

28 March 2017

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

Welcome to the World

Congratulations to Riley & Connor Brotherton on the arrival of their new little sister McKenzie.

Keep in your Prayers

Monique Alexander and her family. Monique's beautiful grandmother passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

Cool at School

Congratulations to Hannah Lunn, a Year 2 student who is a wonderful worker, caring friend and a fantastic class mate.

Online Communication - Website, Facebook and our new School App

We have updated our website and it is looking great. You should find it far easier to navigate now. Thanks Jodie and Karina for your hard work with this!

We also celebrate what is happening in our school through our school facebook page, by sharing photos and messages for our whole school community. Take a look when you get the chance.

A St Patrick's School App has now been developed also and it will be all set and ready to go before the end of the term. This will be free to download, and a convenient way of communicating messages like sports draws, cancellations, absences and other school notices. We will let you know when the app is up and running.

Arts and Culture at St Patrick's School

We have many opportunities for our students to get involved in the arts at school. Ukulele - We have 80 students ranging from year 3 - Year 8 choosing to come and learn the ukulele. They are learning very quickly too, we look forward to the opportunity to perform to you soon!



Choir - Our enthusiastic choir is sounding great! We have about 70 Year 5, 6, 7 and 8 students involved. We look forward to sharing their voices early next term, and starting a singing group for our younger students.

Kapa haka and Cultural Groups - Both groups have started the year strong and are preparing for the Kapa haka and Pasifika Festivals later in the year. **Napier Music Academy** - Students who have opted in to these lessons are enjoying working with Brad in guitar, drum, keyboard and vocal lessons.

Congratulations to Paige Diack

Paige was part of the amazing production of Mary Poppins at the Municipal Theatre. I went to watch it on Friday and Paige was awesome! A future star.

Junior Athletics

Last Thursday our Juniors held their athletics morning. The sprint finals results are:-

Y2 Boys - 1st Angus, 2nd Tarandeep, 3rd Lachlan C.

Y2 Girls - 1st Hana, 2nd Star, 3rd Poesy & Charlie.

Y1 Boys - 1st Xavier, 2nd Kepa, 3rd Campbell

Y1 Girls - 1st Katalina, 2nd Galilee, 3rd Luwina

Whanau Meeting on Thursday

Looking forward to seeing you this Thursday 30th at 5pm in Marist Block, Room 8 (M8). Plenty to show you and discuss as we work together educating our tamariki.

Friday - Mini Pitch Tournament

Our Year 5/6 pupils combine with Reignier School this Friday for an afternoon of softball (12.30 - 2.15). Last year was great ... this year will be fantastic.

Sunhats

Sunhats can go home this week. Keep them handy for Term 4, (name them please)

It was great to see so many of you at our 3 way conferences last night, and we look forward to continuing these this afternoon.

Let's hope the rain stops before our middle school athletics on Thursday.

Enjoy the rest of the week!

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