

22 March 2016

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“May Christ be with you and your family this Holy Easter.”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

OUR LATEST TREASURE

We welcome **Orlando Ah Tong** and his family to St Patrick's School. Orlando is in M9 with Miss Dine and he has settled in beautifully.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **James Barr**, a Year 8 student who over the years has grown into a responsible, hardworking and polite role-model. A great example of a “St Patrick's student.”



FOOD MOUNTAIN FOR EASTER



We ask **EVERY PUPIL** to bring a non-perishable food item (not out of date) to school **TOMORROW** so that we can make an **EASTER DONATION** to St Vincent de Paul who will distribute food parcels to local families in need this Easter. Charity begins at home and there are many people in our **OWN** community who need **YOUR** support.

We need: **CANS, PACKETS, RICE, PASTA, SAUCES, SOUPS, CEREALS, JAMS, SPREADS** and even **EASTER TREATS**.

SO BRING AN ITEM OR MORE – THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

MIDDLE SYNDICATE ATHLETICS – TOMORROW

Join us at school tomorrow, **WEDNESDAY 23rd from 9.30am** for our Athletics Sports. High and long jump, shot putt, sprints and long distance races..... and that's just for our students!

MUFTI-DAY / TABLOIDS – THIS THURSDAY

We were rained out on St Patrick's Day so we plan to have our tabloid sports **THIS THURSDAY**. Pupils can wear their “house colours” to school instead of their uniform.

WHANAU MEETING FOR OUR MAORI COMMUNITY – THURS 31 MARCH

Nga mihi o te wa kia koe me te whanau (Greetings to you and your family).

A meeting is planned for **THURSDAY 31st MARCH** at **5.30pm** in our new Marist Block, Room M5. Then stay for kai and refreshment afterwards (6.30pm). We ask **EVERY FAMILY** to be represented as we discuss ways with you to lift your tamariki's achievement and better meet their needs. Your views are important, whanau and kura together.

T-BALL – 2016

Thank you pupils, parents and coaches for a great season. Special mention to the “Spaceships” and “Superstars” – trophy winners.

SCHOOL DISCO / SOCIAL

Friday 8 April in our School Hall. Special Guests, Reignier School.

Juniors: 3.30 – 4.30 Middles 5.00 – 6.30 Seniors 7.00 – 9.00.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

We finish school **THIS THURSDAY (24th)** and return **WEDNESDAY 30th**.

MINI PITCH TOURNAMENT!

We will be welcoming Reignier Year 5/6 pupils to St Patrick's on Wednesday 30th March for an afternoon of mini-pitch softball at 12.00. They will join us for lunch then “the games begin!” You are most welcome to join us.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE 75TH JUBILEE

On 1st – 3rd July 2016. St John's College, Hastings is celebrating their **75th Jubilee**.

This will include a Social Evening at school on Friday night, premier sport and the Jubilee Dinner on Saturday, followed by Mass with Bishop Charles Drennan at 10am on Sunday morning. Old Boys are asked to register by phoning Kath Clews after 30th March on (06) 878 6853 or email kclews@stjohns.school.nz or look at their website.

Talk to your “old” school mates and get a group together.... 25 years until the next one!

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 24th March**.

LOOKING FOR A CHEST FREEZER

Our PTA need to replace their old chest freezer. If anyone knows of one in good condition please phone Michelle 027 241 8034 or the school office 843 9238.

HEAD-LICE - PLEASE CHECK

Like every school we sometimes have a problem with head-lice. **PLEASE...** check **YOUR** child's hair and **TREAT** if needed. You will be asked to pick up your child and provide treatment before they return to school if necessary.

ATTENDANCE DUES – WE CAN HELP

You would have recently received your **NOT** user-friendly invoice for the Catholic Education Office for your child's **ATTENDANCE DUES**. A Catholic Education for your child is your right and **NO CHILD** should be denied that education because of financial circumstances. **PLEASE** – if you need assistance with your dues **CONTACT ME** and I can help in some way.

PREPARING FOR EASTER – HOW DO WE DO IT?

We are now in our final days preparation for the great festivals of Holy Week – **Holy Thursday**, when Christ instituted the Blessed Eucharist, **Good Friday**, when He took upon Himself the full weight of our sins as He died on the Cross, and **Easter Sunday** when having buried our sinfulness, He rose to New Life and promised New Life to us. Easter joy comes with the realization that Christ lives His New Life in us. Simply let the risen Christ into your heart. He is longing to be invited in. Then you will feel His joy which lifts you up and carries you when necessary.

WHAT TO DO.....

Make sure you **celebrate Mass** with your family – what better way to recognise Easter Sunday and affirm your reason for sending your child to a Catholic School.

LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

88 keys on a piano

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9 p in the S.S

Wishing you all a safe and holy Easter

Go to Mass on Sunday – the “reason for the season!”

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