

9 December 2014

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Our final newsletter for what has been another great year at St Patrick's School.



Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

COOL AT SCHOOL

Our final recipient of the Cool at School award for 2014 is **Amelie van Florenstein**, a Year 4 pupil who is positive, compassionate and spreads joy with her attitude, friendship and personality.



END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS – THIS THURSDAY

(11 DECEMBER) AT 9.30 am in ST PATRICK'S CHURCH as **ALL OUR PUPILS** celebrate Mass together and thank God for the many blessings 2014 has brought us.

SEE YOU THURSDAY!

WE ARE ALLOWED TO BE PROUD – AND LET YOU KNOW!

Last Thursday evening I attended the St John's College Academic Prizegiving. Many of our "old boys" attend St Johns and a **LARGE NUMBER** were recognised and received awards for their academic achievement on the night. **OF PARTICULAR NOTE** (a big plug!) was the **FACT** that out of the 5 year levels (Year 9 – 13) **FOUR** of the top academic students were from St Patrick's including the **DUX**. Congratulations to all recipients but particular mention to **Phillip Halpin** (Year 9 top academic award), **Christopher Tichborne** (Year 10 top award), **Daniel Wypych** (Year 11 top award) and **Hugh Mooney** – Year 13 and **DUX** for 2014. With this result we certainly have **REAL CONFIDENCE** that St Patrick's School prepares our students well for their High School Years.

BASKETBALL BRILLIANCE

Congratulations to our two senior basketball teams who had a great season. Our Year 7/8 "Tall Pats" side was 1st overall and our second team "St Pats Lightning" were runners up in the senior Year 7/8 division – Brilliant!!

CRAFT FAIR / BOOT SALE THANK YOU

A very successful day on Sunday with a great variety of goods, crafts and talents on sale. Thank you to all who helped on the day to make it such a success. Great organisation by Kathleen and Christine. **\$1000** for our pupils!

THANK YOU TO THE WONDERFUL STAFF

I would like to thank all our teachers and support staff at St Patrick's School for making 2014 such a positive year. I hope our parents and children appreciate the care our staff show and the hard work they put into making sure that our children receive the best opportunities possible in a Catholic environment. They deserve a thank you and a well-earned break.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA – TOMORROW

Tomorrow 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.



THANK YOU OUR SCHOOL LEADERS

Our House Captains and Bus Monitors (Year 8 pupils) have done a wonderful job this year and we acknowledge their contribution to St Patrick's School and recognise the role they have played as leaders and role models. To say thank you (food never fails!) we will take them out for lunch on Friday.

END OF YEAR PUPIL REPORTS AND PORTFOLIOS

These will be given to pupils on **Monday 15th** at school and should be opened **at home with you**. Please be positive about the reports when you discuss them. There has been some great progress made by your children this year.

(The "next steps" are a guide for next year!) Your child's class and year level for 2015 is included in the report. Reports will be in your child's Pupil Portfolio.

Please note:- Year 8 reports will be given out at prizegiving on Tuesday 16th.

2015 CLASS ORGANIZATION

We have finalised our class organization for 2015. Our structure will be:-

Junior Ms Bevan (Y1/2), Mrs Thompson (Y1), Miss Ennor (Y2), Mrs Williams / Mrs Nikolaisan (Y3)

Middle (Year 4 – 6) Mrs Somerville (Y3/4), Ms Macdonald (Y4), Ms Sutton (Y5), Mrs Kelleher (Y5/6), Mrs Smith (Y6)

Senior (Year 7 – 8) Miss Hewett (Y7), Miss Stoodley (Y7), Mr O'Neill (Y8), Miss Dawson (Y8)

SCHOOL STATIONERY 2015

Remember – all pupils will be supplied with **STATIONERY PACKS** on their first day (**2 February**) back at school. These packs have all their correct stationery needs and are purchased at a very competitive rate (you will receive an account late February).

END OF YEAR SCHOOL EVENTS / PRIZEGIVING

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

12th December – Year 8 End of Year Social

16th December – Syndicate Prizegiving / Final Assemblies

12.00 - Middle Syndicate presentations (outside) then picnic

12.30am - 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

SCHOOL FINISHES NEXT WEDNESDAY-12.30PM

Wednesday 17th December at 12.30. All children need to be **picked up at 12.30pm**.

Taradale & Tamatea buses will run at 12.30. (Bayview and Clive children will need to be picked up by their parents).

SCHOOL STARTS

In 2015 – **Monday 2nd February at 8.45am.**

(School office will be open for uniforms, enrolments, etc **Friday 30th January**, 9 – 3pm).

Thank you once again for your care.

St Patrick's is a great place to be.

Have a happy and holy Christmas.

Travel safe and see you in 2015.



Jurek Wypych
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