

24 June 2014

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“Don’t let life discourage you; everyone who has got where he is had to be where he was.”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners

OUR LATEST TAONGA

We welcome **Xavier Petera** and his family to St Patrick’s School. Xavier began in A1 this week and seems to have settled into our whanau well.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Abbie Zyskowski**, a Year 7 pupils who always exceeds expectations, is a delight to deal with and has a great attitude to every thing that she does.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our two new BUS MONITORS for Term 3 and 4 are **Ella Bryce** and **Chloe Dagg**. They (along with Byron) will work to ensure our students are both safe and behave to our expectations on the bus.

MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS – NEXT WEEK

You will have all received our “Matariki 2014” flyer last Thursday. Thank you to those who have responded with offers of help and talent sharing. Next week we plan to have four afternoons of activities that our pupils will experience. From harakeke (flax), rakau (stick games) to cooking (a flash boil-up!) Should be great learning and lots of fun. On **WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY AT 6PM** we will have a sausage sizzle and small concert in the hall to showcase our developing talents and hopefully share a few stories.

THIS IS FOR ALL OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

SENIOR SPEECH COMPETITION

Our seniors recently held their speech finals. Every student is required to write and present a speech to the class. From there, finalists are found to represent each class. 12 finalists presented a wide variety of wonderful speeches – fantastic to listen to. (The theme was ‘PESTS.’)

Results: 1st place: **Anneliese van Florenstein**

2nd place: **Emily Wakely**

3rd (equal): **Jacob Aukusitino & Amy Macdonald**

Anneliese and Emily went on to represent our school at an **inter-school speech competition**. **Anneliese won and Emily came second**. What a great result, we’re proud of you both!!

YOUR SCHOOL ACCOUNT

THANK YOU to all those who have either paid or made arrangements to pay their school account (for stationery etc). I am in the middle of calling those **WHO HAVE NOT MADE ANY PAYMENT THIS YEAR**. I can discuss payment arrangements or help if you need it. We currently have **\$20,000** owing, so as your can see, we need this to help run the school. If you are unsure of whether you have paid or not, please contact Sharon, Marie or myself at the office.

PTA RAFFLE

Some great prizes to be won. This will be drawn on **Thursday 3rd July**. So be in to win. Raffle reply slip at the bottom of the newsletter.

HOMEWORK CLUB – IN THE LIBRARY

Our **last** homework club for Term 2 will be **TOMORROW** in the school library from 3 – 4pm. Remember..... this is open to ALL Year 4 – 8 pupils if they need help with their homework. We start again in **Week 2 of Term 3 – 30 July**.

MID-TERM REPORTS AND PUPIL PORTFOLIOS

These will be sent out to you this 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.



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

GOSPEL VALUE FOR JUNE

Our focus this month is “**PERSEVERANCE**.” A skill that we need to work on if we are to succeed in life. Our attitude is “**KEEP ON TRYING**.” If at first you don’t succeed - try again. That means “quality” also – giving your best. So “keep on trying” in your relationships, school work, faith, family and friends – it will pay off.

FOR SALE – WHITE BOARDS (JUST A COUPLE LEFT)

We have a couple 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.

KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Kelly Sports will be running their Winter Holiday Programme in the school holidays from the **7th – 18th July**. Offering a great mixture of sporting and craft activities. Prices start from \$33 per day, with family discounts and full week specials available.

For more information go to www.kellysports.co.nz or phone Alex on 843.4219.

LAST QUIZ

For Hire

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Regards and Blessings

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PRINCIPAL



ST PATRICK’S PTA WINTER RAFFLE

\$2 per ticket

Number of tickets

Total \$ included

or

\$5 for 3

Name _____

Ph: _____

Please return to the school office with money

