

10 February 2015

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

*“Speak sweetly! So that if you ever have to eat your words they don’t taste bad!”*



Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

### **SCHOOL WELCOME MASS – THIS THURSDAY**

Join us **THIS THURSDAY, 12 February** at **9.30** in **ST PATRICK’S CHURCH** as we pray for the year ahead and celebrate the Catholic Character that is St Patrick’s School.

### **COOL AT SCHOOL**

This award is presented to one of our pupils each week when their actions / words reflect the Gospel Values that we teach and try our best to follow. Often, the award is given to a person who models the Monthly Value. This week’s recipient is **Ianeta Mauga** a Year 7 pupil who has begun the year fantastically with her welcoming positive attitude, words and actions that reflect our Special Character and Gospel Value.

### **JOIN US TONIGHT – IT’S YOUR SCHOOL**

The first PTA meeting of 2015, **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm** in our school staffroom. A great chance for you to be involved in providing better opportunities for **YOUR** children. **ONLY AN HOUR** – good people, good fun, good school.

### **ART DECO PICNIC – NEXT FRIDAY**

Join us next Friday **20 February at 12.00** under the trees and picnic with your children. Wear your “Art Deco” clothes to school (we would like all children to make an effort. Something made at home will be great). Parents, grandparents etc most welcome, bring a picnic and blanket. (If it rains – we will “picnic” in our classrooms). All pupils must wear a hat (school sunhat will do!)

### **GOSPEL VALUE FOR FEBRUARY**

Each month the school will focus on a Value that is intended to develop our pupils . This can be practised at home as well as at school. **February Focus: - SPEAKING WITH GENTLENESS.** How do we speak to each other? Do we use people’s proper names? Is our language appropriate? Do we greet people in a friendly manner?

So a good way for everyone to practise this skill is to say **GOOD MORNING / TALOFA / KIA ORA** – to everyone they see when they arrive at school.

### **GOOD LUCK TRYATHLON COMPETITORS**

We have 65 students involved in tomorrow’s Weetbix Tryathlon – good luck.

Many thanks to Elise Macdonald and Teenica Grant for their organisation and to the many parents providing transport and encouragement.

### **WHATS IN A SCHOOL LUNCH?**

Lunch (and playlunch) is important to your child and **HEALTHY** food **HELPS THEM LEARN.** Sandwiches, wraps, fruit, yoghurt, water, juice... are good to go (**BRAIN FOOD**). Please ensure your child has enough food for the day and **IMPORTANTLY**, food that they will **EAT!**

**LOLLIES, CHOCOLATE, SOFT DRINKS, ENERGY DRINKS** etc

**ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THIS SCHOOL.**

(We sometimes use these as a “SPECIAL” treat).

**THANK YOU** – we will keep an eye on lunches.



### **EDUKIDS – NOT OUR CARPARK**

Please do not use the Edukids carpark when dropping off / picking up your children – it is for **THEIR CHILDREN.** Thank you.

### **COVERING EXERCISE BOOKS**

If you have been bombarded about doing this by your child – this could be a solution for you if you have trouble with duraseal and those “bubbles.” [www.ezcovers.co.nz](http://www.ezcovers.co.nz)

### **JUNIOR SYNDICATE PARENT MEETING – NEXT MONDAY**

**On 16 February at 3pm** there will be an opportunity to meet the Junior Teachers and learn about activities and programmes followed in the Junior Syndicate and what you can do to help your child’s learning at home. Children can play outside and will be supervised. The meeting will finish at 3.30pm.

### **HAVE YOUR SAY – WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT**

The Board of Trustees will be reviewing the following policies and the School Charter by **1 March.** They are available for you to view in the office foyer.

**POLICIES REVIEWED:** 1) Community Partnership 2) Equal Employment Opportunities 3) Personnel 4) Classroom Release Time.

### **YEAR 7/8 TECHNOLOGY STARTS**

Technology for 2015 starts next **Monday (16<sup>th</sup>)** at Tamatea Intermediate. A new time of 10am – 12.30. **ALL STUDENTS IN YEAR 7/8** need to bring **SCHOOL SHOES** on Mondays as this is required for protection. **NO SHOES ....NO GO!!**

### **LUNCH ON LINE (2 DAYS A WEEK)**

The school “lunch-on-line” service is available for our families every Wednesday and Friday (delivered to school). For more information or to open an account go to:-

[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz).



### **ONE DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**JARY** 12 – Welcome Mass 9.30

15 – Staff Mass – 10.00 St Pats Church

16 – Year 7/8 Technology Starts

18 – ASH WEDNESDAY (liturgy)

20 – Art Deco Picnic – 12.00

24 – Year 7 Activity Day – Stoney Creek

26 – Parent / Whanau Meeting – 7pm

**MARCH** 17 – St Patrick’s Day

19 – Middle Syndicate Athletics

23/24 – Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews

24 – Aboriginal Performer

30 – ICAS entries in

### **LAST WEEK’S QUIZ**

Just between you and me

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Wishing you a **HAPPY VALENTINES** this Saturday

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