

20 September 2016

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“GENEROSITY lies less in giving much than in giving at the right MOMENT.”



Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

FAREWELL, FA'AFETAI AND ALL THE BEST – MR O'NEILL

This is Aaron's last week at St Patrick's School before he takes up his new role as Principal of St Joseph's School, Waipukurau. Aaron has been with us for 9 years and in that time he has made a positive difference to many students as well as the "culture" of our school. We have been blessed to have his talents, personality, calm approach and leadership. Even his sense of humour and jokes have improved! We wish him all the success that he deserves – he will do a great job.

TACS CROSS-COUNTRY

Last Wednesday eight Year 7 representatives competed against 8 other schools at Puketapu. A real cross country course with hills, mud and sheep droppings. Congratulations to BOTH our Year 7 boys and girls teams who placed 2nd overall and to **Sam Start**, who WON the Year 7 boys event.

ERO REPORT

We have finally received our "confirmed" report from the Education Review Office review we had in Term 2. It was very positive and reinforced the great work our staff do as well as the special caring and christian culture that we have here at St Patrick's School. Some quotes include:- "The curriculum reflects the schools special character." "Positive relationships, student goal setting and knowledge of the purpose of their learning are evident in classrooms." The report is available on the ERO website as well as our school website.

GALA – THANKS / FA'AFETAI

A wonderful day on Saturday with the weather on our side.

\$20,000 (up 25% on 2015) raised – BRILLIANT

Thank you to **EVERYONE** who made this day a success from our planners, stall holders, umu & bbq cooks, helpers on the day to set up or pack up, those who spent hours preparing various stalls and those who provided trucks, labour and ENTHUSIASM. A special (and HUGE) thank you to Michelle Start for her commitment, enthusiasm and drive and to the Gala organising team for all your work.

Sports Uniforms & new classroom chromebooks for 2017 will now be a reality!

Raffle results:

Groceries: Oliver, Lawson, Parker

Firewood: Lambert

Blanket / Baby Pack: Dine

Could all advertising signs from your fences please be returned to the school office.



RAFFLE – JUST IN TIME FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We are drawing the Kidzone raffle **THIS FRIDAY** – please buy your tickets from the office **\$2.00 each**. **Brand new Multigame Table** – 15 in 1 imperial – XT including push hockey, football, shuffleboard & many more.....**BE IN QUICK.**

SUMMER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER – ROLL ON SUMMER!

Pupils are able to wear Summer Uniform from **Monday 10th October** if they wish (getting warm). We expect all pupils to be in full and correct summer uniform in term 4 by Tuesday **25th October**. Remember we sell: - Girls pinafores and skirts. Boys & Girls sweatshirts and sports shirts. The Warehouse stock the rest of the uniform requirements.

BARGAIN BOYS UNIFORM – FROM A SHOPAHOLIC

For 5/6 year old boys, they have small sizes at The Warehouse for grey shorts and summer shirts (blue polo) in the **BASICS BRAND**. Much cheaper than in the uniform area and will be OK for us.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR SEPTEMBER

This month we focus on the value of **GENEROSITY**.

Our focus will be "GIVE WITH AN OPEN HEART."

So what is generosity?? Generosity is giving and sharing. It is giving freely because you want to. It is a quality of the spirit. It is one of the best ways to show love.

TERM 4 BUS PASSES – TARADALE TAMATEA

Be organised early – Term 4 passes are now on sale from the school office. (\$80 for the whole term)

JUNIOR (YEAR 1/2) CROSS COUNTRY

This Thursday 22nd September **now at 11.30am** our Juniors will hold their Cross Country races at school. We are planning a "challenge" course to add a bit of interest to the race. Please join us and stay on afterwards for lunch.



ABACUS CALENDARS

Just a "heads up" we will be doing the Abacus Calendars again next term. Your child has been doing the ark work for them over the past few weeks. Ideal for **Christmas presents**. Orders will be coming home in the first two weeks of Term 4 so keep an eye out!

THE BLACK SHED (FLOWERS BY CHILTON)

The Black Shed (36 Awatoto Rd) is pleased to offer members of the school community 10% off anything in store. This promotion is valid from **21st September – 12 October** on presentation of this newsletter.

FUNNY THAT – What should you give an injured lemon? – Lemonade.

Regards & Blessings

Have a well deserved break everyone

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