

17 February 2015

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

***“YOUR words carry Amazing Power. So when you speak  
Make sure you Uplift someone and not put them down.”***



Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

### **COOL AT SCHOOL**

Congratulations to **Taika King** a Year 2 pupil who has had a wonderful start to 2015 by being focussed in class, helpful, friendly and welcoming.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY – TOMORROW (40 DAYS OF LENT)**

Our “40 days” is a round number with symbolic meaning. The Jews spent “40 years” in the desert on their way to the Promised Land. Jesus spent “40 days and 40 nights” fasting in the desert before beginning his ministry. In the early centuries of the Church, the fasting days leading up to Easter varied – in some places two days, in others a week. Gradually this grew longer and longer, and by the mid-fourth century, Lent began six weeks before Easter on the first Sunday of Lent.

However, fasting was always prohibited on Sunday, which meant there were only 36 fasting days in the six week period. To make the Lenten fast include 40 days, the Church added four days of fasting (Ash Wednesday, and the Thursday, Friday and Saturday after Ash Wednesday). Lent itself ends on the evening of Holy Thursday (the vigil of Good Friday). We then begin the **Triduum**, the most sacred three days of the year, lasting through to Easter Sunday evening.

### **SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2015**

Our school leaders (House Captains) for 2015 were announced on Friday. They have accepted the challenge of leadership and responsibility and we expect them to be great role models throughout the year. Please pray for them.

MARCELLIN (BLUE) – **Jack Ryan & Andrew Oliver**

FOREST (GREEN) – **Abbie Zyskowski & Tasha Taii**

AUBERT (GOLD) – **Kya Joe & Anneliese Van Florenstein**

BARBIER (RED) – **Jack Cooper & Delilah Savaiinaea**

### **\$23,000 – THANK YOU PTA**

At last week’s PTA meeting the school was given nearly **\$23,000** to fund projects in 2015. This included **\$20,000** for ICT (we have ordered 80 chromebooks and 26 tablets for classes), **\$800** for Middle Syndicate garden and grounds beautification, **\$1800** for syndicates to purchase lunch-time and classroom games / equipment and for the **\$100** PTA Scholarships awarded to pupils at the end of 2014. (It was a good meeting!!)

A good turnout but we **NEED YOU** to make our next meeting on **3<sup>rd</sup> March**. Projects for 2015 were also discussed and our MAJOR project will be a JUNIOR DISCOVERY AREA, NATIVE BUSH AREA plus ongoing classroom support.

Some tentative dates: **27 March** – School Disco,

**19 / 26 June** (t.b.c) – TRIVIA NIGHT – IT’S BACK!

**19 September** – GALA

Thank you for your support and enthusiasm, 2015 is going to be an excellent year.

**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).



### **ART DECO PICNIC – THIS FRIDAY AT NOON**

Join us this 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!)

### **AND A SPECIAL TREAT!**

Following our Art Deco Picnic we have The Minstrel presenting his “Hiwi the Kiwi Goes Fishing” show in the hall. A fun afternoon to end our week and help celebrate the unique character of Napier. NB. The \$4 per pupil cost is covered by your G.P.F donation.

### **BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!**

Last week 3 children (5yrs and 10) were seriously injured on their way to school as they ran between parked cars to cross the road to school. A controlled PEDESTRIAN CROSSING was only metres away! USE OUR CROSSING ALWAYS – you may have to walk a bit further but it is worth it.

### **TRYATHLON SPECTACULAR**

Last week’s Weetbix Tryathlon was a spectacular event. Our 65 competitors had a great time and represented St Patrick’s admirably. Thank you to all parents and supporters who provided transport and to Teenica and Elise for organising our participation.

### **PARENT /WHANAU EVENING – NEXT THURSDAY (26<sup>TH</sup>)**

All Parents/Caregivers are invited to this hour long meeting – **7pm Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February**. Please meet in the school hall where we will introduce our staff to you and inform you of some new initiatives at St Patrick’s in 2015. You then will be able to visit each teacher in their classroom as they talk specifically about their room, their expectations, routines etc. We hope you support this as we work together to make your child’s education the best it can be. **SEE YOU THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup>!**

### **PARENT MEETING – HAS YOUR CHILD BEEN BAPTISED?**

We are in the process of organising a meeting for 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm for all parents who have not yet had the opportunity to have their child BAPTISED. A chance for you to take that next step on a faith journey and let your child be FULLY INVOLVED in their faith and St Patrick’s Catholic Character.

### **A JOB FOR YOU – OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW**

The new Catholic Parish of Napier is advertising for **three positions**. A full page outlining these positions is attached to today’s newsletters.

### **YEAR 7 ACTIVITY DAY AT STONEY CREEK**

Our Year 7 pupils head off to Stoney Creek Ranch for the day next Tuesday for team building, exercises, sports, challenges and fun. Enjoy!

### **HAVE YOUR SAY – SCHOOL CHARTER 2015**

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.

### **LAST WEEK’S QUIZ**

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Regards & Blessings

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### **THIS WEEK’S QUIZ**

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