



11 April 2017

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*

"It takes a strong person to say sorry,  
And an even stronger person to FORGIVE."

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

### TERM 1 - A GREAT START

The term has flown by and so much has happened at school. Great learning, lots of activities and happy students. We all deserve a good Easter break. Thank you to teachers and staff for your care and dedication.

### TERM 2 BEGINS 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY

See you all back rested and smiling, 8.45am on the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

### COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Blake Gibson**, a cool Year 7 student who has the most positive attitude and infectious smile. He has this "spark" that rubs off onto other people.

### GOOD LUCK E-PRO 8 TEAM

Our team of **Oscar, Finn, Lily and Georgia** compete in the H.B finals tonight. All the best - have fun and be creative.

### PTA TONIGHT - LAST MEETING

Last meeting for Term 1, this evening (Tuesday) - 7.30pm in the staffroom.

Great to see you there.

### PREPARING FOR EASTER - HOW DO WE DO IT?

We are now in our final days preparation for the great festivals of Holy Week - **Holy Thursday**, when Christ instituted the Blessed Eucharist, **Good Friday**, when He took upon Himself the full weight of our sins as He died on the Cross, and **Easter Sunday** when having buried our sinfulness, He rose to New Life and promised New Life to us. Easter joy comes with the realization that Christ lives His New Life in us. Simply let the risen Christ into your heart. He is longing to be invited in. Then you will feel His joy which lifts you up and carries you when necessary.



### WHAT TO DO....

Make sure you **celebrate Mass** with your family - what better way to recognise Easter Sunday and affirm your reason for sending your child to a Catholic School.

### SUNHATS HOME

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

### WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Pupils will be able to start wearing their winter uniform from the beginning of Term 2. There will be a '2 week' changeover period where either summer or winter uniform can be worn. ALL PUPILS will be expected to be in FULL AND CORRECT winter uniform by Monday 15th May.

### ART CLASSES

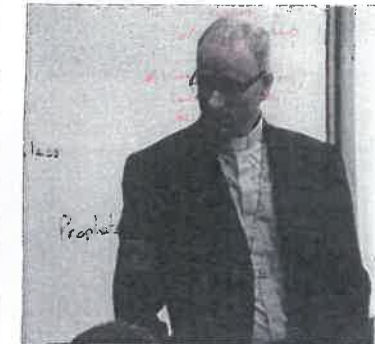
Adult and children's art classes are available at "The Pencil Room", 6 Hastings St Napier (Above Viva Gallery). Enrol for Term 2 at [www.thepencilroom.co.nz](http://www.thepencilroom.co.nz).

## A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP CHARLES DRENNAN

Recently I was able to spend almost an entire week in Hawke's Bay.

I met with the Napier Parish Leadership Groups and staff, I made some home visits in the afternoons, prayed with Pā Felix Ngapere who has advanced Alzheimer's, enjoyed the hospitality of the Marists at Maryknoll and was even able to catch up with three former pupils whom I had taught in a former life!

Also during my stay I spent a morning at each of our three Colleges in the region: St Joseph's Māori Girls' College, Sacred Heart College, and St John's College.



These College visits were a great source of encouragement and uplift for me. I was very impressed with the quality of teaching in the Religious Education classes I visited and was equally impressed with the focus, respect, and depth of participation of the students. Among the topics being explored were parables and miracles, genetic engineering, euthanasia, the Blessed Trinity, ecology and discipleship. At St John's College I felt the Holy Spirit prompting me to make a diversion to the "culinary arts" department where I was able to sample an excellent quiche!

I encourage particularly parents of Year 6 and Year 8 students to explore the outstanding high school education (and intermediate at St Patrick's Napier) our Colleges offer families and whānau of the Bay. The academic results of these three Colleges are equal to or better than the State Schools in the area. Their sporting and cultural opportunities similarly are plentiful and most importantly the faith and values formation that our Colleges offer mean that your children or mokopuna are shaped for life. Nothing can substitute the value of that. While all else fades, faith endures to the day of our death. I was reminded of that vividly when Fr Vince and I were with Fr Felix. To us it seemed like he had understood nothing of our words but when I gave him a blessing in te reo Māori ...kia whakapaingia koutou ... he understood and summonsed the strength to make the sign of the cross. It was a very moving moment for Vince and I.

Thanks to parents and caregivers for what you do for your tamariki. As the wondrous celebrations of Easter draw near, may you be greatly blessed.

Have safe and holy Easter  
Jurek Wypych