

2 August 2016

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

*“PATIENCE is a virtue... it is also this month’s
School Gospel Value.”*



Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

OUR LATEST TREASURE

We welcome **Victoria Thompson** to SJ14 and St Patrick’s School. She has already settled in beautifully thanks to our very welcoming students (and Mrs Smith too!)

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Brooke & Kiri McDonald whose much loved uncles, Henry and Ross passed away last week. May they both rest in peace.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Kere Penitito**, a Year 8 student who has this great attitude to school, is relaxed, friendly, helpful and a good role model, especially for our younger boys.

MR O’NEILL – CONGRATULATIONS

Mr Aaron O’Neill will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up a new position as Principal of St Joseph’s School in Waipukurau. This is a well deserved opportunity and we wish Aaron all the best and say a **HUGE THANK YOU** for what he has done here at St Patrick’s over the past 9 years.

THANK YOU

We thank Dean and Tina for taking over the school Kapa Haka programme. Our tamariki are loving it.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2016 – NEXT WEEK

These happen on **Wednesday 10 August**. Information packs with your child’s name pre-printed on the order form were sent home last week. Orders with **PAYMENT** need to be into the school office by **THIS FRIDAY 5TH**. All cheques should be made out to “Photo Life Studio Ltd.” Spare order forms are in the office.

PTA MEETING – TONIGHT

See you tonight, **7.30pm** in school staffroom. **GALA** to organise.

FROZEN CHICKEN FOR OUR GALA

Over the next few weeks we are asking families to donate a **FROZEN CHICKEN** for our raffle wheel at this year’s Gala. (I see they are always on “special” at the moment.) Please bring to the school office – thank you.

DROPPING OFF YOUR GALA GOODS – 7 WEEKS TO GO

We need your **FURNITURE, TOYS, CLOTHES, CROCKERY** etc for our gala stalls. We will also happily take your neighbours, friends and families goods if they want to donate to a very good cause. Please drop off at school or call Michelle Start on **027 451 8034** if you need goods picked up.

DROP OFF GOODS EITHER: - Outside the shipping containers (back of school)
- Outside PTA shed (near bike stands)
- School Office

PLEASE – NO TV’S or COMPUTERS

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PLEASE DON’T LEAVE ITEMS OUTSIDE IN THE RAIN

GRANDPARENTS LITURGY (SPREAD THE WORD)

Our annual and ever-popular GRANDPARENTS LITURGY will be held on **Friday 12 August**. The Junior Syndicate (Rooms A2,A3,A4,SJ15 & SM9) celebrate this beautifully and we always finish off with a picnic lunch. So spread the word and we’ll see you here on the **12th – 12.00** in the school hall and afterwards for lunch.

PIZZA LUNCHESES THIS WEEK

We are having Hell’s pizza lunches again **this week** over 3 separate days. Order forms have gone to classrooms and are available from the office with the details you need. Wed 3rd – Junior Syndicate, Thurs 4th – Middles and on Fri 5th – Senior Syndicate.



SPORTS EXCHANGE WITH REIGNIER SCHOOL

This Thursday a number of teams from Year 5/6 will be competing against Reignier in a sports afternoon. Games start at **1.30pm** following lunch.

AT ST PATRICK’S: Year 6 Netball, Year 5/6 Hockey, Girls Soccer.

AT REIGNIER: Year 5 Netball, Year 5/6 Rugby, Boys Soccer.

Thank you to all parents providing transport and who are helping with coaching and refereeing.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR AUGUST – PATIENCE

This month we focus on the value **PATIENCE**.

We say:- “GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT.”

What is patience.....? Patience is a quiet hope and expectation based on trust that, in the end, everything will be all right. Patience means waiting – enduring without complaining, having self-control, persevering – sticking with something for as long as it takes to finish it.

TRIVIA NIGHT – DELAYED TO 2017!

Unfortunately we will not be able to run our Trivia Night this year – it is booked in for June 2017.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE OPEN AFTERNOON – HAVE A LOOK

SUNDAY – 14 AUGUST – from **12.45 – 3pm**. A wonderful opportunity to see

QUALITY, CATHOLIC education in action. You owe it to yourself (as a parent) and your daughter to look at the best option for their secondary schooling.

PARISH YOUTH BAND

If you are interested in being involved in a Parish Youth Band. Meet at St Mary’s centre, 58 Osier Rd on **Sunday 7th August at 3pm**. Following this there will be a Youth Parish Overview meeting which will finish before 5pm.

MATHS WEEK COMING UP

Maths week is 15 – 19 August and as usual we will run across-school and in-class maths quizzes and competitions. Look out for the daily problems in the Junior area and on the main office window (Middles and Seniors).

A MATHS PROBLEM FOR YOU (answer next week)

If $\frac{3}{4}$ of a number is 12, what is double that number?

Regards and Blessings

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