

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

*“Focus on the journey, not the destination.
JOY is found not in finishing an activity but doing it.”*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

FIRST COMMUNION AT THOMAS MORE THIS SUNDAY

We congratulate and pray for **Monique Alexander, Talia Brown, Luke Burgess, Emerson Burt, Lauren Downing, Amelie van Florenstein, Matthew Gordon, Caitlyn Gray, Caleb Halbert, Jack Hendery, Kaya Hosoglu, Georgia Jones, Lucy Klem, Clare Macdonald, Imogen Milner, Liam Milner, Brock McGrath, Pasikalia Muagututia, Marie-Claire Mullins, Adele Nugent, Caleb Peterson, Cory Peterson, Freddy Salter, Bethany Seymour, Danyon Start, Mollie Wakely and Sophie Walker** as they prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time **this Sunday 10am at St Patrick’s Church**. A proud moment for them and their families.



A MORNING TEA TO SAY THANK YOU TO “YOU”

On **Wednesday 10 December** our Year 8 pupils will be hosting a **MORNING TEA** for **ALL PARENTS, COACHES, HELPERS** to say thank you for all you have done for our school this year. If you have coached a team, helped in the classroom, helped with swimming, sports, transport, etc – **THIS IS FOR YOU** and it is our way of saying that we appreciate all you do for us. Mark it on your calendar and we will see you on the 10th. **MARBLES – THANK YOU SOPHIE!**



Yes, it’s that time of year again (as Sophie has reminded me). Look out for clusters of children trading, sharing, concentrating, talking, aiming and digging holes in the ground. Marble season is on!

THE NEW CATHOLIC PARISH OF NAPIER (AN UPDATE)

As we move towards the establishment of the Catholic Parish of Napier next year, there are two very important dates we need to be aware of:

Easter Sunday, 5th April – the promulgation by Bishop Charles of the Catholic Parish of Napier coming into existence.

Pentecost Sunday, 24th May – the celebration of Mass by Bishop Charles of the new Catholic Parish of Napier in the Municipal Theatre.

With the establishment of the one parish it is important for us to farewell / end the existence of the parishes of St Patrick’s St Thomas More and St Mary’s. New beginnings take place after a celebration of what has already been.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR NOVEMBER

This month, we focus on the value of **JOY**. What a great value for our pupils – Joy is evident in both the playground and classroom. Our pupils can...

“Make every day joyful for yourselves and others”

HAVE YOU A CRAFTY STALL OR NEED A BOOT?

St Patrick’s School PTA Craft & Boot Sale is being held on **Sunday 7th December, 10am – 2pm**. So clear out the garage, book a site at the Boot Sale or if your handy and have craft items to sell book a Craft Site. Sites are **\$15** each. Enquiries to Kathleen 021.331.723 or Christine 021.147.7451.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL EVENTS / PRIZEGIVING 2014 (NEW FORMAT)

Due to the school hall being “out of action” there are a few changes to this years end of year format.

11th December – End of Year School Mass – **9.30am, St Patrick’s Church**

11th December – Year 8 End of Year Social

16th December – Syndicate Prizegiving / Final Assemblies

12.00 - Middle Syndicate presentations (outside) then picnic

12.30 - Junior Syndicate picnic then Christmas Carols

7.00pm - Senior Syndicate at **St Patrick’s Church**

17th December – End of Term. **School finishes at 12.30** – No Afterschool Care

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.

A JOB FOR SOMEONE YOU KNOW?

Napier Parish Youth Ministry Coordinator – The Catholic Parish of Napier / Te Hahi Katorika ki Ahuriri seeks applicants with energy, motivation, good communication skills and a passion for our faith to fill this key leadership position in a new parish structure.

The position will be 20 hours per week.

There is the possibility of combining with the Sacred Heart Youth Chaplain’s position for an extra 15 hours per week.

For an application /information pack contact Kathleen Field – 021.509.436, 06.350.3824 or email kfield@pndiocese.org.nz

YMCA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Programmes cater for 5 -7, 8 – 10 & 11 – 14 year age brackets. The summer programme begins on **Friday 19th December** and runs through to **Friday 30th January**. For full details or to book your child’s place call 878.3027 or email oscar3@ymcahb.org.nz.

LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

Scrambled eggs

**Ka kite ano
Regards and Blessings**

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