

3 December 2013

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“December already, it’s been a good year!”

Talofa, Kia Ora, Dzień dobry, bonjour, greetings,

END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS – NEXT THURSDAY

Join us **next Thursday 12th** at **St Patrick’s Church, 9.30am** as **ALL OUR PUPILS** celebrate Mass together and thank God for the many blessings 2013 has brought us.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

We thank our students who are **“altar servers”** for their dedication and for the important role they play during the Mass. It is wonderful to see them living out their faith in such a practical way. **This Thursday** we will shout them a **PIZZA LUNCH** to show them our appreciation and to say thank you.

MORE SERVICE – OUR ROAD PATROLLERS

Our **“Road Patrollers”** head off this Friday to Splash Planet for a “fun day” as a way of saying thank you for their service to St Patrick’s School and in particular the way they keep us safe. Have a great day out and **THANKS!**

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 11th.



GOSPEL VALUE FOR DECEMBER

Our final value for 2013 is **“Acting With Kindness.”** How do we show our kindness to others? A wonderful thing for us to practise as we prepare for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Christ.

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS - \$4000 STILL OWING

Could these be settled **this week please.** You may have received an account in the post and /or received a call from me recently. We need to start 2014 with a clean slate. Please pay at the school office (we have EFTPOS).

P.T.A / BOT – END OF YEAR FUNCTION

Our wonderful group of parents / supporters on the P.T.A and BOT will meet this **Saturday, 7pm at the Thirsty Whale** to reflect on a very busy, interesting and successful 2013. Please join us for a few nibbles and a drink, it is **ONE** of our ways of saying **THANK YOU.**

THANK YOU OUR SCHOOL LEADERS

Our House Captains and Bus Monitors (Year 8 pupils) have done a wonderful job this year and we acknowledge their contribution to St Patrick’s School and recognise the role they have played as leaders and role models. To say thank you (food never fails!) we will take them out for lunch on Friday.

WEETBIX KIDS TRYATHLON 2014

Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon time again. **Wednesday, 12th February 2014.** Notices to be handed out today.



SCHOOL ORGANISATION 2014

Some real changes have been planned for next year with new staff and new classrooms (due to the demolition of the Marist Block planned for Term 1, 2014)

SYNDICATE LEADERS FOR 2014 WILL BE...

Junior – Years 1 – 3 lead by Ms Bevan

Middle – Years 4 – 6 lead by Mrs Smith

Senior – Years 7 – 8 lead by Mr O’Neill

Final teacher placements will be in next week’s newsletter.

AFTERSCHOOL CARE 2014 – IT’S ON! 😊

We are currently finalizing “Afcare 2014” arrangements. New staff, new programme, new prices (that will please you!) and a **NEW YEAR.** There **ARE PLACES OPEN** for both **MORNING** and **AFTERNOON CARE.** More details and contact numbers in next week’s newsletter.

CAN YOU HELP – If you have any toys, games, puzzles, books in good condition, we would appreciate them for our 2014 Afcare. Please drop them into the school library.

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.

TERM DATES FOR 2014

Students start on **Wednesday 29 January 2014.**

Term 1 29 January – 17 April

Term 2 5 May – 4 July

Term 3 21 July – 26 September

Term 4 13 October – 17 December

The office will be open on **27th & 28th January** prior to students starting.

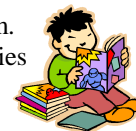
REMINDER - CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR ON NOW

Monday 2nd - Thursday 5th December, St Patrick’s School Library, 8am – 3.30pm.

Late night **Tuesday 3rd December** 4.30 – 6.30pm. Great selection of books, activities and stationery. A great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping.

THE SUMMER BEACH READ

Napier and Taradale libraries are running **The Summer Beach Read** reading programme over the summer holidays. The programme starts **Monday 9th December** and runs until Friday 17th January 2014. Enrolments begin Saturday 7th December.



LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

Burn the candle at both ends

Regards and Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL

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Midday