

2 December 2014

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

This months Gospel Value – KINDNESS

“Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to one of our fabulous junior students, **Zanthee Koorey** who is recognised for her **kindness**, great personality and friendship.



JOIN OUR MIDDLE SYNDICATE

This **THURSDAY 4th, 9am** in the **SCHOOL CHAPEL** as they celebrate Mass together as a syndicate for the last time.

FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOS

If you would like to order First Communion Photos (St Patrick’s Parish) phone 843.2590 or 022.155.9705.

LAST HOMEWORK CLUB FOR 2015

Tomorrow (**Wednesday 3rd**) will be our final after-school Homework Club session for the year. Thank you **AWESOME TEACHERS** for your enthusiasm in running this and to our **PUPILS** who take advantage of this time to study.

MIDDLE SYNDICATE FUN DAY

Our **Year 4 – 6** have a Fun Day at the Onekawa Pools next **Tuesday (9th)**. A BBQ lunch to be provided plus a treat or two to end the year.

NEW “MARIST BLOCK” NEARLY READY

As you have seen our new classroom block and hall entrance area is nearly completed with a focus now on landscaping and indoor furnishing. All ready for the new year – something we have been looking forward to. We thank Nick, Joe and his team for the way in which they have worked with us – **brilliant!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

We thank our students who are **“altar servers”** for their dedication and for the important role they play during the Mass. It is wonderful to see them living out their faith in such a practical way. **This Thursday** we will shout them a **PIZZA LUNCH** to show them our appreciation and to say thank you.

MORE SERVICE – OUR ROAD PATROLLERS

Our **“Road Patrollers”** head off this Friday to Splash Planet for a “fun day” as a way of saying thank you for their service to St Patrick’s School and in particular the way they keep us safe. Have a great day out and **THANKS!**

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.



GOSPEL VALUE FOR DECEMBER

Our final value for 2014 is **“Acting With Kindness.”** How do we show our kindness to others? A wonderful thing for us to practise as we prepare for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Christ.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The twelve days of Christmas is actually a catechism song, which arose from a time when Catholics were not allowed to practice their faith openly. Without the regular liturgical celebrations or catechism lessons from the priests, the parents and priests needed a way to help the children continue to learn and keep the Catholic faith in their lives.

The ‘true love’ mentioned in the song, who gives all these gifts, refers to God himself. ‘A partridge in a pear tree’ is Jesus Christ. A mother partridge will fake injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings – the acts of the mother bird parallels with the sacrifice of Jesus for us.

The symbolism continues throughout the song:

Two turtle doves – The Old and New Testaments

Three French hens – Faith, Hope and Charity

Four calling birds – The Four Gospels

Five golden rings – The first five books of the Old Testament

Six geese a laying – The six days of creation

Seven swans a swimming – Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit

Eight maids a milking – The eight Beatitudes

Nine ladies dancing – Nine choirs of Angels

Ten lords a leaping – The Ten Commandments

Eleven pipers piping – The eleven faithful Apostles

Twelve drummers drumming – the twelve points of belief in the Apostles Creed.

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

2015 TERM DATES

Term 1 – Monday 2 February – Thursday 2 April

Term 2 – Monday 20 April – Friday 3 July

Term 3 – Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

Term 4 – Monday 12 October – Wednesday 16 December

GIVE IT A TRY!

WEET-BIX TRYATHLON time again. **12th February 2015**. Registration forms are included with the newsletter or available at the school office.



LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

Cross country Run

Tofa soifua

Regards and Blessings

Jurek Wypych

PRINCIPAL

THIS WEEK’S QUIZ

BEGIN
10.00



