

4 March 2014

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“Nothing endures but change”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Quelin Tamihana-Joe**, a Year 6 pupil who truly lives out our February Gospel Value of “Gentleness.” Gentle and kind in both words and actions.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kadyn Wharehinga-Gifford (A3) and his mum Charlene. Kadyn’s dad passed away last week. We pray that Kadyn and Charlene find comfort in family, friends and the special memories they have. May he rest in peace.

THANK YOU

To all our parents / caregivers who attended our parent / whanau meeting last Wednesday. Your support is much appreciated.

ASH WEDNESDAY – TOMORROW (40 DAYS OF LENT)

We celebrate Ash Wednesday tomorrow and distribute the “Ashes” to pupils. (Years 1-3 in Chapel and Years 4 -8 in hall) in a special liturgy.



THE ‘40 DAYS’ OF LENT

Our “40 days” is a round number with symbolic meaning. The Jews spent “40 years” in the desert on their way to the Promised Land. Jesus spent “40 days and 40 nights” fasting in the desert before beginning his ministry. In the early centuries of the Church, the fasting days leading up to Easter varied – in some places two days, in others a week. Gradually this grew longer and longer, and by the mid-fourth century, lent began six weeks before Easter on the first Sunday of Lent.

However, fasting was always prohibited on Sunday, which meant there were only 36 fasting days in the six week period. To make the Lenten fast include 40 days, the Church added four days of fasting (Ash Wednesday, and the Thursday, Friday and Saturday after Ash Wednesday). Lent itself ends on the evening of Holy Thursday (the vigil of Good Friday). We then begin the **Triduum**, the most sacred three days of the year, lasting through Easter Sunday evening.

A BIG THANK YOU

A big thanks to all those families who contributed to our Vinnies Cake Stall. We raised \$210! An awesome effort! Some of the money raised will go towards Easter gifts for the Rest Homes, Bardowie and Roseannes.

Awesome!

CRAFTY PEOPLE – CRAFT STALL

The PTA are looking for crafty people who would like to participate in a craft stall at the school, 30 March. Contact Kathleen (843.9477 or 021.331.723) for details.



I.C.A.S TEST FOR 2014

The International Competitions and Assessments for school age pupils (Year 4 – 8) are open to pupils who **have ability** in particular curriculum areas. Tests in Computer Skills, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Maths are available. **THERE IS A COST FOR EACH TEST!**

Entry forms and information available from YOUR TEACHER. Entry form and money must be in by **28 March** (no late entries able to be accepted).

CONCERNS WHO TO CONTACT

If you have any concerns about school matters the Board of Trustees would encourage you to take the matter to the appropriate person as soon as possible. Below is a handy reference list for first contact, and of people to whom you could go if you feel that more needs to be done. **THE MOST HELPFUL THING FOR YOU, OUR BOARD, AND OUR PUPILS, IS FOR YOU TO RAISE ANY CONCERNS YOU HAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

1. Arrange an acceptable time to meet with the appropriate person.
2. The class teacher is always the first person to talk to.
3. The Principal is always available to talk to parents who have exhausted the first avenue of approach, or have any concerns of a serious or sensitive nature, or wish to discuss matters concerning the school generally.
4. A Board of Trustees member or the Chairperson is the next alternative, if other avenues have been exhausted, or you feel that your concerns have not been dealt with effectively.

ST THOMAS MORE HOMEWORK CLUB 2014

Challenge 2000 are once again running this wonderful service for our students commencing **THURSDAY 6 MARCH**, 3 – 5pm St Thomas More Hall. Please note change of day to **THURSDAY**. We thank Challenge 2000 and the volunteers for their time and expertise. If you would like to help in any way, volunteer your time, provide some afternoon tea please call Luke on 021.657.115.

CATHOLIC PARISH OF NAPIER (THE FUTURE) MEETING

As a result of requests and feedback from many parishioners and parish groups over the past few months, the steering committee warmly invites parishioners of the three current parishes to a combined meeting on **Sunday 16 March, Heavey Hall, St Thomas More, 1.30 – 3pm**. The purpose of the meeting is to outline progress to date, invite further feedback, allay any concerns regarding the establishment of a single parish and to put forward a timeline.

Ua taoto le fa’aiuga pei ona finagalo iai le Afioga i le Epikopo, lea na galulue iai le komiti fa’afaoe mo le tuufaatasi o Palisi ia tasi mo Napier. Talu ai o fautuaga a tagata lotu, ua iai le manatu ina ia fa’avaeina se fonotaga taua e tu’ufaatasi ai finagalo. O le agaga o lea feiloaiga ina ia fa’alauiloa atu tulaga o lo’o iai faluega a le komiti, fa’apea foi ona fa’aali finagalo o tagata lotu o Palisi mo nisi mataupu fou. E fa’atauaaina ai le tu’ufa’atasia o Palisi ia tasi i le taimi fa’atatauina. Mo nisi mataupu fa’afeso’otai ofia o Palisi. O loo avanoa foi auala pe a fia maua.

Aso: Asosa 16th Mati

Nofoaga: St Thomas More, Wycliffe St

Taimi: 1.30pm – 3pm

Taitaifono: David Marshall

Komiti Fa’afaoe Palisi Katolika O Napier

LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

Cornerstone

Regards and Blessings

Tofa soifua

Jurek Wypych

PRINCIPAL

THIS WEEK’S QUIZ

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