

21 February 2017

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“Speak gently, forgive freely.”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

COOL AT SCHOOL

This award is presented to one of our pupils each week when their actions / words reflect the Gospel Values that we teach and try our best to follow. Often, the award is given to a person who models the Monthly Value. This week's recipient is **Bailey Booth**, a Year 8 student who has had a positive and focussed start to the year by being responsible, extremely helpful, polite and not afraid to step in and show initiative.

MEET THE TEACHER / FAMILY PICNIC EVENING – THIS THURSDAY

A chance to meet your child's classroom teacher and discuss with them the year ahead...homework, class rules etc. We invite you to bring a picnic/takeaway meal and a blanket from **5.30pm (on Thursday 23 February)** and join other families. **From 6.15pm** (a bell will ring) **until 7.15pm** you will be able to visit teachers in their classrooms. You can bring your children to the classroom or leave them to play on the playgrounds where they will be supervised (peace and quiet for you?) We would love to have a **100% turnout** as **your child's** education is a special gift.

ART DECO

Thank you to all who made an effort and dressed up for Art deco, everyone looked fantastic and even though the weather didn't play its part it didn't dampen our Art deco spirit!



DESKS FOR SALE – SPECIAL “PARENT” PRICE

We have a large number of GOOD QUALITY student desks for sale – only **\$5 EACH** Available from the school office. (Chairs \$2)

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We have NOT HAD A STUDENT KILLED OR INJURED outside our school on Riverbend Rd. Please **DO NOT** park on yellow lines or do U turns outside the school – it is dangerous. But **DO – ALWAYS USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING....** It makes sense.

Don't be offended if I ask you to use the crossing – because I do and I will.

SCHOOL BANKING – A GOOD HABIT TO GET INTO

NZCU Baywide is once again offering school banking for your children. If you would like to open an account for your child, packs are available from the school office. Banking day is **Friday**. Bank books and deposit slips are to be handed into the office.

CATHOLIC PARISH OF NAPIER YOUTH NOTICES

Pool Party: This Sunday from 11:30 at the Napier Aquatic Centre, Onekawa. \$2 gets you slides, inflatable and a feed!

Next Event: Friday 3rd March at 5pm. As part of our Care of Creation come and help clean up our beach. Meet on the grass area by Fish Bike rentals (behind Ocean Spa). Clean up the beach from the Surf Club to the Port. Then stay for a shared picnic

PIZZA LUNCHEES NEXT WEEK

We plan to have Hell's pizza lunches next week over 3 separate days. Order forms will be delivered to classrooms or available from the **OFFICE** with the details you need. Wednesday 1st – Junior Syndicate, Thursday 2nd – Middles and on Friday 3rd – Senior Syndicate.

Orders **MUST** be returned with the correct **MONEY** by **TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY**.

WHAT WE ARE STUDYING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All students are currently working on the “Jesus” strand, learning about Jesus, who he was, his life and his relationship with us now. Talk to your child about what they are learning.

Year 1/2 Jesus – My Friend **Year 3/4** – Jesus gives Himself in the Eucharist

Year 5/6 – The fullness of God's revelation **Year 7/8** – Jesus, Saviour and Liberator

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS – STATIONERY ETC

You will receive your child's school account near the end of the month (**or you can come to the office and pay it now**) for their stationery, swimming, ICT, Religious Education, (Technology for the Year 7/8), General Purpose Fee donation etc. This year the General Purpose Fee will be \$25 per child. This cost is a tax deductible donation but one which we rely on to provide the resources that help educate your child.

AS ALWAYS.....I am happy to discuss circumstances that may prevent you being able to pay these accounts in full, something can **ALWAYS** be worked out.

NB: An Automatic Payment of only \$3 – 4 will cover MOST pupil's school fees for 2017 easily. So I encourage you to start one NOW if you haven't already.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL (SOCCER) FOR 2017 - MARIST

Marist Football Club invites you to join a progressive and supportive club for junior football in 2017. Games played on a Saturday morning at Park Island. Visit their website or email juniors@maristfc.co.nz to register or for more information.

PORTHILL JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Welcome back to old players and a special invitation to new players. Please register online at sportsground.co.nz/porthilljuniors. All registrations must be completed by 17th March. Contact Kerry for any further information 834 3055 or 022 159 9475.

HAVE YOU HEARD THE ONE ABOUT.....?

In a Catholic school cafeteria, a teacher places a note in front of a pile of apples. “Only take one. God is watching.” Further down the line is a pile of biscuits. A little boy makes his own note “Take all you want. God is watching the apples.”

Ka kite ano

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych

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