

20 July 2010

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow



Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

“Welcome back to what promises to be a very busy and exciting Term 3- make sure you are a part of it by being involved.”

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Kenny family. Roisin's grandmother (Fiona's mother) passed away recently. A beautiful mum and grandmother who has left many wonderful memories. May she rest in peace.

OUR LATEST ARRIVALS

Welcome to 3 treasures who began in A4 yesterday. They all have older brothers and sisters already at St Patrick's. Welcome **Matthew Shapland** who joins big brother Steven, **Charlotte Kingi** who joins Zac and **Michaela Wilson** who joins Ayden, Daniel and Ethan. Enjoy learning and making new friends. And of course Welcome back to Mrs Donnison who is teaching in A1.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Kathleen Nahora**, a Year 6 pupil who is kind, honest, hard-working and typifies this month's School Gospel Value – “Compassion” with her actions and words.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST 2010 – YOUR CHANCE!

For pupils of St Patrick's School who are ready to receive these sacraments (**usually Year 3 and above**) an enrolment form has been given to pupils recently. If you haven't received one – spare copies are available from the office. Enrolment forms for both St Thomas More and St Patrick's Parishes must be returned by **26th JULY** either to the parish or back to school (**Mrs Marshall in M9 or to the school office**). Programme times and dates will be announced once enrolments have been received. We encourage all children to take up these important sacraments as part of their faith and personal development. In particular we encourage our older pupils (**Y5 – 8**) to receive this sacrament. If they don't take this opportunity now they may never in the future.

HELP – WE CAN'T FIND IT!

We have “lost” our fantastic **Raffle Wheel**. We think it has been lent out to someone, but not been returned. If you know who has it or where it is – **WE NEED IT!!** Please contact the school – 843.9238.

HAVE YOU NOTICED OUR NEW SIGN?

Erected last term in the junior area outside Room A4.

“Remember your Creator in the days of your youth” This verse is from Ecclesiastes 12:1 and once adorned the main Marist Block building when St Patrick's was a boys only school (before 1986) and was called Marist Brothers School. The verse translated:- Don't let the excitement of youth cause you to forget your Creator. Honour him in your youth before you grow old and say “life is not pleasant anymore.”

GRANDPARENTS LITURGY – NEXT FRIDAY

Our annual and ever-popular GRANDPARENTS LITURGY will be held next **Friday 30th July** The Junior (Year 1 / 2) and Middle (Year 3 / 4) syndicates celebrate this beautifully and we always finish off with a picnic lunch. So spread the word and we'll see you here on the **30th – 11.30am** in the school hall and afterwards for lunch.

WE NEED A KAPA HAKA TUTOR

To give our pupils a better sense of purpose and understanding of our rich bi-cultural heritage, Kapa Haka is a perfect way of displaying this in a very public and passionate way. BUT.....!! We urgently need someone who has the skills to work with and teach our pupils. If you are this person or know of someone who could help us **PLEASE** contact me, that would be ka mau te wehi!! (Awesome)

MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK

Next week, Maori Language is celebrated across the country. Our pupils will be involved in a variety of ways which recognize how lucky we are to have a bi-cultural heritage. Ka kite ano.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2010

These happen on **Wednesday 4 August**. Information packs with your child's name pre-printed and order forms go home with today's newsletter. Orders need to be back at school to the office by **Friday 30 July**.

All cheques should be made out to “Photo Life Studio Ltd”

KELLY SPORTS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME “SENSATIONAL”

Kelly Sports is again offering its multisport programme on Tuesdays after school this term. SENSATIONAL SPORTS is designed specifically for year 1 – 4 children so they can experience a range of sports. For those who have never joined a club before it gives them the confidence to give sport a go. For children already playing sport it gives them an extra chance to improve their skills for the summer and winter seasons. To enrol please fill in the registration form enclosed with the newsletter or for further info contact Craig Findlay – craig@kellysports.co.nz or phone 843.4219.

TARADALE / TAMATEA BUS RUNS

Our Tamatea / Taradale bus runs are operated by Metro (8350590) and are shared with Sacred Heart College. Enquire at the office for the bus route and ticket sales. **Term Pass** is \$80 (subsidized by the school) **20 ride pass** is \$30 and a **single trip** ticket is \$2. Pupils who do not have a pass/ticket will not be able to use the bus. (Family concession available for three or more, ask at the office).

OUR POOR CHILDREN!!

Can't help but notice on the “freezing mornings” the number of children who come to school **WITHOUT SWEATSHIRTS** or warm jackets. Please make sure your child is properly dressed in the morning before they head off to school. We **DO NOT** have a school jacket, so most jackets are acceptable.

PARKING - A PROBLEM

We realise that parking before and after school is a problem, but we need you to be considerate to ensure our pupil's safety. Please **DO NOT** use the **STAFF CARPARK** near the hall or the **EDUKIDS** carpark. Unfortunately – you may need to walk some distance ... **AND PLEASE – ALWAYS USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

TRICKY DEFINITION

MELANCHOLY – the pleasure of being sad

Here's to a good term together
Regards and Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL

