

9 February 2016

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow
“Speak sweetly! So that if you ever have to eat your words
they don’t taste bad!”*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

SCHOOL WELCOME MASS – THIS THURSDAY

Join us **THIS THURSDAY, 11th February at 9.30** in **ST PATRICK’S CHURCH** as we pray for the year ahead and celebrate the Catholic Character that is St Patrick’s School.

JOIN US TONIGHT – IT’S YOUR SCHOOL

The first PTA meeting of 2016, **Tuesday 9th February, 7.30pm** in our school staffroom. A great chance for you to be involved in providing better opportunities for **YOUR** children. **ONLY AN HOUR** – good people, good fun, good school.

ASH WEDNESDAY – TOMORROW (40 DAYS OF LENT)

We celebrate Ash Wednesday tomorrow and distribute the “Ashes” to pupils. (Years 1-3 in Chapel and Years 4 -8 in hall) in a special liturgy.

THE ‘40 DAYS’ OF LENT

Our “40 days” is a round number with symbolic meaning. The Jews spent “40 years” in the desert on their way to the Promised Land. Jesus spent “40 days and 40 nights” fasting in the desert before beginning his ministry.

However, fasting was always prohibited on Sunday, which meant there were only 36 fasting days in the six week period. To make the Lenten fast include 40 days, the Church added four days of fasting (Ash Wednesday, and the Thursday, Friday and Saturday after Ash Wednesday). Lent itself ends on the evening of Holy Thursday (the vigil of Good Friday). We then begin the **Triduum**, the most sacred three days of the year, lasting through Easter Sunday evening.

ART DECO PICNIC – NEXT FRIDAY

Join us next Friday **19th February at 12.30** under the trees near the Junior Rooms and picnic with your children. Wear your “Art Deco” clothes to school (we would like all children to make an effort. Something made at home will be great). Parents, grandparents etc most welcome, bring a picnic and blanket. (If it rains – we will “picnic” in our classrooms). All pupils must wear a hat (school sunhat will do!)

SCHOOL LEADERS (HOUSE CAPTAINS) AND BUS PREFECTS 2016

Marcellin: **Mia Richfield, Jordan Martin**

Aubert: **Camerin Boyes, Kara Nugent**

Barbier: **Emily Kelly-Lowe, Josiah McFarland**

Forest: **Courtney Beams, Jamie Chamberlain**

Bus Prefects: **James Barr and Rachel Moge**

GOSPEL VALUE FOR FEBRUARY

Each month the school will focus on a Value that is intended to develop our pupils. This can be practised at home as well as at school. **February Focus: - SPEAKING WITH GENTLENESS.** How do we speak to each other? Do we use people’s proper names? Is our language appropriate? Do we greet people in a friendly manner?

So a good way for everyone to practise this skill is to say **GOOD MORNING / TALOFA / KIA ORA** – to everyone they see when they arrive at school.



DISCOVERY AREA UPDATE AND WORKING BEE THIS SATURDAY

The Discovery Playground is now well underway. There was a well attended working bee on Saturday morning and there will be another one **this coming Saturday** morning from **9am** for those that are keen to help.

If anyone has any timber suitable for building planter boxes, or logs that could be cut up as stepping stones (Gum or Puriri or Totara would be ideal) we would love to hear from you! The best timber for planter boxes is timber that has not been tannalised, as we hope to grow vegetables, fruit and herbs in them. Old hardwood Railway sleepers, or gum or macrocarpa would be ideal. Please contact the school office if you can help out.

LA BOHEME – FREE TO US!

We are **VERY LUCKY** to have been offered this special opportunity for our **MIDDLE & SENIOR SYNDICATE STUDENTS** to see the Dress Rehearsal at the Napier Municipal Theatre on **MONDAY 15 February at 7pm**. We have a number of current and former pupils in this production and they have been practising long hours to perfect their parts. Students need to be accompanied by an adult (or 2). Older brothers and sisters are welcome but no pre-schoolers please. You will need to be seated by **6.45pm** and the performance finishes at **9.30 (A late night)**. Puccini’s La Boheme is punctuated by passion and jealousy, youthful optimism that leads the heart into dangerous territory and has some of the most beautiful music ever written and is celebrated as one of the best love stories ever told. A **HUGE THANKYOU** to Anna and Jose for organising this opportunity for us.

COVERING EXERCISE BOOKS

If you have been bombarded about doing this by your child – this could be a solution for you if you have trouble with duraseal and those “bubbles.” www.ezcovers.co.nz

HAVE YOUR SAY – WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT

The Board of Trustees will be reviewing the following **POLICIES** and the **SCHOOL CHARTER** by **1 March**. They are available for you to view in the office foyer.

POLICIES REVIEWED: 1) Health and Safety 2) Smokefree

LUNCH ON LINE (2 DAYS A WEEK)

The school “lunch-on-line” service is available for our families every Wednesday and Friday (delivered to school). For more information or to open an account go to:-

www.lunchonline.co.nz.

TERM ONE DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

10 – Ash Wednesday 12:00 Liturgy
11 – Welcome Mass – 9.30 St Pats Church
12 – Year 7 Stoney Creek
18 – Weetbix Tryathlon
19 – Art Deco Picnic @ 12.30
25 – Family Picnic/ meet Teacher evening 5.30

APRIL

5 – PTA meeting 7.30
14 – Fanau Meeting 5.30
15 – END OF TERM

MARCH

1 – PTA meeting 7.30
17 – St Patrick’s Day
21/22 – Parent/ Teacher / Student interviews
23 – Middle Athletics
25 – Good Friday
30 – Back to school
31 – Whanau Meeting 5.30



LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

Right between the eyes

Regards & Blessings
Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL