

9 November 2010

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

*“I wasn’t afraid to fail.
Something good always comes out of failure”*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

COOL AT SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Congratulations to **Otaota Petelo**, a Year 3 pupil who works hard in class, spreads ‘joy’ to those around her (our November Gospel Value!) with her kindness and consideration.

FIRST COMMUNION AT THOMAS MORE

Congratulations to those pupils who make their First Communion this Sunday at the 8am Mass. What a wonderful way of showing why you chose St Patrick’s School and the special faith that we belong to. **GOOD ON YOU** – it takes strength to be a witness to your faith. Congratulations and our love to **Jessie Matauli and Tasha Taii**.

SHOWING OUR SUPPORT

We are blessed by our “Vinnies Group” of Year 7 and 8 pupils, lead by Mrs Brenda Lunnon and Anne Sutton who work together to make a difference to others in our community. This group (associated to St Vincent de Paul) meet weekly. Their activities include visits to rest homes, where residents are entertained, given hand-made gifts and most importantly given time by our pupils. Your work is much appreciated and St Patrick’s School is a better place for it.

OOPS – MASS THIS THURSDAY

The Upper Syndicate Mass is **THIS THURSDAY, 9am** in our Sacred Space. Please join us, your support is appreciated.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR NOVEMBER

This month, we focus on the value of **JOY**. What a great value for our pupils – Joy is evident in both the playground and classroom. Our pupils can...

“Make every day joyful for yourselves and others”

LIFE TRUST CARAVAN AT ST PATRICK’S

Our Junior and Middle syndicates will be learning about “Health” in a special way this week. The Life Trust Caravan (parked outside our hall) is a purpose-built, interactive education resource that helps us deliver important messages and learning.

The junior syndicate’s topic is “**Harold’s Picnic**” with a healthy food focus and the Middle Syndicate topic, “**I’m Different**,” explores and discusses changes in ourselves. The lessons will cost \$2 each (remainder paid by your General Purpose Fee). Could children please bring \$2 to school by this Thursday, 11th.

ALL WEARING SUNHATS

Every pupil is expected to wear their sunhat. From Monday November 1st – **NO HAT** means **NO PLAY**. Please support us in keeping YOUR CHILD sun safe

FIRST COMMUNION DRESSES

If anyone needs First Communion dresses, Mrs Sue Marshall (M9) has some to lend.



WANTED TO BUY – FIRST COMMUNION

1 Girls size 10 – 12 First Communion Dress, shoes etc. Please phone Anita 835.5987.

SUPPORTING OUR SPONSORS – DANCING!

We thank Julia Gyde for her sponsorship of our newsletter.

Contact Julia (843.5138 or 027.322.3826) to ask about her

dance programmes for your child –

classes for boys and girls from 3 ½ years upwards.

STATIONERY FOR 2011

We will once again be providing stationery packs for pupils next year. This is both cost effective (as we get a good bulk deal) and efficient, as every child starts on day 1 with the **CORRECT** books and stationery. You receive an account for this and any other school costs in March. If you would rather search the book stores during January for your own stationery. PLEASE CONTACT ME BY 13 NOVEMBER. We will provide a list of the CORRECT REQUIRED STATIONERY to you before the end of term.

Change

When Soosy Bear was brand new, he was soft and white like a cloud. His plastic eyes were shiny and glossy and he was squishy and full of beans. I would dress him up in dresses and cute little outfits because I wasn’t sure if he was a boy or a girl and take him out to the garden for teaparties.

On many of these tea parties, he would get bored and wander off and get lost. Mum and Dad always told me that he’d gone on holiday but sure enough, I would find him days later, covered in dirt, in the same spot on the grass as if he hadn’t moved at all. Then I would try to hide him in my room but Mum would always catch me and pop him in the washing machine.

I couldn’t get to sleep without him because he kept away the monsters that hid under the bed. And if I had a nightmare, he would comfort me so I didn’t feel scared any more.

His white fur gradually turned grey and went short, his nose got dents in from being bitten, his eyes dimmed, and the stitching for his mouth unravelled and fell off.

When I have nightmares, I don’t turn to him anymore and I don’t set him a place at the dinner table. Now he sits sadly on my bedside table and is usually ignored or forgotten.



By Alice Cameron SJ16

DOMINOS PIZZA FOR DINNER – TAKE TOMORROW NIGHT OFF

Fundraiser for Taradale District Girl Guides, **Wednesday 10th November**. For every Pizza sold between 4.30 – 6.30pm \$1 per pizza goes towards their 2012 Jamboree.

AT LAST – a Melbourne Cup “tip” that was “tops!!”

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL