

24 November 2015

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“JOY is the best makeup!”

Dear parents, pupils and parishioners,

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ruth Gillett-Jackson whose Grandmother (Gerard’s mum) passed away in South Africa last week. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK’S

Two new faces to add richness to our school family. We welcome **Paige** (A4) and **Leon** (SJ15) **Hudson** and their family who join us from Auckland. I hope you enjoy being part of the special place that St Patrick’s is.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Trustina Aluni** (in Year 3) who is always polite, positive, hardworking and living out our Gospel Values.



JUNIOR SYNDICATE MASS THIS FRIDAY – THOMAS MORE

You are **INVITED** to join the Junior Syndicate as they celebrate Mass at St Thomas More Church in Wycliffe St, **THIS FRIDAY 9.15am**. Always a beautiful celebration and the “nibbles” afterwards are second to none!

MUFTI DAY THIS THURSDAY – GOLD COIN

This Thursday (26th) we are holding a **GOLD COIN (or two) MUFTI DAY** for all pupils who wish to participate to help assist people in our school community. The theme is **“LOUD SHIRT”**, so use your imagination and wear something bright on top!

We will put together Christmas Baskets that will be distributed to some of our families to make Christmas just that bit better and less stressful for them.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

GOOD LUCK MISS ENNOR

We wish Ashleigh Ennor, our beautiful teacher in A2 all the best as she leaves us at the end of the year to take up a teaching position in Morrinsville. Ash has been an amazing asset to St Patrick’s. She is loved by her pupils and has a great teaching future ahead of her.

SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC – THIS FRIDAY

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 need to be returned to the office by **this Wednesday (25th)**. Pizzas will be delivered Friday evening.



PICNIC – FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER

SAUSAGE SIZZLE – THIS THURSDAY

An easy lunch and good value too! Funds to go towards Pastoral Care in our school community.

\$1.50 a sausage. Please bring money / order to your class teacher by 9am Thursday 26 November.

A MORNING TEA TO SAY THANK YOU TO “YOU”

On **Wednesday 9th December** our Year 8 pupils will be hosting a **MORNING TEA** for **ALL PARENTS, COACHES, HELPERS** to say thank you for all you have done for our school this year. If you have coached a team, helped in the classroom, helped with swimming, sports, transport, etc – **THIS IS FOR YOU** and it is our way of saying that we appreciate all you do for us. Mark it on your calendar and we will see you on the 9th.



The Advent Wreath

The circular wreath composed of evergreens is a symbol of continuous and everlasting life. The four candles in the wreath mark the waiting period leading up to Christmas. One additional candle is lit on each Sunday of Advent to remind us that Jesus brings light into the world.



The first, second and fourth candles are purple while the third is pink or rose - this candle is a sign that we are over the half-way point!

This is a Sunday for rejoicing - the wait is almost over!

END OF YEAR EVENTS / PRIZEGIVING 2015

10th December – End of Year School Mass – **9.30am St Patrick’s Church**

10th December – Year 8 leaver’s dinner

15 December – Syndicate Prizegivings / farewell Assemblies

11.00am – Middle Syndicate in School Hall

12.00 – Junior Syndicate in Hall (stay for lunch)

7.00pm – Senior Syndicate at St Patrick’s Church

16 December – End of Term. School finishes at 12.30 (No Afterschool Care)

LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

Three men in a boat

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Regards & Blessings

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