

3 May 2016

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

*“What a wonderful way to start our WINTER term – enjoying this warmth.
A fabulous start to the term, your children are happy!”*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,



OUR LATEST TREASURES

We had 10 new pupils begin this week. In Mrs Thompson’s A3 class we had 6 “brand-new” starters. **Rylee Mintoft** joins big sister Mackenzie here, **Katalina** joins Mary, Conference and Meki and **Campbell** joins Asha. Three new families to welcome to St Patrick’s School are **Xander Hayward**, **Xavier Sutherland** and **Ruby Quane**. Also new to St Patrick’s from Rotorua are **Ari** (A4), **Alice** (SJ13) and **Eva** (SJ15) Dravitzki and **Hayden Town** (SJ15) from Wanganui. We welcome them and their parents to our school family. I trust you all enjoy your time at St Patrick’s, learning and making new friends.

BRAND NEW TO OUR WORLD

Congratulations to Kim and Dan Somerville on the birth of their second baby girl, Pippa Grace.

A Baby Girl!

COOL AT SCHOOL

Our last cool at school person for Term 1 was **Weston Fernandes**, a Year 3 student who is polite, positive and hardworking. A great role model at such a young age.

JUNIOR DISCOVERY AREA OPENING - TOMORROW

We are opening the Discovery Area on **Wednesday (4th) morning at 10am** as our Juniors can’t wait to explore. With this fine weather they will be able to make the most of it. We are still waiting for the “hill” to settle so that will be ‘open’ at a later date. I would like to thank **EVERYONE** who has contributed to this. We have had some **AMAZING** support, thank you. We will thank the many sponsors, etc who have been so generous in this project officially later this term.

YOU ARE INVITED – SO JOIN US. This is a very unique playground that is not replicated in any H.B school and it will be well used by **YOUR** children.

GOOD LUCK DANCERS

All the best to our 3 Dance Festival teams who participate in next Tuesday’s event.

SENIOR SCHOOL MARAE VISIT

Our senior school (Year 7/8) will be spending this Thursday night and all of Friday at Pukemokimoki Marae in Riverbend Rd. Thank you to teachers, parents and members of our whanau community who are supporting our students in their learning and cultural experiences.

YOUR GENEROSITY – RICE DAY

Our **CARITAS** “Rice Day” on the last day of term raised an impressive **\$830!** What was most pleasing was the attitude of our students and the way in which they participated. No grumbles, no negativity but a lot of empathy.

Proud of you all – well done.

PTA MEETING – NEXT TUESDAY

Join us at **7.30pm, Tuesday 10 May** in the staffroom for our first meeting of Term 2. Love to see **NEW FACES** as we plan for Term 2 and our Gala in Term 3. **LOTS** going on – come and be a part of it – **YOUR CHILDREN BENEFIT.**

PIZZA LUNCHESES NEXT WEEK

We plan to have Hell’s pizza lunches next week over 3 separate days, like last term. Order forms available from the **OFFICE** with the details you need. Wednesday 11th – Junior Syndicate, Thursday 12th – Middles and on Friday 13th – Senior Syndicate. Orders **MUST** be returned with the correct **MONEY** by **TUESDAY 10th MAY.**

HOMEWORK CLUB AT ST PATRICK’S – STARTS NEXT WEDNESDAY

For Year 3 – 8 pupils Wednesday’s from **3.15 – 4.00pm**, food provided. Two teachers will be available in the **SCHOOL LIBRARY** to assist with school work and homework. **ALL STUDENTS NEED TO BE PICKED UP AT 4PM.**

O le a toe amataliaina le homework club i le Aso Lulu 11 o Me i le 3.15 – 4.00pm.

O le a iai faiaoga e fesoasoani i meaaoga ale fanau.

Fa’amolemole e tatau ona piki lou alo i le 4.00PM.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS – WE NEED YOU

Please consider standing for our Board of Trustees. Elections will be held over the next few weeks and we need **5** parents on our board. Contact me anytime if you want to find out more, I would appreciate your interest. Nomination forms have been posted out to families this week. Nominations close at **NOON** on the **20th MAY** and these need to be accompanied with a brief candidate statement from the nominee about his or her experience, qualifications etc.

STILL TOO HOT – WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Pupils are now able to start wearing their winter uniform if they wish.

There will be a **‘3 week’ changeover period** where either summer or winter uniform can be worn. **ALL PUPILS** will be expected to be in **FULL AND CORRECT winter uniform** by **Monday 23rd May.**

TERM TWO BUS TICKETS

Term two bus tickets are available to purchase from the school office.



YOUTH MASS – THIS SUNDAY 8TH

A chance to be involved in an “exciting” Mass aimed at and organised by the school-age parishioners in our community. **SUNDAY, 8AM @ THOMAS MORE CHURCH.**

LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

\$200 for passing Go in Monopoly

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Good to be back
Regards & Blessings

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