

16 February 2016

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“YOUR words carry Amazing Power. So when you speak, make sure you uplift someone and not put them down.

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

OUR LATEST TAONGA

We welcome **Benjimen Wibberley** who started last week and **Paige Hancy** who began yesterday to A3 and St Patrick's School. Welcome also to their families / whanau. We hope you enjoy your time of learning and friendships with us.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Carol & John on the safe arrival of (Sabrina). A very proud big sister Isabelle.



COOL AT SCHOOL

This award is presented to one of our pupils each week when their actions / words reflect the Gospel Values that we teach and try our best to follow. Often, the award is given to a person who models the Monthly Value. This week's recipient is **Kent Burgess** a Year 8 pupil, for a positive and focussed start to the school year and a refreshing work ethic.

ART DECO PICNIC – THIS FRIDAY

Join us this 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!)



PTA NEWS

- (1) The PTA need a replacement chest freezer. If anyone knows of one in good condition please phone Michelle 0272418034.
- (2) There will be a **Hells Pizza** lunch fundraiser coming up so keep an eye out for the forms coming home.

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.

*Written submissions need to be handed / sent to the office by 1 March – thank you.

JUNIOR DISCOVERY AREA – CAN YOU HELP?

Thank you to those few gentlemen who have attended the last two Saturday morning working bees for the Junior Discovery Area. We are grateful for not only your skills and labour but for the “ownership” you have in the project.

THIS PLAYGROUND IS FOR ALL JUNIOR PUPILS, so it would be appreciated that

ALL PARENTS consider helping us complete this project over the next few weeks.

We need a few helpers **THIS SATURDAY** from 9am (even if you can come for an hour) to put up a retaining wall, move some soil, etc. Also needed someone who has “rope braiding” skills. **THANK YOU.**

GOOD LUCK TRYATHLON

We have approx. 50 students competing at this Thursday's Weetbix Tryathlon in Hastings. All the best, enjoy the day and thank you to all parents who are supporting our athletes. (And Ms Macdonald our organiser).

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

You will receive your child's school account near the end of the month (**or you can come to the office and pay it now**) for their stationery, swimming, ICT, Religious Education, (Technology for the Year 7/8), General Purpose Fee donation etc. This year the General Purpose Fee will be \$25 per child (previously \$30 or \$50 family). This cost is a tax deductible donation but one which we rely on to provide the resources that help educate your child.

AS ALWAYS.....I am happy to discuss circumstances that may prevent you being able to pay these accounts in full, something can **ALWAYS** be worked out.

NB: An Automatic Payment of only \$3 – 4 will cover MOST pupil's school fees for 2016 easily. So I encourage you to start one NOW if you haven't already.

MEET THE TEACHER / FAMILY PICNIC EVENING – NEXT THURSDAY

A chance to meet your child's classroom teacher and discuss with them the year ahead...homework, class rules, new E-portfolios etc. We invite you to bring a picnic/takeaway meal and a blanket from **5.30pm (on Thursday 25 February)** and join other families. **From 6.15pm** (a bell will ring) **until 7.15pm** you will be able to visit teachers in their classrooms. You can bring your children to the classroom or leave them to play on the playgrounds where they will be supervised (peace and quiet for you?) We would love to have a **100% turnout** as **your child's** education is a special gift.

WHATS IN A SCHOOL LUNCH?

Lunch (and playlunch) is important to your child and **HEALTHY** food **HELPS THEM LEARN**. Sandwiches, wraps, fruit, yoghurt, water, juice... are good to go (**BRAIN FOOD**). Please ensure your child has enough food for the day and **IMPORTANTLY**, food that they will **EAT!**

LOLLIES, CHOCOLATE, SOFT DRINKS, ENERGY DRINKS etc....

ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THIS SCHOOL.

(We sometimes use these as a “SPECIAL” treat).

THANK YOU – we will keep an eye on lunches.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Lent this year is particularly special because it is taking place within a Jubilee Year and this Jubilee's focus is on Mercy. Pope Francis said that he wanted Lent to be taken up more intensely as a special time to “celebrate and experience God's mercy”. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always an important part of Lent and especially in the Jubilee Year of Mercy. For the Catholic Parish of Napier, during Lent, in addition to the normal weekday times, a Priest will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursdays, 7pm – 8pm at St Patrick's Church: Thursday 18th & 25th February & 3rd, 10th & 17th March.

A NEW WEEKLY QUIZ FOR 2016 – take this as a personal challenge.

You have to work out what the letters mean e.g. 24 H in a D = 24 hours in a day.

THIS WEEK – 26 L of the A.

Tofa soifua, manuia le aso

Regards & Blessings

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