

5 August 2014

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best.”

Bob Talber

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

OUR LATEST ARRIVAL

We welcome **Grace Battersby** to our New Entrant room. Grace joins big sister Shelby. Enjoy learning and making new friends.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Riley Militch** (A1) who is kind, caring and thoughtful. Exactly the type of person we love to have at St Patrick's. Good for you Riley!




GRANDPARENTS' LITURGY

Wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents at our Liturgy last Friday. A lovely celebration and one that we treasure each year.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Please ensure that your children are at school by **8:30am** each day this allows time for them to ready themselves for the day.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

 Next **Wednesday 13th of August** is school photo day. Please ensure that you return your orders and payments prior to the day. I look forward to seeing everyone looking extra gorgeous next week!

EARLY WARNING – SCHOOL CLOSED

School will be closed on **FRIDAY 15 AUGUST** as staff will be involved in Professional Development for the day. A day off school for our pupils – must be some job around the house you can create!

Talu ai ona o le aso mo **Faiaoga**, o le a **leai** ai se tatou auga i le aso

Faraile 15 Aukuso. Fa'afetai.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR AUGUST – PATIENCE

This month we focus on the value **PATIENCE**.

We say:- “GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT.”

What is patience.....? Patience is a quiet hope and expectation based on trust that, in the end, everything will be all right. Patience means waiting – enduring without complaining, having self-control, persevering – sticking with something for as long as it takes to finish it.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES COMPUTER RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved placings in the UNSW international test of computer skills, **Emily Wakely** and **Camerin Boyes** (Merit)

Josiah McFarland (Credit).

GALA MEETING TONIGHT

There is a Gala Meeting tonight (5th), 7pm in the school library.

SCHOOL INTERVIEWS (YEAR 4 – 8 STUDENTS ONLY)

A reply slip will be sent home with your child this week. EVERY CHILD (Year 4 -8) has an INTERVIEW TIME. These are MOST IMPORTANT and we ask that your CHILD ALSO ATTENDS. See you next Monday or Tuesday.

Vasega 4 – 8 o le a fa'ataunu'uina a latou interviews, faamolemole fa'atumu ma toe fa'afai mai, fa'afetai.

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.

DROPPING OFF YOUR GALA GOODS

We need your FURNITURE, TOYS, CLOTHES, CROCKERY etc for our gala stalls. We will also happily take your neighbours, friends and families goods if they want to donate to a very good cause. Please drop off at school or call one of our convenors if you need goods picked up.

DROP OFF GOODS EITHER: - Outside PTA shed (near bike stands)
- School Office

PLEASE – NO TVS or COMPUTERS

STARSHIP MOBILE PHONE APPEAL

We would like our St Patrick's families to get behind this appeal and donate any old mobile phones which are then recycled and sold on. Profits go the Starship Foundation to support the Starship National Air Ambulance service. The appeal will be running for two weeks only so we look forward to your support.

MAKE US AN OFFER!!

We have a couple of long benchtops out of the old classrooms which could be handy for someone. If you are interested contact Michelle Start 027.215.9017 and make us an offer.

ONLINE BANKING

Just a reminder for families who do online banking. Could you please ensure you put a reference (student's name) beside your payment. We have recently had payments made into our school account without a reference and therefore do not know who has paid.



My Best Grandma

My fun Grandma lives in Levin with my Grandad. She has reddish pinkish hair. But she puts this thing in her hair so its brown. Her favourite thing to do is going shopping. I love her because she always does things with me.

Aleesha Beams A3



**Have a fabulous week everyone
Regards and Blessings**

**Jacinta Purcell-Thompson
ACTING PRINCIPAL**