

2 September 2014

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out.”

Frank A. Clark

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

NGA KUPU O TE WIKI

This week's word is rangi which means sky.



GOSPEL VALUE FOR SEPTEMBER

This month we are focusing on Generosity- giving with an open heart.

CATHOLIC CHARACTER SURVEY

We are seeking responses from you. Our school website has a link to a “Special Character survey 2014” The survey's aim is to find out from our community what we are doing well, what we need to work on and how this can be achieved. Your input is valuable to us and confidential. The final date for the survey submissions is Thursday the 18th of September.

DAFFODIL MUFTI DAY

A big thank you to all the children that got into the spirit of Daffodil day, it was lovely to see all the bright, spring like colours. We managed to raise \$500 that will be given to the Cancer Society. Thanks everyone for your generosity

SENIOR MASS IN THE CHAPEL THIS THURSDAY

Mass will be celebrated in our school chapel this **Thursday at 9:15**. Come and join us we'd love to see you there!

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL “CLEAN & GREEN”

A positive ‘spin off’ has come from our current school wide Inquiry focus. Largely instigated by our children and their interest in caring for our environment. While planning is still in the initial stages syndicates are discussing composting, worm farming and planting vegetables. Learning with a real purpose... way to go!

YEAR 8 CAMP TO WELLINGTON

Next week our Year 8's will be heading down to Wellington for a taste of city life. I went last year so I can safely say that the children and adults will have wonderful time. Thank you to the parents supporting with the camp enjoy yourselves!

ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

If you know of any families considering St Patrick's for their children turning five in 2015 or a current Year 6 student that wants to attend our intermediate next year- please ask them to come in and collect an enrolment form. I am more than happy to answer questions and show people what St Patrick's has to offer.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done **Karlio Matauli**, Yr 8. He has been awarded a sports scholarship for St John's in 2015. Good on you Kalio!

REMINDERS FOR GALA

- **CONVENOR MEETING SAT 6th SEPT 2pm** meet at PTA shed to discuss field plan. Please contact Michelle if unable to come.
- **NEXT GALA MEETING – TUES 9th 7pm** ALL WELCOME.
- **WORKING BEE – SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER**
If you cannot help on Gala day then maybe you could help us the weekend before anytime between **10 – 1pm**. There is a lot of prep work to get done ie: ironing, sorting clothes, scooping icecream, sorting linen etc. Please contact Michelle if interested 027.469.0505.
- **FROZEN CHICKENS** – are still needed if you would like to donate.
- **ANY PRIZES** welcome for mystery envelopes. Please contact the office or Michelle 027.469.0505.
- **HELPERS STILL REQUIRED FOR STALLS**

JUNIOR SCHOOL HAMPERS

The Junior school will be putting grocery hampers together and selling raffles at our upcoming Gala. The success of these hampers depends on the generous donations from our whanau. Please either drop suitable grocery and or nonperishable items to the junior teachers or leave at the office. Much appreciated.



KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

“Kelly Sports will be running their Term Three Holiday Programme in the school holidays from the **29th September – 10th October 2014**. Offering a great mixture of sporting and craft activities the programme offers something for everyone. Prices start from \$33 per day, with family discounts and full week specials available. The program is OSCAR accredited so WINZ subsidies are available. For more information please visit www.kellysports.co.nz or pick up a flier from the school reception. Alternatively please contact Alex at HB@kellysports.co.nz or on 06 843 4219”



SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Mountain Valley Adventure Lodge will be holding two camps during the Sept/Oct school holidays:

Horse Camp – Monday 29th September – Friday 3rd October and Monday 6th October – Friday 10th October.

Adventure Camp – Monday 29th September – Friday 3rd October and Monday 6th October – Friday 10th October.

Suitable for age 10 years and up. 24 hour supervision.

Call Julie 8349756 or email julie@mountainvalley.co.nz for more information.

Have a fabulous week everyone

Regards and Blessings

Jacinta Purcell-Thompson
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