



17 March 2015

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow



Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

**COOL AT SCHOOL**

Congratulations to **William Changrattanachaichok** a Year 8 student who is diligent, has a great sense of humour, is well respected by his peers and in his own "quiet way" displays our Gospel Values daily.



**LOTS HAPPENING AT YOUR SCHOOL....HERE WE GO!**

- Middle Syndicate Rocky Shore Study – they head off tomorrow and team up with the National Aquarium to explore and learn about Tangaroa (weather permitting).
- Senior Syndicate Swimming Sports – this **FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup>, 12.00 – 2.00pm** at Onekawa Pools. Join us to support your children and watch for our 2015 champions.
- Senior Syndicate Squash – all senior classes are receiving a 'bonus' lesson at H.B Squash Club.
- Beach 5s' – a Year 5/6 team heads out to Ocean Beach this Thursday. Thanks to Michelle and Richard for organising this.
- **TODAY - ST PATRICK'S DAY!!!**
- Mufti Day / Sausage Sizzle - next Thursday (26<sup>th</sup>) for Caritas.
- School Disco – next Friday (27<sup>th</sup>) for all the school.
- Middle Syndicate Athletics – next Thursday (26<sup>th</sup>) ...AND...we even get time to so some classroom work as well!



**BRING \$2 FOR THIS PERFORMANCE**

On Tuesday afternoon 24<sup>th</sup> March, we have SEAN CHOOLBURRA, one of Australia's most loved and acclaimed indigenous performers at St Patrick's School. This is for **ALL PUPILS** and we ask that every child brings \$2 to help cover the cost of the performance. (Real cost is \$4.50 – remainder paid in your G.P.F shown in your school account). Please take the \$2 TO YOUR TEACHER.

**WHANAU MEETING FOR OUR MAORI COMMUNITY THIS THURSDAY**

Nga mihi o te wa kia koe me te whanau (Greetings to you and your family). A meeting is planned for **THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** at **5.30pm** for a Sausage Sizzle BBQ followed by a meeting in our new MARIST ROOM 5 at 6.15pm for all our **Maori families** to discuss ways in which St Patrick's School can lift achievement and better meet the needs of our children.

We ask that EVERY family be represented as we need and value your input. We have information to share that you ALL need to hear and we also need YOUR views as we plan for the future.

**NO HOMEWORK CLUB TOMORROW**

We have a staff meeting tomorrow – will be back next **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**.

**SCHOOL ACCOUNTS**

These were sent out LAST WEEK. Please pay a.s.a.p as we have to pay our bills also. If you need to make arrangements to pay this off over the year, or need SOME ASSISTANCE – please **contact me** and something can be worked out. Thank you.

**JUNIOR ATHLETICS RESULTS**

A great morning of competition last Thursday with lots of good running and close races.

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Year 1 Boys	Xavier Petera	Finley-Sam Williams	Jake Farnworth
Year 1 Girls	Valerie Nansen	Aimee Wakely	Zanthee Koorey
Year 2 Boys	John Dykes	Taika King	Weston Fernandes
Year 2 Girls	Harshmeen Parmar	Sophie Morgan	Rosie Symes
Year 3 Boys	Jack Bowen	Noah Hyde	Ronan Rochfort
Year 3 Girls	Geovanna Perez Parr	Jane Skyrme	Apaula Matauli

**PARENT/PUPIL/TEACHER INTERVIEWS (YEAR 4-8)**

All families for Year 4 – 8 pupils should have received your **INTERVIEW TIME** for either Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> or Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. **IF YOU HAVEN'T** – contact the school office and we can set a time for you. **PLEASE ATTEND – IT IS IMPORTANT.**

**ATTENDANCE DUES – 2015 (DON'T PANIC)**

A new Attendance Dues Committee of **Buster Harvey**, (845.2925) **Brian Peplow**, (844.8541) and **myself** (843.9238) has been formed to **ASSIST YOU** with Attendance Dues Payment. We can grant rebates or write off some debt if a need exists.

**WE URGE YOU TO MAKE SOME PAYMENT OR CONTACT US TO DISCUSS HOW WE CAN HELP WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

The Catholic Schools Board's Attendance Dues (\$421.30) is the fee you committed to on enrolment of your child. This helps cover our property insurance premiums and capital works. Because the Government does not own St Patrick's we cannot use any of our Government Grants for these property costs. These fees paid for our **NEW MARIST BLOCK – a 1.8 million dollar** project.

Attendance Dues are not only a legal requirement, but a critical part of the preservation of your school.

**I.C.A.S TEST FOR 2015**

The International Competitions and Assessments for school age pupils (Year 4 – 8) are open to pupils who **have ability** in particular curriculum areas. Tests in Computer Skills, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Maths are available.

Entry forms and information available from YOUR TEACHER. Entry form and money must be in by **30 March** (no late entries able to be accepted).

**NZCU BAYWIDE SCHOOL BANKING**

Start saving now and you'll get \$5 to start you off and other cool stuff as well as raising money for your school. An information pack is available at the school office.



**ST PATRICK'S DAY JOKE**

*An Irishman by the name of O'Malley proposed to his girl on St Patrick's Day. He gave her a ring with a synthetic diamond. The excited young lass showed it to her father, a jeweller. He took one look at it and said it wasn't real.*

*The young lass on learning that returned to her future husband and protested about his cheapness. "It was in honour of St Patrick's Day," he said, "I gave you a SHAM ROCK."*

**Happy St Patrick's Day** – may it be the beginning of an even better year.

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