

1 March 2016

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“Always speak the truth, so that you can get the right advice.”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

OUR LATEST TREASURE

We welcome **Caitlin Miller** who began in A3 last week. She has settled in beautifully and now can keep an eye on big brother Cameron.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Elishka Chalmers**, a Year 8 pupil who is a great role model for our younger students. She “speaks gently,” has an amazing positive attitude to school work, friends and towards learning.

GOING WELL AT ST PATRICK’S

We are now well into Term 1 and the school is “**buzzing.**” Your children are happy, learning and getting on well together. There is a great atmosphere and feeling about the place. There is plenty happening at your school – and it is good.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR MARCH

Our focus this month is “**JUSTICE.**” This takes many forms and is shown in the way that Jesus would have modelled through his actions, words and attitudes. How can we be “just” – how can we be more like Jesus?

“Tika – Justice” The right and proper thing to do.

PTA MEETING – TOMORROW NIGHT

Join us **TOMORROW 2 MARCH @ 7.30PM** in the school staffroom for drinks and nibbles to MEET SCHOOL FAMILIES, look at the year ahead and how we can make St Patrick’s School an even better place for **YOUR CHILDREN!**

We would love to see **NEW FAMILIES** (Junior and Middle School parents especially) to join our team to keep us vibrant and strong.

WHAT’S GOING ON PARENTS?

I have (and teachers also) noticed that we have **LOTS** of children arriving to school **AFTER THE 8.45am BELL.** PLEASE – can you ensure your child is at school in **PLENTY OF TIME** to unpack their bag and get set for the day. We start at **8.45am.** Being late puts unnecessary stress on a child – not a great way to start the day. THANK YOU.

PARENT/PUPIL/TEACHER INTERVIEWS (YEAR 4-8 PUPILS)

These are being held at school on Monday **21 March** and Tuesday **22 March.** We encourage all pupils to attend these as they will be involved in leading this conference and telling how and what they are learning. Please return the interview reply slip at the bottom of this newsletter by **THIS FRIDAY 4 MARCH** so that we can set interview times (all families will be allocated a time).

PROUD OF ANYA!!

Good luck to **Anya Peterson** who will be competing at the **Horse of the Year** – dressage discipline this week. We wish her all the very best.



DISCOVERY PLAYGROUND – END IN SIGHT!

In a push to get the Discovery Playground one step closer to completion there will be a **WORKING BEE this Saturday 5th, from 9am.** All hands and skills appreciated – even if it is for an hour.

I.C.A.S TEST FOR 2016 – HAVE YOU REGISTERED? (ONLY 8 SO FAR)

The International Competitions and Assessments for school age pupils (Year 5 – 8) are open to pupils who **have ability** in particular curriculum areas. Tests in Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Maths are available.

Entry forms and information available from YOUR TEACHER or the office.

Entry form and money must be in by **11 March (NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.)**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

We have these elections coming up in **May** this year and a number of our present BOT will be standing down as their children have moved onto college. We **NEED YOU** to consider putting your name forward for elections, we in particular need someone with financial skills to replace Phil, our dearly departing Treasurer. Please see me or any BOT member if you need any information.

CLARINET LESSONS FOR 2016

For Year 6 upwards. **\$50** for clarinet hire. If you are interested, meet Miss Morgan in the Afcare Room at **12.30** lunchtime this **Thursday 3 March.**

JUNIOR FOOTBALL (SOCCER) FOR 2016 - MARIST

Marist Football Club invites you to join a progressive and supportive club for junior football in 2016. Games played on a Saturday morning at Park Island. Visit their website or email juniors@maristfc.co.nz to register or for more information.



INTERCITY JUNIOR RUGBY 2016

If your child is keen to play rugby this winter a list of the local rugby clubs dates for “weigh ins” is available from the school office.



LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

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Regards & Blessings

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INTERVIEW REPLY SLIP (YEAR 4-8 ONLY)

Please reply to classroom teacher by this **Friday 6th March.**

Family: _____ Children _____ Room No: _____

My preference for an interview is: (please circle)

MONDAY 21 MARCH 3.15 – 5.30pm or 6.15 – 8.30pm

TUESDAY 22 MARCH 3.15 – 5.00pm (only)