

17 November 2015

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

*“JOY is not in things.....
..... it is in US.”*

Dear parents, pupils and parishioners,

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our prayers and sympathy go to Amy on the loss of her baby daughter. A beautiful sister of Connor and Riley. May she rest in peace with the angels.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Emily Strong**, a Year 8 student who is diligent, hardworking, shows initiative and is ready for her college years.

FIRST COMMUNION AT ST PATRICK'S THIS SUNDAY

We congratulate and pray for **Kim & Mia Alizzi, Mitchell Baxter, Aleesha Beams, Mackenzie Benbow, Isabelle Bennett, Yasmin Bound, Amelie Callec-Hambly, Pippa Diack, Angelika Donglawen, Jayden Fortune, Molly Giles, Oliver Hollands, Molly & Paige Jones, Kate Mawson, Sophie McDowell, Caitlin Montaperto-Wells, Zac O'Neill, Lola Parlato, Geovanna Perez Parr, Drew Poppelwell, Jane Skyrme, Eva Strong & Zaquarn Wesley** as they prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time this Sunday 10am at **St Patrick's Church**. A proud moment for them and their families. Congratulations also to **Delilah Savaiinaea** who made her 1st Communion at Thomas More on Sunday.

MASTERCHEF WINNERS – ST PATRICK'S

On Sunday, our Senior Team of **Jack Cooper, Emily Dallas, Sophie Downing and Edie Kamper** competed in a “Healthy Lunch” competition against other H.B schools with Jax Hamilton (from Masterchef) judging. Our team created a healthy lunch (parents take note!) that cost **\$3.04**. A fantastic effort that was recognised by the judge. Thank you parents for your support and enthusiasm.

WHAT ARE OUR CHILDREN WATCHING / EATING?

As you know, a child will learn better if they are well rested, well fed, have set boundaries, positive parental guidance and are cared for and loved. We do our best for your children but at times we need your help.

Firstly – T.V, movies, x-box etc:- please make sure your child is in bed at a **reasonable time** so they get enough sleep and ensure that what they are watching is appropriate. A 5 year old child watching “The Walking Dead” at 9.30pm on a Monday night is ridiculous...but true!

A lunch box full of chippies and biscuits is ridiculous.... but true!

A sandwich, piece of fruit, snack bar / small chippies, a carrot stick and water bottle makes more sense and is probably cheaper than “packet” rubbish.

We will do our best with your children, we don't DO MIRACLES. THANK YOU.

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL ACCOUNTS \$5801 STILL OWING

THANK YOU to all who have either paid off or are paying off their accounts with an A.P or regular contributions – it means we can run our school. For those who haven't done this – we need you to pay this month. The coming months are challenging times for the budgets of many families. If you wish to catch up with me at anytime about support for Attendance Dues or School Stationery accounts please call me or the office, I can even come to see you.

LEAVING ST PATRICK'S

Our Deputy Principal, Jacinta Purcell-Thompson is leaving us at the end of the year to work overseas. We wish her all the best and thank her for her time and contribution here.

SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC – FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER

Join us on the back field (**5.00 – 8.00pm**) and bring a picnic / takeaways or buy a sausage (**\$1 each**) or order a pizza and enjoy a few items from our kapa haka, pasifika, dance and guitar groups and even a staff item. A chance to relax, enjoy each others company and be part of the St Patrick's School family. Pizza order forms will come home next Monday and need to be returned to the office by **Wednesday 25th**. Pizza's will be delivered Friday evening.



PARENT SURVEY – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As part of our school review we would like **YOUR** feedback in regards to our Religious Education Programme. This short survey will help guide our future planning. Forms were sent out last week (yellow) more at office.

CAN ALL RESPONSES BE SENT BACK TO SCHOOL BY 20 NOVEMBER.

***This survey is confidential.**

JUNIOR DISCOVERY AREA – PROGRESS SO FAR

Earthworks are due to begin next week once Jamie has co-ordinated people and equipment. It's going to be great – be involved!

CONCERNS WHO TO CONTACT

If you have any concerns about school matters the Board of Trustees would encourage you to take the matter to the appropriate person as soon as possible. Below is a handy reference list for first contact, and of people to whom you could go if you feel that more needs to be done. **THE MOST HELPFUL THING FOR YOU, OUR BOARD, AND OUR PUPILS, IS FOR YOU TO RAISE ANY CONCERNS YOU HAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

1. Arrange an acceptable time to meet with the appropriate person.
2. The class teacher is always the first person to talk to.
3. The Principal is always available to talk to parents who have exhausted the first avenue of approach, or have any concerns of a serious or sensitive nature, or wish to discuss matters concerning the school generally.
4. A Board of Trustees member or the Chairperson is the next alternative, if other avenues have been exhausted, or you feel that your concerns have not been dealt with effectively

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Mrs Purcell-Thompson has two gorgeous dogs. Both are Shitzus and are lovely family dogs. I can't take them overseas and will miss them dearly. Come and see me for more details if you are interested.

LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

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Regards & Blessings

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