

8 March 2016

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

*“Charity begins at home, and JUSTICE begins next door.”*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

### OUR LATEST TREASURE

We welcome **Adelaide Norman** and her family to St Patrick’s School. Adelaide began today and looks to have settled in well. Enjoy learning and making lifelong friends.

### COOL AT SCHOOL

We congratulate **Scarlett McIvor**, a Year 2 pupil who is kind, follows instructions well, works hard and above all is fair and forgiving! (JUSTICE)

### A NEW BABY BOY

Congratulations to Sarah on the birth of Noah, a little brother for Emily.

### JUNIOR DISCOVERY AREA – FANTASTIC PROGRESS

What a step forward after Saturday’s working bee. A **HUGE** thank you to all who turned up on Saturday, the area is certainly looking great.

### WORKING BEE THIS SATURDAY 9AM

(Promise to have power, toilets and refreshments). We need wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes and **PEOPLE**. Thank you – every step a lot closer now.

### CAREERS EXPERIENCE

Our Year 8 pupils spend tomorrow morning at **The Futures for Tamariki Expo**, a hands on expo in our local area to gain awareness of work choices, aspirations and goals.

### GOOD LUCK TRIATHLON COMPETITORS

A group of senior pupils take part in the T.A.Cs Triathlon this Thursday at Frimley Park. We wish them all the best.

### ST PATRICK’S DAY – NEXT THURSDAY

We **celebrate** our Patron Saint with a day of activities on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**. We begin with a **9am Liturgy** in the hall followed by Tabloid Sports after morning break at 11am. We ask **PUPILS TO WEAR HOUSE TEAM COLOURS (MUFTI)** on the day, so no school uniform. **FOREST** – green, **AUBERT** – yellow, **MARCELLIN**- blue, **BARBIER** – red. Buddy classes will get together after lunch. You are most welcome to join us for the Liturgy and Tabloids. Should be a day to enjoy. The PTA are providing a treat at lunch time after the tabloid sports and will be having a **SAUSAGE SIZZLE** to make the day even easier for parents! (\$1.50). More information in next week’s newsletter.

### SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

These were sent out **LAST FRIDAY**. Please pay a.s.a.p as we have to pay our bills also. If you need to make arrangements to pay this off over the year, or need **SOME ASSISTANCE** – please **contact me** and something can be worked out. Thank you.

### I.C.A.S TEST FOR 2016 – ENTRIES CLOSE ON FRIDAY

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.)**



### PROUD OF OUR PAST PUPILS

It is great to see the potential that was developed at St Patrick’s School flourish and materialize at secondary school, in particular our two excellent Catholic Secondary Schools. N.C.E.A results from both these colleges in 2015 were outstanding. Many of our pupils were recognised for their achievement. We acknowledge these past pupils:

### ST JOHNS COLLEGE

**N.C.E.A Merit: Level 1:** Joseph Ramirez, Aquino Muagututia, Steven Shapland.

**Level 2:** Henry Askew

**N.C.E.A Excellence: Level 1:** Chris Tichborne. **Level 2:** Daniel Wypych, Darcy Payne.

### SACRED HEART COLLEGE

**N.C.E.A Level 1: Merit** Paris Brown, Amy Gibson, Bridget Hannan, Alexee McCarthy, Rebecca Moge, Kathryn O’Malley, Daman Pahar, Ava Powell, Emily Roberts, Angelina Sefo. **Level 2:** Georgia Gowler, Mackenzie Halbert, Tarryn Jones, Tamzin Lee, Sophia McAlley.

**N.C.E.A Excellence: Level 2:** Meg Bryan, Nicola Crompton, Shannan Johnstone

**Level 3:** Caitlin Penrose, Caitlin White Shaw.

### BUDDY CLASSES 2016

Every class at St Patrick’s School has a “Buddy Class.” We pair an older class with a younger one and they get together at various times. They read, play games, make things for each other and generally keep an eye out for each other.

### ATTENDANCE DUES – 2016 (DON’T PANIC)

The Attendance Dues Committee of **Buster Harvey, Brian Peplow, and myself** are there to **ASSIST YOU** with Attendance Dues Payment in case of hardship.

**WE URGE YOU TO MAKE SOME PAYMENT OR CONTACT US TO DISCUSS HOW WE CAN HELP WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

The Catholic Schools Board’s Attendance Dues (\$433.94) is the fee you committed to on enrolment of your child. This helps cover our property insurance premiums and capital works. Because the Government does not own St Patrick’s we cannot use any of our Government Grants for these property costs. These fees paid for our **NEW MARIST BLOCK – a 1.8 million dollar** project. Attendance Dues are not only a legal requirement, but a critical part of the preservation of your school.

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Board of Trustee have updated this plan in 2016. It covers how we (St Patrick’s School) act and keep your children safe in the event of an emergency. It covers many aspects including Fire, Earthquake, Tsunami, Flooding, Lockdowns, Bomb Threats etc.

**Each week we will focus on one procedure.**

**FIRE:** Alarm sounds and we ring 111. Students are evacuated to designated assembly points and all buildings checked and cleared. Once a roll has been taken, that information is taken to the Emergency Warden (me) to ensure all students, staff, visitors etc are accounted for. Once the ‘all clear’ is given we go back to our rooms or we stay at our assembly points until students are taken home if that is necessary. Parents will be contacted by phone/twitter/txt as soon as practicable.

### LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

12 Signs of the Zodiac

### THIS WEEK’S QUIZ

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