



In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

I hope you all had a relaxing holiday and enjoyed your family time together. We have a busy and exciting term planned. I'm looking forward to working with everyone at St Patrick's school.

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners – Tēnā koutou Whanau, Tamariki and Te Whanau Katorika

OUR LATEST ARRIVALS

We welcome two beginners to our new entrant room with Ms Doole- **Eva-Maria Aparicio-Pierard & Lachlan Machin-Best**. In the Middle syndicate we welcome **Paige Ellison** to Room 10 with Ms Macdonald and **Genna Mouat** to Room 6 with Mrs Smith. Enjoy your time here at St Pat's it's great to have you in our family.

MATARIKI

Big thanks to our whanau, friends and students for helping to make our Matariki celebrations so successful. A wonderful opportunity to build community links and enable our tamariki, whanau and teachers to share in many activities that reflected the Whanaungatanga that makes St Patrick's the special place that it is.

MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK

This year the theme is 'Te Kupu o te Wiki', The Word of the Week'. Under this theme, a new Māori word will be highlighted each week for fifty weeks. So look out for your new words ... this week's word is **āpōpō** (tomorrow)

GOOD FOOD

Healthy lunches = healthy brains and better learning. Please ensure that your children have suitable nutritious and healthy options for lunch. Fresh is best and far better than packaged sugar and sodium loaded food alternatives. I've added a link for you check out, loads of ideas and sandwich alternatives.....

<http://www.kidspot.co.nz/article+2980+143+Sandwich-free-lunch-box-ideas.htm>

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL UNIFORM

With the start of a new term a reminder about uniforms. Please ensure that your children are wearing hard covered black shoes, our school sweatshirt and black, blue or green hair accessories (girls only!)

THANKYOU

Big thanks to our House Captains, bus prefects and road patrollers for all your efforts last term. We all really appreciate the fabulous job you do.

GRANPARENTS LITURGY

Please join us **next Friday 1st August** to celebrate the joy and love that our Grandparents share with us. The Junior Syndicate will prepare a liturgy and then invite you to share a picnic lunch with us. We look forward to seeing you next week at **12:00am** in the school hall.

1ST RECONCILIATION AND 1ST COMMUNION

St Thomas More and St Patrick's Parishes are preparing to celebrate these Sacraments. If you wish your child to take part in preparing for these, enrolment forms are available from Mrs Smith. The forms can be returned to school.



PTA RAFFLE WINNERS

The winners of the PTA Raffle at the end of Term 2 were:-

1st Place – **Saoirse Kenny**

2nd Place – **Matthew Gordon**

3rd Place – **Caitlin Montaperto-Wells**

PTA MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY

PTA Meeting **This Wednesday, 23rd July, 7.30pm** in the school library to work towards gala planning.

FROZEN CHICKENS FOR OUR GALA

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

KELLY SPORTS TERM THREE

Kelly Sports is once again offering its Multisport Programme on Tuesdays after school in Term Three. Programmes are designed specifically for Year 1-4 children. A player of the day award and voucher from Hog's Breath Café will be awarded each session. To enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz or for further information contact Alex Jones at hb@kellysports.co.nz or phone 843.4219.

EDUKIDS CHILDCARE

21 RIVERBEND RD

ARE TAKING ENROLMENTS NOW!!

Phone Mitra or Judy on 843.4534 for information regarding the services they offer or email edukids.riverbend@kidicorp.co.nz.

A COUPLE OF REMINDERS

The staff car park is for staff and school visitors only please do not use it as a drop off or pick up point for your children. We want to keep our tamariki safe.

It is illegal to park on yellow lines or in driveways. Yesterday I watched as a parent stopped her car on the road not too far from the crossing urging her child to run and get in. Meanwhile the traffic was backed up **waiting behind her. A move that was not only illegal but extremely dangerous.**

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

St Patrick's school is saddened to hear of the recent passing of teacher Pam McGarva from the Carlyle Kindergarten. Pam touched the lives of many children a number of whom attend St Patrick's School. We pray that God gives her friends and family strength in this sorrowful time.

TERM 3 CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 1 – Grandparents Liturgy
- 14 – School Photos
- 15 – Teacher Only Day

SEPTEMBER

- 4 – Senior Mass
- 7 – Staff Mass @ Thomas More
- 8 – Yr8 Camp – Wellington
- 20 – GALA

Regards and Blessings

Jacinta Purcell-Thompson

ACTING PRINCIPAL

