

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

This week's generosity quote is.....

"Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present."

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

OUR LATEST ARRIVAL

We welcome **Conrad Bryan** (A1) and his family to St Patrick's School. May you enjoy learning and making life long friends.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Our latest "Cool at School" recipient is **Ila Muagututia**. She is a truly delightful young lady who demonstrates the Gospel values daily through her behaviour and interactions with others. We are lucky to have you at St Patrick's, Ila.



NGA KUPU O TE WIKI

This week's word is **pahi** which means bus. Did you know that Monday the 22nd of September is World Car Free Day?

SCHOOL CROSSING

Please use the school crossing when crossing the road. The crossing is patrolled to keep our students and whanau safe. I have noticed a large number of parents and their children sneaking across the road which is unsafe and sets a 'bad example' to our students.



USE OF SCHOOL GROUNDS

Our school grounds are maintained so that our students have a pleasant environment in which to play. There are signs around the school discouraging the riding of skateboards and scooters on our grounds. In the past week or so we have had some of our families riding push bikes through our grounds and motorbikes on our field. Common sense should tell people that this is not appropriate behaviour and we shouldn't need signs to tell you!

CATHOLIC CHARACTER SURVEY

Can I ask that you please complete the survey on our school website. We need your feedback to plan for the future. If you are unable to access a computer to input your feedback we have one set up in the school office for you to use.

REMINDERS FOR GALA

- **THREE DAYS TO GO – KEEP THE DONATIONS COMING IN!!**
- **Thank you to those who came to help at our working bee on Saturday. Your help was appreciated.**
- **We need helpers from 6.30am on Saturday to come along and set up tents and trestles. WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE Please let Michelle or the office know if you can help.**
- **CAKE PLATES - please return on Friday to the office (filled).**
- **GALA FLYERS - Five to each child to deliver to neighbouring houses.**
- **GALA MEETING – WEDNESDAY 17th 7.30pm in staff room – IT IS IMPORTANT ALL CONVENORS ATTEND THIS MEETING.**

MIDDLE SYNDICATE SPORTS EXCHANGE

Last week the students in our middle syndicate participated in a sports exchange with students from Onekawa School. The sport for the day was soccer and I am pleased to note that all of the students had a super, fun filled day. A big thanks to our selected Year 7 referees, parents and teachers.



NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

There will be no assembly this week as the hall is being used for gala preparation.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK

Social Justice Week 2014 runs from 14-20 September. This year's theme is Catholic social teaching. There are seven key principles of catholic social teaching. They are human dignity, solidarity, preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, common good, subsidiarity, stewardship and participation. Teachers will be exploring these principles throughout the week.

SUMMER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Students can begin to wear summer uniform from next **Monday 22nd September** should they wish. All students need to be wearing full summer uniform from **Monday the 27th of October in Term 4**. We sell skirts, pinafores, sweatshirts and sports shirts at school the remaining uniform items can be purchased from the Warehouse.

The Year 8 Wellington Experience

The bus trips were long and very boring
Which resulted in lots of snoring

We went to Somes Island to go and explore
And heard of the tales of Wellington Lore

So the cable car and the Maritime museum and that Te Papa place
We learned lots of things at a very fast pace

We learned what made Wellington tick
With a view from the top of Mount Vic

At H20 Xtreme we made quite a splash
When on the slides the boys and Mr O'Neill would often crash

The zoo was full of many exotic beasts
And Westpac Stadium was cool to say the least

The Parliament building was very flash
And at Westfield mall we spent quite a lot of cash
At the Planetarium it was quite a blast
And as it turns out the week went quite fast!

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

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