

4 August 2015

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“Patience is a virtue... it is also this month’s School Gospel Value.”

Greetings to you and your family

COOL AT SCHOOL

We congratulate **Leonardo Taii**, a Year 6 pupil who truly lives out the Gospel Values in what he says and does. A positive, constructive and polite peacemaker.

DO YOU HAVE A PHOTO OF...?

Do you (or know of anyone) have a photo that was taken at the St Patrick’s **Baptism Mass, 21 June** of ALL THE CHILDREN when they were on the ALTAR with their families / sponsors? We would like to publish an article and a photo of that group would be fantastic. Please contact the office if you do. 843.9238.

1ST RECONCILIATION / 1ST COMMUNION – ST PATRICK’S CHURCH

All parents who have enrolled their children for these sacraments should have received a letter by mail in regard to a parent’s meeting and the dates of lessons, etc. If you have not received this letter, please phone Lisa or Nui O’Malley (843.2590). The parents meeting will be held this **Thursday, 6th August at 7.30pm in St Patrick’s Centre**. First lesson start **Sunday, 16th August, 9.30am** in the parish centre.

Brilliant – we have 31 pupils involved this year.

SCHOOL GALA 2015

Our Annual School Community Gala will be held on **Saturday 19 September**. Planning is underway and **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

Please phone Michelle Start 843.4055 if you are able to help in any way. We are raising funds to develop a landscaped Junior Discovery Area.

YOUR CHILDREN benefit with YOUR HELP.

PTA / GALA MEETING

Gala is now well underway and we need your help. Join us **NEXT TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST at 7.30pm** in the **STAFFROOM**. Your help is much appreciated

Over the next 3 weeks we are asking families to donate a **FROZEN CHICKEN** for our raffle wheel at this year’s Gala. Please bring to school office – thank you.



DROPPING OFF YOUR GALA GOODS

We need your FURNITURE, TOYS, CLOTHES, CROCKERY etc for our gala stalls. We will also happily take your neighbours, friends and families goods if they want to donate to a very good cause. Please drop off at school or call one of our convenors if you need goods picked up.

DROP OFF GOODS EITHER: - Outside the shipping containers (back of school)
- Outside PTA shed (near bike stands)
- School Office

PLEASE – NO TV’S or COMPUTERS

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2015 – NEXT WEEK

These happen on **Wednesday 12 August**. Information packs with your child’s name pre-printed on the order form were sent home last week. Orders with **PAYMENT** need to be into the school office by **THIS FRIDAY 7TH**. All cheques should be made out to “Photo Life Studio Ltd.” Spare order forms are in the office.

FACEBOOK PAGE & TWITTER

We have a Facebook page called “St Patrick’s Gala Napier.” Please go onto the page and “like it” and **share your post**. A twitter page has also been set up so you can ‘tweet’ until the birds come home! <https://twitter.com/St Pats Gala>.

OPEN NIGHT – THURSDAY 13 AUGUST

An invitation to **ALL OUR YEAR 6 PARENTS** and pupils as they look forward to 2016 and the “Intermediate Years”. A chance to see programmes in action, ask questions and hear what our pupils have to say.

7PM – MEET IN OUR CHAPEL

BAPTISM PREPARATION – ST MARYS CHURCH SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST

Any parents planning a Baptism over the next couple of months should attend this session. If you have not already completed a formal preparation course. Please approach the Catholic Parish of Napier Office or look up the Parish Website for the Baptism Policy and Baptism details form prior to coming to the session. Baptisms then take place in each families own faith community.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE – THIS THURSDAY

An easy lunch and value too! Raising funds to help our Year 5/6 students as they plan for their Term 3 camp to Tutria

\$1.50 a sausage. Please bring money / order to your class teacher by 9am Thursday 6 August.

SCHOOL / HOUSE FLAG COMPETITION

Our 4 finalists have been found and they are:

Kate Mawson, Lucy Greaney, Jack Ryan and Georgia Jones. The winner will be announced this Friday. Thank you to PTA for your generous prizes of \$50, for 1st, \$20 – 2nd & 3rd and \$10 for 4th.

UPDATING OUR SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

As part of our school’s annual Self-Review Process we have updated our school’s Behaviour Management Strategy by adding a “Bullying Prevention and Response” Policy. A copy of this is in the office foyer.

N.Z MATHS WEEK (NEXT WEEK)

A great time to “challenge” our children and show them that maths can be fun. There will be a daily problem in my office window before school each day and one for the Juniors outside A3. Children will be invited to put in their name and answer. Each day a **WINNER** will be drawn and given a prize. Enjoy the “problem” in today’s newsletter.

MATHS CHALLENGE

A large box of chocolates and a small box of chocolates together cost \$22. The large box costs \$3 more than the small box. What is the price of the **small box** of chocolates?

LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

Reading between the lines

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych

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