

24 August 2010

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

*“Life is a succession of lessons,  
Which must be lived to be understood.”*

### THREE GIFTS FOR ST PATRICK’S

We welcome three children to A4 and the St Patrick’s School family. **Sebastien Rackley** joins us, welcome also to Christine and their whanau.

**Hayden Munns** joins big brother Jonty at St Patrick’s and **Tiave Reti** has big sister Trinity-Rose here. Enjoy learning and making new friends.

### COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations **Courtney Clark**, a Year 5 pupil who is always smiling, positive and polite. She works hard in class and has made her mum very proud.

### CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to all pupils who took part in our Senior Cross Country champs last week. Results were:-

Year 7 Girls 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Georgia Gowler</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Bridie Hughes</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Kendra Rowe</b>
Year 7 Boys 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Caleb Lee</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Anthony Purcell-Thompson</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Andre Tabuteau</b>
Year 8 Girls 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Andrea Skelly</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Zoe Brewer</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Ashleigh Franklin</b>
Year 8 Boys 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Christian Leopard</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Jono O’Shaughnessy</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Bayden Brewer</b>

### JOIN THE SENIOR SYNDICATE

This **Thursday (26<sup>th</sup>) at 9am** in our Sacred Space as they celebrate Mass together and acknowledge the Catholic Character that makes St Patrick’s the special place that it is.

### MUFTI DAY THIS FRIDAY – DAFFODIL DAY

The Cancer Society, of NZ is celebrating its nation – wide awareness and fundraising campaign this **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August**. We are joining them to promote the safety issues of smokefree, sense in the sun and nutritional health.

We ask all pupils to **WEAR SOMETHING YELLOW** on Friday and to donate a **GOLD COIN** which we will send (100% - no administration cost!) to the Cancer Society. Thank you for your support and generosity.



### AUGUST GOSPEL 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.

### HEAD LICE – THEY LIKE US

Like all schools in Napier, head-lice are a problem again. PLEASE check your child’s hair and TREAT them if they have lice or eggs. We do like to share at St Patrick’s – but this could be an exception.

### MIDDLE SYNDICATE CROSS COUNTRY (ROOMS 5 – 11)

Join us next Tuesday (31<sup>st</sup>) at 11am to cheer on your children as they compete in our school cross-country.

### GALA NEWS

#### **ONLY 5 WEEKS TO GO – WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

- We still haven’t found our RAFFLE WHEEL – do you know who has it?
- Please drop off your auction goods at school.
- We still need your FROZEN CHOOKS for the raffle wheel.

#### **BOTTLE OF WINE ANYONE??**

Over the next 2 weeks we are asking families to donate a BOTTLE OF WINE for our raffle wheel at this year’s gala.



#### **SACRED HEART COLLEGE – YOUR DAUGHTER IN 2011?**

**YOU SHOULD** attend our **Catholic Schools Open Day** and look at the excellent education and options we offer – it is a continuation of the Catholic Education choice you made when you enrolled at St Patrick’s School.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE – **SUNDAY 22 AUGUST** from 1 – 3pm

Make the time to go to this, I believe our Catholic Colleges offers our pupils an excellent education in a Christian environment that other Colleges cannot provide.

#### **YEAR 7 IN 2011.... PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!**

If you know of any pupils who will be of intermediate age (Year 7) in 2011 and wish to attend St Patrick’s School (not already here of course), please ask them or their parents to contact me so that I can discuss enrolment with them. We know there are Catholic pupils in contributing State Schools who are looking at their options for 2011. Please tell them that St Patrick’s is a **GREAT OPTION!** An open morning for those year 6 pupils will be held on Wednesday 8 September (parent evening that night at 7:30).

**P.T.A Year 6 Scholarships (5 at \$100 each)** - awarded to pupils who will be in Year 7 in 2011. These pupils must live out our school motto “To Live Justly.” This includes Fair Play, classroom diligence and attitude, sense of community and service to the school.

#### **SCHOOL MASS – 12 SEPTEMBER**

All Hastings and Napier Catholic Schools are celebrating Mass together at the Pettigrew-Green Arena on Sunday 12 September at 11am. This will be the only Mass on the day and will be celebrated by Bishops Peter and Owen as our young people are confirmed. We want **ALL OUR PUPILS** to attend in **SCHOOL UNIFORM**. Please make a commitment to attend as this is a **SCHOOL MASS** which can be treated like a school day. **Mark it on your calendar – it will be spectacular.**

#### **THIS WEEKS MATHS PROBLEM**

Birthdays are Great!! Ivan has always had candles on his birthday cakes. He has blown out 153 candles. How old is he??

**LAST WEEK’S ANSWER** - 383

Regards and Blessings

Jurek Wypych  
PRINCIPAL