

23 September 2014

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“The wise man does not lay up his own treasures. The more he gives to others, the more he has for his own.”

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

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Matthew Shapland as his Grandmother passed away last week. Our thoughts and prayers are with Matthew and his family at this sad time.

NGA KUPU O TE WIKI

This week’s word is **awa** which means **river**. This word has been selected in recognition of “World River Day” on the 27th of September.

SCHOOL GALA 2014

What an amazing day, despite the ‘cyclonic’ winds! I can’t thank our PTA and organizing committee enough for their hard work in arranging and coordinating our very successful Gala. To all of the people that helped on the day, donated goods or came and spent money....**THANKYOU**. It was great to see people enjoying the day and the new location was super, what a great atmosphere. The efforts and support from everyone made our Gala both entertaining and lucrative. The funds raised will go towards providing quality, 21st Century Education for our tamariki. Bless x

A HUGE THANK YOU!!!

St Patrick’s PTA would like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make our gala a success. From the support staff, teachers and students, to our parents / grandparents who all came to lend a helping hand.

Thank you to our fantastic Pasifika group and school Samoan Community who did such a great job in bringing a new dimension to our event. Overall we raised approximately **\$20,000** which will go towards new technology for our classrooms and your children.



RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE

Tickets still available for the “Win a boys/girls bike”
&

“NumberWorks” raffles.

\$2 a ticket (available from the school office)

Drawn this Thursday.

ALSO

We still have Crown Pumpkins for sale - \$1 each.

MR WYPYCH’S SABBATICAL

Next term we welcome Mr Wypych back to our school. He has had a very busy but relaxing term researching teaching and learning practice to increase the achievement of Pasifika learners. I’m sure that our school and community will benefit from his research. He will return with little more colour in his complexion after his past week or so basking in the beautiful Samoan sun and sea.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS FRIDAY

The PTA will be selling sausages **THIS FRIDAY** at lunchtime.
\$1 each – first in – first served!! Be in quick for a delicious sausage.



BAPTISM PREPARATION MINISTRY

The Parish is asking for volunteers to help with this important ministry. Ideally suited to couples who practice their faith together, but is open to individuals as well. You will be helping prepare families for the Baptism of their first child. Full support and training is available from the Priests of the Parish. Please leave your name with your Parish secretary, St Patrick’s School or either Fr John or Fr Mike.

STUDENT SUCCESS

TACS CROSS COUNTRY

16 Year 7&8 students represented St Patrick’s School at Puketapu School last Wednesday. Our students did extremely well!

Teams: Year 7 Girls team came 2nd overall, Year 7 Boys team came 3rd overall. Individually: **Abby Bell** 6th overall Yr 7 girls, **Sarah O’Malley** 4th overall Yr 8 girls. **Kalio Matauli** 7th overall Yr 8 boys. We are very proud of the fantastic effort, perseverance and stamina these students showed!

CONGRATULATIONS

To the following students on their recent sporting achievements.

Rugby Representative Teams

Jack Cooper, Jack Ryan, Andrew Oliver, Tyler Truman, Kere Penitito, Hamish Klem and Connor Hooper

Under 10 Hawkes Bay Football Team

Oscar Cooper

Well done boys we are proud of you and your efforts.

PRECIOUS CRICKET BAT LOST AT GALA

If anyone found an English cricket bat at the Gala on Saturday could you please contact either Lesley on 834.3848 or the school office 843.9238.

THANKYOU

I’d like to thank everyone for a busy yet successful Term 3. I’ve really enjoyed the opportunity that I have had to work more closely with parents and people in our community as Acting Principal. We have amazing children at St Patrick’s and they are the heart of our school. Whanau you can be proud of your children’s efforts this term, I know I am!

Have a wonderful holiday and enjoy your time with family and friends. See you all in Term 4 as we wind to the end of yet another year..... Wow.... It’s gone so fast

Have a safe and restful holiday.

Regards and Blessings

Jacinta Purcell-Thompson

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