

8 June 2010

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

“Shoot for the moon.

Even if you miss, you’ll land among the stars.”



COOL AT SCHOOL

We congratulate **Joseph Penitito**, a year 4 pupil who is recognised for his enthusiasm, manners and ever-increasing positive attitude in class.

SPECIAL CHARACTER REVIEW

Last week’s review by the Palmerston North Catholic Education Office was very positive. We received a pleasing report that highlighted the Catholic Values of St Patrick’s School. Thank you to those parents who responded to our survey and for those who could make it to the “interview.” (See me for your chocolate fish – apparently!)

The school is in good heart and your children reflected that.

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.

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VINNIES NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE

Over the next two weeks we are supporting Moriah Jewish School in Wellington reach their goal of collecting 1.5 million buttons. Each button will represent a child who died in the Holocaust. A memorial sculpture has been designed to house the buttons. Each classroom at St Patrick’s School will have a button collection box.

TRIVIA QUIZ NIGHT - WE NEED 10 MORE TEAMS

Friday 25 June 7:30pm, School Hall.

Teams of 4 (\$20 entry)

Supper provided, bar facilities, great prizes and funds raised for YOUR CHILDREN!

Phone School Office 843.9238 to register your team (limited to 25 teams)

NEED A SPARKY ? - SPONSOR OF THE WEEK (10% DISCOUNT!!)

We thank Tim Barker and his team (really it’s Tracey) for their sponsorship of our newsletter. If you need an electrician, give Tim a call – we can personally vouch for the work that he does.

NEED DRY FIREWOOD – FREE DELIVERY

Phone Bruce at Super Split - 8344350. Easy wood for cosy fires – no axe needed – free delivery.

CONCERNS WHO TO CONTACT

If you have any concerns about school matters the Board of Trustees would encourage you to take the matter to the appropriate person as soon as possible. Below is a handy reference list for first contact, and of people to whom you could go if you feel that more needs to be done. **THE MOST HELPFUL THING FOR YOU, OUR BOARD, AND OUR PUPILS, IS FOR YOU TO RAISE ANY CONCERNS YOU HAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

1. Arrange an acceptable time to meet with the appropriate person.
2. The class teacher is always the first person to talk to.
3. The Principal is always available to talk to parents who have exhausted the first avenue of approach, or have any concerns of a serious or sensitive nature, or wish to discuss matters concerning the school generally.
4. A Board of Trustees member or the Chairperson is the next alternative, if other avenues have been exhausted, or you feel that your concerns have not been dealt with effectively.

My Earliest Memory

One day when I was about 5, it was the holidays and I was at my Grandmas, swinging on her old, rusty washing line. Two of my friends came over, Hannah and Michelle. Hannah lived next door to Grandma and Michelle lived down the road.

They asked me: “Kate, can you ask your Grandma if you can come to Michelle’s with us? So I asked Grandma and to my delight, said yes. We set off down the driveway, when we stopped at the road, we checked nearly 10 times before scurrying across.

Once we got to Michelle’s, we ran up the driveway, the gravel hurting our bare feet. We picked tangy grapes, shovelling them into our mouths, while Hannah told us about the lion, the witch and the wardrobe.

Well, we were young and naïve, so we ran upstairs, into the coat and shoes closet, where we spent 10 minutes pummelling the back of the wardrobe in the hope we would find this Narnia Hannah had told us about.

While we were pummelling, we had failed to realise that we were locked in this dark closet, where the only light came from a tiny strip on the floor.

We screamed “HELP” while hitting the door with our tiny fists. When Michelle’s dad opened the door, imagine his surprise when he saw 3 little girls crying in a closet full of shoes and coats. Michelle’s Mum scolded us for being so stupid! I guess the lesson here is, don’t lock yourself in a closet.

By Kate Burrows SM13

NEED SOME HELP!!

We’ve run out of “weekly quiz” items – do you have any or know of a good website we can get some from??

TRICKY DEFINITION

MEALTIME – the only time a child won’t eat

Regards and Blessings to you all

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL