

10 August 2010

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

*“Prayer is not asking. It is a language of the soul”  
Ghandi*

### KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Charlotte-Rose Brown and family. Charlottes Grandfather passed away last week, may he rest in peace.

### OUR LATEST TREASURES

We welcome **Maksim Makhmetov** and his parents Oxana and Timur and **Marie-Claire Mullins** and her parents Rachel and Michael to St Patrick’s School. Maksim and Marie-Claire both began in A4 yesterday and have settled in beautifully.

### COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations **Emily Dallas**, who is “cool” because of her patience, friendship, kindness and wonderful manners. All this, and she’s only Year 3!!

### MATHS RESULT

Congratulations to the Senior Athletics team of **Sophie Wong, Sam Smithers** and **Sam Hiha** on their 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACING at this years Athletics Competition – BRILLIANT!!

### THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary – Maria is celebrated on the **15<sup>th</sup> August**. The feast celebrates that at the end of Mary’s life she was taken body and soul into the glory of Heaven. The Church views the celebration of this feast as one that gives people great hope because Mary’s Assumption into heaven means that all people will share in both a spiritual and a bodily resurrection.

This feast celebrates the dignity of the gifts of body and soul that God – (Te Atua) has given to each person. The Church gives the feast of the Assumption the status of a Sunday and has made it a Holy Day of Obligation.

### JOIN THE MIDDLE SYNDICATE

**This Thursday (12<sup>th</sup>) at 9am** in our Sacred Space as they celebrate Mass together, focus on the Assumption of Mary and the blessings that all our mothers bring us.

**Then...** join us for a cup of tea following the Mass.

### OUR GALA – NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Only 7 weeks to go **BUT** your response for helping out has been **VERY SLOW**. We need **YOU** to make our GALA a success for **your children**.

Notices asking for help will be sent home with your child this week – please reply if your name is **not** on the list to help. We need **80** more volunteers – your time is what we need!! Don’t be shy, maybe this is how you can help your children.

### SCHOOL DISCO – THIS FRIDAY

For all pupils – a chance to dance, dress-up and have a good time with your friends.

**WHEN:** This Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** School Hall

**TIMES:** Years 1 - 3 (3:15 – 4:15)

Years 4 - 6 (4:30 – 6:00)

Years 7 - 8 (7:00 – 9:00)

**COST:** **\$2 entry** – Drinks & Chippies (\$1.50 each)

**NOTE:** Juniors (Y1 - 3) can bring \$5 and pass on to teacher in the morning (a junior notice sent home today will explain this)

### H1N1 FLU VIRUS SITUATION

We’d like to update you on the current situation with Swine Flu, H1N1. The Ministry of Health (MOH) reports that there is an increase in the numbers of people with H1N1 flu virus. At St Patrick’s, we had around 50 pupils absent yesterday and 5 went home during the day complaining of flu-like symptoms. Please remember to:-

- Practice good hygiene – wash and dry your hands regularly, and cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing
- **STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK**
- Phone your doctor or HealthLine for advice

### BIT COLD!

Good southerly blast and **STILL** many of our pupils are not bringing sweatshirts or jackets to school!!! They **NEED** to be warm so please make sure they wear their sweatshirt (IT IS COMPULSORY UNIFORM) and a warm jacket.



### N.Z MATHS WEEK

This begins in 2 weeks time, so over the next few weeks I’ll have a “little problem” for you to solve in the newsletter. (If you are not sure – you could ask your children).

### AUGUST VALUE – PATIENCE

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

### MATHS CHALLENGE

A large box of chocolates and a small box of chocolates together cost \$22. The large box costs \$3 more than the small box. What is the price of the small box of chocolates?

Regards and Blessings

Jurek Wypych  
PRINCIPAL

Over the next 2 weeks we are asking families to donate a **FROZEN CHICKEN** for our raffle wheel at this years Gala (25 September).

