

21 September 2010

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

*“What wound did ever heal but by degrees”
W. Shakespeare*

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Kate Mawson**, a 5 year old pupil in A4 who stands out for her cheerfulness and kindness that is infectious.

TOP SPEAKERS

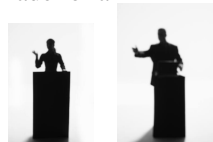
The senior speech finals were held last Thursday afternoon. Ten speakers made for an informative and entertaining competition – well done to you all.

The three placegetters were:

1st **Caitlin Whiteshaw** (Year 8) with her speech about Teenage Anguish

2nd **Sam Hiha** (Year 8) – His childhood – Te Ara roa

3rd **Meg Bryan** (Year 7) – The benefits of keeping young.



I.C.A.S – ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

A number of our pupils have sat the I.C.A.S exams throughout the year. These exams are sat by thousands of pupils in New Zealand and Australia and results gathered are compared to all those pupils. So.... to gain a credit (70 – 80%) or a distinction (80 – 90%) is fantastic. Results for 2010 are:-

Spelling

Credit – **Mia McCulloch, Sophie Wong, Zara Hodgson, Kate Burrows**

Distinction – **Savanna Hiha**

Computer Skills

Credit – **Amy Gibson**

Science

Credit – **Sophie Wong**

Writing

Credit – **Sophia McAlley**

Distinction – **Alice Cameron**

CONGRATULATIONS REP PLAYERS!!

Morgan McLellan, Mitchell Weeks and Thomas Tidy who have been confirmed in the H.B Under 13's Football Reps. And in the Napier East C Grade Rugby Reps – **Caleb Lee, Nicholas Lepper, Kurtis Weeks and Nikau Murray-McGregor.**

GOOD LUCK RUNNERS

To all our Senior (Year 7 & 8) runners who participate at tomorrow's Town and Country Schools (T.A.C.S) event at Puketapu – good luck and represent St Patrick's proudly. Special thanks to parents providing transport and encouragement.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL GALA – THIS SATURDAY 11AM

We look forward to another fun-filled and successful community Gala. A special thank you to our organizing committee of Karlene, Michelle, Scott K, Rachel, Catherine and Paddy our caretaker for your preparatory work. To our convenors, sponsors, parents and all those who have contributed – **THANK YOU**. A huge amount of energy and time goes on behind the scenes to make this day a success.

P.S – Pray for fine weather

**P.P.S – Bring your baking on Friday
(Plates given out today – one per family)**



ORANGES & LEMONS

Wanted donations of citrus for the Gala Smoothies Stall. Any quantities large or small can be left at the office. If collection needs to be arranged please contact the school office.



SUMMER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER – NEXT TERM

Pupils will be able to wear Summer Uniform from **Monday 11 October**. We expect all pupils to be in full and correct summer uniform by **Tuesday 26th October**. (So there is a 2 week changeover period). Remember we sell:- **Girls** pinafores and skirts. **Boys & Girls** sweatshirts and sports shirts. Postie Plus stock the rest of the uniform requirements.

The school sunhat is compulsory for all. Only \$7 from the office.

JUNIOR POETS!

Congratulations to all our junior pupils who presented their poems last Wednesday afternoon to a very smiling and proud audience. You all spoke beautifully and showed us that literature is alive and well at St Patrick's.

TERM 4 BUS PASSES – TARADALE / TAMATEA

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

TERM 4 STARTS

See you on **Monday 11 October** – smiling, friendly and ready for a busy term.

Year 8 pupils – YOUR LAST TERM EVER!!! – make the most of it in a responsible way.

NO SCHOOL IN THE AFTERNOON - FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER

There will be no classes for pupils on **Friday afternoon 15th October (first week back)**.

Children will be asked to go home at **12.30**. All teachers will be attending a union meeting. I apologize for any inconvenience but we have just been informed of this and I would like you to have plenty of notice to arrange your day.

Ronald McDonald

Yesterday was the 6th of September. We saw Ronald McDonald come in the door. He said “Hi boys and girls how are your today?” And we said “Good.” He is funny. Ronald McDonalds friends are Wayne and Catherine. He lost his red and white stripy sock. Paige in A1 got up with Ronald McDonald and Paige had a talk they were very busy. Paige got a Ronald McDonald book. She was proud of her self. Ronald signed it for Paige. He did what Constable Rachel taught us about road safety. I really enjoyed it because he is so funny.

By Taine Symonds SM15

LAST WEEK'S MATHS QUIZ - \$4.80 profit

Enjoy the holiday break

See you at the Gala!

Regards and Blessings



Jurek Wypych
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