

17 June 2014

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners

“The way I see it, if you want a Rainbow, you gotta be willing to put up with the rain”

TWO TAONGA TO TRUMPET!

We welcome **Cooper Bound** and **Arki Ellison** to A1 and to St Patrick’s School. Cooper has “big” sister Yasmin here and Arki is brand new. Enjoy learning and making friends boys.



IT’S A BOY!

Congratulations to Nikki (our A1 teacher), and Matt Thompson on the safe arrival of Nixon George on Sunday night. All are well and healthy and we look forward to his first school visit (an enrolment form is in the post).

MAKE IT A SCHOOL MASS – SUNDAY 22 JUNE

Join us on **Sunday 22nd – 9am, ST MARY’S CHURCH. ALL STAFF** will be attending this Mass. We would love to see **AS MANY FAMILIES** as possible to make this a school event.

TALOFA – FANAU MEETING 18 JUNE

We hold our second fanau meeting for our Pasifika families on **Wednesday 18th June, 6.30pm** to discuss what we have done since our last meeting and what we need to continue to do in the future.

TALOFA – FONOTAGA A FANAU MA MATUA

O le a fa’ataunu’uina le tatou fonotaga lona lua (2) a Matua ma Aiga Pasefika / Samoa i le Aso Lulu 18 o Iuni ile 6.30 ile afiafi. E talanoaina ai galuega a le fanau ma le tatou aoga talu mai le fonotaga talu ai. Fa’apea nisi fuafuaga aua le siisii i luga o le tulaga a’oa’oina o fanau. Fa’afetai.

BLESSING OUR NEW CLASSROM BLOCK SITE-FRIDAY 6AM

There will be a blessing ceremony **THIS FRIDAY, 20 JUNE at 6AM.** Please gather in the car park (bring a torch). We start at 6, so please be on time. A Mauri from the Marist Block will be placed as we remember the past and look to the future.



MID-TERM REPORTS AND PUPIL PORTFOLIOS

These will be sent out to you next week with your children. The Pupil Portfolio contains samples of work that show the progress your child is making. The **MID-YEAR REPORT (For Year 4 – 8 pupils only)** is included in the Portfolio and shows your child’s progress made in relation to National Standards. These reports will be discussed at our next pupil / parent / teacher interviews early next term where in particular the section “How you can help at home” can be fully discussed and completed.

N.B. Reports for Years 1 -3 pupils are to be given on or around their birthday.

WHAT WE ARE STUDYING IN R.E

The Strand we are focussing on until the end of this term is **“GOD”**

Year 1 - **God is Creator** – of all that is seen and unseen. Each person is God’s unique creation made in love for love.

Year 2 - **Gracious God** – giver of gifts. The greatest of these gifts of love in Jesus.

Year 3 - **God is present in the World** – in creation, and speaks to people through the Scriptures.

Year 4-6 - **God is faithful**- God’s love in constant.

Year 7-8 - **The Mystery of God** – God is a mystery. God is both near and distant. The Christian tradition reveals God to be the Trinity of three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

FOR SALE – WHITE BOARDS (A GOOD DEAL)

We have a number of porcelain Whiteboards for sale from the Marist Block 2400 x 1200, 2700 x 1200, 1800 x 1200. All in excellent condition.

New price \$500 – **TO YOU ONLY \$50!** Contact us at the school office if you are interested. **FIRST IN-FIRST PICK!**

OPEN NIGHT – WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE

An invitation to **ALL OUR YEAR 6 PARENTS** and pupils as they look forward to 2015 and the “Intermediate Years”. A chance to see programmes in action, ask questions and hear what our pupils have to say.

7PM – MEET IN OUR CHAPEL

I AM AWAY IN TERM 3

I have been granted an educational sabbatical for Term 3. My focus will be looking at schools that are making a positive difference for their Pasifika students. This will, of course, benefit **EVERYONE**, as many of my findings will crossover to all students. Our Deputy Principal, Jacinta Purcell-Thompson will take over as Principal until I return, so you will be in good hands.

BOTTLE OF WINE FOR GALA – LAST WEEK!

We are asking families to donate a **BOTTLE OF WINE** for our raffle wheel at the Gala. Please bring to school office – thank you.



LAST QUIZ

Put on weight

Ka kite ano /Tofa soi fua
Regards and Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL

THIS WEEK’S QUIZ

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