

20 May 2014

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners

*“Our greatest glory is not in never failing,
But in rising up every time we fail.”*

OUR LATEST TREASURE

We welcome **Nathan Halbert** to room A1 and St Patrick’s School. Nathan joins big brother Caleb here.

COOL AT SCHOOL

This week we congratulate **Barbara Muagututia**, a Year 7 pupil who is polite, respectful, a great classroom worker and always positive and supportive.



JOIN OUR SENIORS AT MASS

This Friday, our Senior Syndicate celebrate Mass at **St Thomas More church at 9.15am**. You are most welcome to join them.

FRIGHT NIGHT – GOOD FUN

What a send-off for our Marist Block – as never seen before. Thank you Mr O’Neill for the idea, our wonderful teachers, senior pupils, bbq cooks etc who helped make the night memorable. Apologies for the long wait for some people – our first (and last!) time so thank you for your understanding.

DON’T SAY WE ARE NOT BUSY!

Plenty happening at school for your children including.

- Dance Festival for Year 5 – 6 team this week
- Ripper Rugby on Wednesdays
- Netball on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursday
- Kapa Haka on Thursdays and Fridays
- Glee Club on Fridays
- Samoan Cultural group on Wednesdays
- Year 4 – 6 Soccer Tournament tomorrow
- Senior Rugby at St John’s College tomorrow
- Barefoot 7’s rugby for Year 5-8 on Thursday
- Senior Mass at Thomas More Friday

..... AND THAT’S ONLY THIS WEEK!



WHANAU MEETING – TOMORROW NIGHT

Nga mihi o te wa kia koe me te whanau (Greetings to you and your family).

A meeting is planned for **WEDNESDAY 21 MAY** at **6.30pm** in the **School Chapel** for all our Maori families to discuss ways in which St Patrick’s School can lift achievement and better meet the needs of our children.

We ask that EVERY family be represented as we need and value your input. We have information to share that you ALL need to hear and we also need YOUR views as we plan for the future.

SCHOOL CLOSED – FRIDAY 30 MAY

School will be closed on **Friday 30 May** as all staff are involved in Professional Development aimed at making St Patrick’s a better place for everyone.

MARIST BLOCK UPDATE

The new staffroom should be completed this week (it looks good) and we hope to have the library back in action the following week. The Marist Block / Hall work is scheduled to start on 26 May with the hall kitchen and toilets being remodelled followed by demolition of the Marist Block. Our new temporary classrooms (Rooms 5 – 8) are bright and warm. An exciting and historic time for St Patrick’s School.

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS AT HOME (NUMBER 1)

TALK TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN WITH NUMBERS AND PATTERNS

- find and connect numbers around your home and neighbourhood; e.g. 7 on a letterbox, 17 on another and 27 on another, phone numbers, clocks letterboxes, road signs, signs showing distance.

USE EASY EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES

- a shape and number search together wherever you are, like numbers of shoes, shapes of doors and windows.
- helping at the supermarket (yeah right!) – choose items to weigh – how many apples / bananas weigh a kilo? Look for the best buy between different makes of the same items (e.g. blocks of cheese)



FESOASOANI ILE MATEMATIKA / NUMERA A LOU ALO ILE FALE

Talanoa ia fa’afaigofie ma mālie auala e fa’aaoga

- feso’ota’i talanoaga i vaega o le fa’aupopo, toese, vaevae, fa’atele ma isi vaega ole matematika, e fa’aaogaina iai numera o lo’o va’aia i nofoaga faitele po’o totonu lava ole fale; e.g. numera o pusa meli, numera o taavale (plate ~~#~~) ma isi fa’aילוilo eseese o lo’o iai fuainumera.
- Aofa’i, ona toese lea pe fa’aopopo, vaevae.
- Faitau i luma ma faitau aga’i tua e.g. 7-8-9-10 / 20-19-18-17 se ia o’o lava i fuainumera tetele.
- Su’esu’e fāatasi ma talanoa ile eseese o tau o oloa, pe ā o iai i fale-oloo.
- Fesili/Fa’aali auala o lo’o e silafia e faigofie ona malamalama iai lou alo ile galueāina o tali oni galuega o lo’o lua talanoa po’o galulae fa’atasi ai.

WINTER UNIFORM – (STILL HOT)

It is OK for pupils to wear their summer tops for 2 more weeks if they choose. We have good second-hand (FREE) uniforms in the school office that you are most welcome to.

THANK YOU FOR ENSURING YOUR CHILDREN LOOK NEAT, CLEAN AND PROUD TO WEAR OUR UNIFORM.

A letter to the P.T.A

First things first. I am a new girl here and I am really impressed so far. I think you did a lot for the school on St Patrick’s Day. Thank you.

I really liked how you thought of the movies. It was a great idea! My favourite part was the end of the movie, it was funny. Also the lollies were superb. Now that was a surprise!

On Monday I was not expecting Juicies at all. They were delish. Once again you really did well

Yours sincerely

Amélie van Florenstein

LAST QUIZ

G.I overseas

Tofa soifua

Jurek Wypych PRINCIPAL

THIS WEEK’S QUIZ

9 ALL 5