

25 May 2010

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

*“The greater the obstacle,
The more glory in overcoming it.”*

WELCOME – ANOTHER ANGEL

Brand new “today!!” We welcome **Tilly Vallee** to Room 4. She joins big sister Plum at St Patrick’s and looks beautiful (and somewhat grown up) in school uniform. Enjoy learning and making new friends.

COOL AT SCHOOL

We congratulate **Caitlin Penrose**, a Year 8 pupil who always impresses us with her sense of responsibility, leadership and initiative.

JOIN OUR UPPER SYNDICATE

This Thursday, 9am in our “Sacred Space” as they celebrate Mass together.

SPECIAL CHARACTER REVIEW – NEXT WEEK

The Catholic Education Office will be conducting its 3 yearly review of our school’s Special Catholic Character from 31 May to 2 June. They will be looking at a variety of aspects that define our school and the recognition of its Special Character.

As part of the process they will meet with numerous groups (staff, B.O.T, pupils, parents, etc) and also receive feedback from a survey that was conducted recently.

JESUS MEAL

Our junior syndicate experience a “Jesus Meal” next Monday afternoon as part of their Religious Education Programme. Thank you to our teachers for providing this meal and experience.

SCHOOL VALUE FOR MAY

May is the month of Mary (a special time to think of our own mothers). The value that the school will focus on this month (and Mary must have had a ton of it) is:-

“SELF CONTROL.”

We practice self control in what we say, do and how we react. The rule we need to follow is. **“THINK BEFORE YOU ACT – MAKE A WISE CHOICE.”**

KIDS FOR KIDS CONCERT

On Thursday a group of 30 children will be performing with Suzanne Prentice in the Kids for Kids Concert. **Lily Fearn** and **Caitlin Penrose** will be auditioning on Thursday morning for a soloist part. Good luck to them all.

PUPIL PORTFOLIOS HOME THIS WEEK

All pupils will bring their 2010 Portfolios home this week for you to view and comment in. These Portfolios contain samples of work, goals for 2010 and indicate the progress that your child is making at school. Please take time to discuss these with your child, write a comment and return to school. Enjoy!!

STATIONERY ACCOUNTS

These have been sent out as a reminder to those who have not yet paid or are paying off their beginning of year account. We appreciate **prompt payment** as we are carrying the debt for the items your children are using. Please contact me if you need to discuss payment options – very happy to sort things out. I will be **personally following up accounts** in the next 2 weeks. Thank you for making your child’s education and their school a priority.



TRIVIA QUIZ NIGHT – A FUN NIGHT OUT

Friday 25 June 7:30pm, School Hall.

Teams of 4 (\$20 entry)

Supper provided, bar facilities, great prizes and funds raised for **YOUR CHILDREN!**

Phone School Office 843.9238 to register your team (limited to 25 teams)

SCHOOL RULES

And the reason it rules is because we have such good pupils. And the reason they are so good... Is because they follow our rules. Those who don’t – will be reminded.

SCHOOL RULES: (You’ll see these around the school and in classrooms)

- Treatment: - Respect ourselves, others and the environment
- Communication: - Kia pai te korero – speak and listen politely
- Learning: - Work together to be the best
- Safety: - Stop, think, and make a wise choice
- Problem solving: - Talk about the problem. Get help if you need it
- Movement: - Move quickly, quietly and carefully

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK – QUALITY CHILDCARE

Thank you to Anne Collier and her team at Barnardos “Kid Start” for their sponsorship of our newsletter. Need childcare?? Give them a call.

“SENSE” POEM FROM M7

Happiness

Happiness is like a bright yellow flower dancing in the warm summer sun.

It tastes like the sweetest of spices.

Happiness is a smile on everyone’s face with laughter in the air.

It smells like the finest rose.

It feels fun and exciting.

By **Sacha Lawrence**



TRICKY DEFINITION

MANAGEMENT – an organization that makes it difficult for other people to work.

Regards and Blessings to you all

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PRINCIPAL