

10 December 2013  
In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“Our final newsletter for 2013”



Dear Parents, Pupils, Parishioners

### COOL AT SCHOOL

We congratulate **Danyon Start**, a Year 2 pupil who gives everything a go! (Which is somewhat like “hes into everything”). Positive, polite, practical and popular because of his attitude and care for others.



### SCHOOL MASS – BISHOP CHARLES DRENNAN WILL CELEBRATE MASS

We have been blessed this year with Bishop Charles Drennan, who has agreed to celebrate our **END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS – THIS THURSDAY (12 DECEMBER) AT 9.30 am** in **ST PATRICK’S CHURCH** as **ALL OUR PUPILS** celebrate Mass together and thank God for the many blessings 2013 has brought us.

**SEE YOU THURSDAY!**

### A MORNING TEA TO SAY THANK YOU - TOMORROW

Tomorrow 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. See you tomorrow.



### FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

We farewell Mrs Jacquie Wilson (A1) and Mrs Katrina Adams (SM13) at the end of this year. Jacquie has been in our Junior Syndicate since 2012 and has done a wonderful job with our beautiful junior students. Katrina worked this term in SM13. We wish you both all the best and say thank you.

### MUFTI DAY – TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>)

Miss Jobbins and her Year 3 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 collecting goods to make gift baskets (edible Christmas treats.) that we can distribute to a number of families to make their Christmas better. **So... instead of a gold coin could all families please bring a non-perishable food item to go in our Christmas hampers e.g. noodles, crackers, chocolates.**

### JUICIES FOR SALE – THIS FRIDAY (13<sup>TH</sup>)

A fundraiser to help our pupils - **\$1 each**. A cold and refreshing **JUICIE** from the office area at **lunch-time** and again **after school**.

**ONLY A \$1 – A ‘COOL’ TREAT**



### END OF YEAR PUPIL REPORTS AND PORTFOLIOS

These will be given to pupils on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** at school and should be opened **at home with you**. Please be positive about the reports when you discuss them. There has been some great progress made by your children this year.

(The “next steps” are a guide for next year!) Your child’s class and year level for 2014 is included in the report. Reports will be in your child’s Pupil Portfolio.

**Please note:-** year 8 reports will be given out at prizegiving on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>.

### 2014 CLASS ORGANIZATION

We have finalised our class organization for 2014. Our structure will be:-

**Junior (Year 1 – 3)** Ms Bevan A4, Miss Jobbins (A1), Mrs Nikolaison (A3), Mrs Williams (A2) and a new teacher to M5

**Middle (Year 4 – 6)** Mrs Smith (M8), Ms Macdonald (M7), Ms Sutton (SM15), Mrs Kelleher (M6)

**Senior (Year 7 – 8)** Mr O’Neill (SJ17), Mrs Alderson (SM12), and two new teachers Mrs Hewett (SM13), Mrs Stoodley SJ16.

### SCHOOL STATIONERY 2014

Remember – all pupils will be supplied with **STATIONERY PACKS** on their first day (29 January) back at school. These packs have all their correct stationery needs and are purchased at a very competitive rate (you will receive an account late February).

### 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 FINISHES NEXT WEDNESDAY-12.30PM

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30**. All children need to be **picked up at 12.30pm**.

Taradale & Tamatea buses will run at 12.30. (Bayview and Clive children will need to be picked up by their parents).

### SCHOOL STARTS

In 2014 – **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 8.45am**. (School office will be open for uniforms, enrolments, etc Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 9 – 3pm).

### THE ADVENT WREATH

The circular wreath composed of evergreens is a symbol of continuous and everlasting life.

The four candles in the wreath mark the waiting period leading up to Christmas. One additional candle is lit on each Sunday of Advent to remind us that Jesus brings light into the world.

The first, second and fourth candles are purple while the third is pink or rose – this candle is a sign that we are over the half-way point!

This is a Sunday for rejoicing – the wait is almost over.!



### LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

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*Thank you once again for your support  
St Patrick’s is a great place to be.  
Have a happy and holy Christmas.  
Travel safe and see you in 2014.*