

19 November 2013

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

*"If it were not for hopes, the heart would break".*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

### WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S

We welcome **Kya Hosoglu** (M11) and **Luca Hill-Valentine** (A1) and their families to St Patrick's School. Enjoy learning and making new friends here.

### COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Ella Bryce**, a Year 7 pupil who is polite, kind, hard working, lives out our Gospel Value of "Joy" and is a great role model. She is such a positive person to be around, and she radiates this.



### MUFTI DAY THIS FRIDAY – CAN WE RAISE \$1000?

This **FRIDAY** we are holding a mufti day for the **PEOPLE OF THE PHILLIPINES**. A number of pupils (thanks Emily H) approached me to see if we could help those whose lives were for-ever changed by this disaster. We will send all money collected to CARITAS who ensure **EVERY CENT** is spent on the cause (and not administration). I spoke to the students at Friday's assembly about how lucky we were here in Napier and about making "their own" small personal sacrifice to give to this cause.

**SO... BE GENEROUS THIS FRIDAY** and let's send **\$1000** from the families of St Patrick's Napier to the people of the Phillipines.

### FIRST COMMUNION AT ST PATRICK'S THIS SUNDAY

We congratulate and pray for **Leini Briggs, Lily Burt, Jack Connolly, Georgia Dallas, Paige Diack, Jasmine Hendery, Thomas Hollands, Aliyah King, Charlotte Kingi, Hunter Kinney** and **Acacia Tamihana-Joe** as they prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time **this Sunday 9.30am at St Patrick's Church**. A proud moment for them and their families.



### 2014 – WE NEED NEW AFCARE (AFTER SCHOOL CARE)

Betty has informed the B.O.T that she will be finishing at the end of this year. At present we are looking for options / people to carry on our After School Care in 2014. This is a great OPPORTUNITY for someone to run this essential school service. Please contact the school or B.O.T if you know of someone who is interested in running St Patrick's School Afcare in 2014.

### A MORNING TEA TO SAY THANK YOU TO "YOU"

On **Wednesday 11 December** our Year 8 pupils will be hosting a **MORNING TEA** for **ALL PARENTS, COACHES, HELPERS** to say thank you for all you have done for our school this year. If you have coached a team, helped in the classroom, helped with swimming, sports, transport, etc – **THIS IS FOR YOU** and it is our way of saying that we appreciate all you do for us. Mark it on your calendar and we will see you on the 11<sup>th</sup>.



### GOSPEL VALUE FOR NOVEMBER

This month, we focus on the value of **JOY**. What a great value for our pupils – Joy is evident in both the playground and classroom. Our pupils can...

**"Make every day joyful for yourselves and others.**

**JOY**

### CHRISTMAS GIVING – HELPING THOSE WE KNOW!

Miss Jobbins and her Year 4/5 class, **M9** discussed Christmas as a time for giving. They talked about the many people who go without at this time of year, in particular those in our own school community. So ..... they are starting to collect goods to make **GIFT BASKETS** (edible Christmas treats) that we can distribute to a number of families to make their Christmas better. They thought if the **WHOLE SCHOOL** could bring something it would mean we would be able to help **LOTS OF OUR FAMILIES**. Thank you Room 9, that is what Christmas is about. If you would like to donate over the next 2 weeks please send your items to either Room 9 or the school office.

### CALENDAR / DIARY ORDERS

All orders **MUST** be in by **this Friday (22<sup>nd</sup>)**. 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).

### END OF YEAR SCHOOL EVENTS / PRIZEGIVING

12<sup>th</sup> December – End of Year School Mass – **9.30am, St Patrick's Church**

13<sup>th</sup> December – Year 8 End of Year Social

17<sup>th</sup> December – Syndicate Prizegiving / Final Assemblies

**9.45am** - Middle Syndicate in school hall

**11.30am** - Junior Syndicate in hall

**7.00pm** - Senior Syndicate at **St Patrick's Church**

18<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term. **School finishes at 12.30** – No Afterschool Care

### 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.

### EMERGENCIES – WHAT HAPPENS AT ST PATRICK'S

We have an updated "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN" that is Ministry approved and deals with recognised emergencies and disasters. It covers:-

Fire, Earthquake, Tsunami, Flooding, Gas & Chemical leaks, Bomb threats, Trespassers on School Grounds, Lockdowns and violent intruders, serious injury or death.

Please feel free to view our Plan, a copy is in the office foyer.

### CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR

Remember these dates: **2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> December**, St Patrick's School Library, 8am – 3.30pm. Late night **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** 4.30 – 6.30pm. Great selection of books, activities and stationery. A great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping.

### LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

Arch-Bishop

Regards and Blessings

Jurek Wypych  
PRINCIPAL

### THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

