

9 June 2015

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

*“If God gives you the desire and the talent,  
He will give you the power.”*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

**COOL AT SCHOOL**

We congratulate **Matthew Gordon** a Year 6 pupil who impresses us with his sense of responsibility and reliability. He really showcases this month’s Gospel Value.



**CELEBRATING BAPTISM AT ST PATRICK’S**

We have 21 pupils (from Year 1 – 7) who will be baptised on **SUNDAY 21 JUNE** at the 10am Mass at St Patrick’s Church. We are delighted that parents and children have responded so well to this invitation to be closer to God.

**THIS FRIDAY (12<sup>th</sup>)** at our **9am SCHOOL ASSEMBLY** those children will have their initial welcome and blessing in front of our school community. We need to celebrate!!

**WE ENCOURAGE** all our families to show their support and sense of community by joining us at either (or both) of these celebrations.

**WHY GO TO MASS?**

At the Mass to launch the Catholic Parish of Napier, Bishop Charles asked rhetorically at the start of his homily, “Why do you come to Mass?” His answer centred around our role as ‘participants’ in acknowledging Jesus as our bread of life. Rather than ‘spectators’, coming to Mass is an act of throwing “our lot” in with Jesus, as it were, that we be faithful to Him in response to His faithfulness to us. I encourage all families to be ‘participants’ every Sunday and celebrate one of the reasons we attend a Catholic school.

Thank you Steve Bryan for your wise words

**GOSPEL VALUE FOR JUNE**

Our focus this month is “**PERSEVERANCE.**” A skill that we need to work on if we are to succeed in life. Our attitude is “**KEEP ON TRYING.**” If at first you don’t succeed - try again. That means “quality” also – giving your best. So “keep on trying” in your relationships, school work, faith, family and friends – it will pay off.

**DESIGN A FLAG**

For ALL ST PATRICK’S STUDENTS (with help of course) a flag to fly on our new flagpole. Design to incorporate our FOUR HOUSE TEAMS that reflect St Patrick’s School. Final designs should be presented on EITHER A4 or A3 sized paper by **Friday 26 June**. Enjoy being creative.



**ONLY 4 PLACES LEFT – HAS YOUR TEAM BEEN ENTERED?**

**TRIVIA QUIZ NIGHT – A FUN NIGHT OUT**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm, School Hall.**

**Teams of 4 (\$20 entry)**

**Supper provided, bar facilities, great prizes and funds raised for YOUR CHILDREN! (Junior landscaped Discovery area and Native bush gardens)**

**Phone School Office 843.9238 to register your team**

**WE HAVE A WINNER – DOUBLE HAPPY!**

Congratulations to **Anneliese Van Florenstein** who won first place in the TACS Speech competitions (second year in a row!) We are very proud of her achievement.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE – THIS THURSDAY**



An easy lunch and value too! Raising funds to help our Year 8 students as they plan for their Term 3 camp to Wellington.

**\$1.50 a sausage. Please bring money / order to your class teacher by 9am Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

**PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER**

For all those who have booked portrait photos your times will be sent out to you next week. Photos are on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> June.

**WW1 POEM**



Bombs clash against my heart.  
The ringing in my ear shuts down my mind.  
The waves makes me cry.

The poppies represent where I lay  
upon this humble day.  
I feel sorry for my loved ones  
who live in sorrow.

I thought it was going to be an adventure,  
an adventure it was indeed.  
I wish I was back home  
with my loyal family.  
But here I lay, in Flanders Fields,  
Watching the poppies grow.



By Natasha & Chloe M6

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

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**LAST WEEK’S QUIZ**

Just between you and me

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Regards and Blessings  
Jurek Wypych  
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**THIS WEEK’S QUIZ**

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