciliation) in practise. A copy of this Plan is available for you to view in the office foyer.



ENROLMENTS FOR 2014 - ARE YOU???

If you have a child turning 5 in 2014 or know of someone who has a **year 6** pupil who wants to attend our Intermediate (Year 7/8) next year – then please call me or the office for an enrolment form or make an appointment. I am happy to answer any questions you may have or show you around our wonderful school.

CLASS ORGANISATION FOR 2014 – CONTACT THE PRINCIPAL

We are beginning the process of organising classes / teachers for next year. Please contact **me personally** by **THIS Friday 1 November** if you need any issues considered that we may not already be aware of when placing your son / daughter in a class for 2014. If your child will **not be** at St Patrick's next year, I would appreciate it if you can inform us by Friday 1 November also.

NOTE: There will be staff and syndicate changes in 2014 which are as yet to be confirmed.

SPECIAL CHARACTER ON-LINE SURVEY – WE NEED YOUR INPUT

St Patrick's will have a **SPECIAL CHARACTER REVIEW** from 11 – 13 November. One of the areas our Bishop wants feedback on is “How well does St Patrick's School promote and deliver Pastoral Care to its students and community?”

FOR THIS THEY NEED YOUR ON-LINE FEEDBACK. This is a new review and we are a “trial school.” The survey takes 5 minutes and it needs to be completed by **FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER**. Please go to:-

1. <http://kete.school.nz/pc>
2. LOGIN stpatricksnapier
3. PASSWORD: lohcscckirtapts (our school spelled backwards)
4. Click on “parents” then ‘next’

Thank you for your help – it will guide us in the future to make St Patrick's a better place for all.

A Postcard From Courtney



Hi Auntie Tam

Thank you for having us at your house. I am so excited to show you my room. My bunnies have grown so much. I can't wait to see you and Brax in November on your holiday. I can't wait to take you to the new Skate Park.

Love from Courtney xxoo

By Courtney Beams M10

LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

on the open road

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