

12 November 2018

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

“The JOY that you give to others,
Is the JOY that comes back to you.”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

THERE IS NO SCHOOL TOMORROW
TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER

Due to the NZ wide Teacher’s Strike Action see you all on Wednesday.
NB: The Y5/6 Camp to Taupo still leave tomorrow at 9am.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Brassington family. Lisa’s father passed away and the children have lost a much loved grandfather. May he rest in peace.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD

Congratulations to Ellie, Oliver and a very proud big sister Bernie on the arrival of their baby girl Annie.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Matthew Shapland**, a Year 8 student who is now always aiming to achieve his best, is proud of who he is and has shown us that he is ready for high school next year.

MAKING THEIR FIRST COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY

We congratulate and bless these beautiful students who make their FIRST COMMUNION this Sunday 18th at St Patrick’s Church, 10am.

An important step on their faith journey as they receive this most wonderful of sacred Sacraments. We are proud of you all and congratulate: **Nicola Bombik, Alexis Burger, Jake Burett-Murillo, Lachlan Burt, Lachlan Corin, Charlie Kinney, Jono McEwan, Sofia Montaperto-Wells, Trey Parlato, Jacob Rennie, Angus Salter, Lucy Story, Sofia Strong, Lena Vo and Campbell Thompson** (who made his last Sunday at St Mary’s).

BASKETBALL HOOP COMPETITION FUNDRAISER

For Y3-8 students. A \$2 entry fee. Competition is set for Thursday 22 November. Thanks to the boys who have organized this, it is a fundraiser to build a worm farm for school.

FISH & CHIP FRIDAY - THIS FRIDAY

Until Friday 7 December we will be offering (From Tommy Haddock’s) **\$5** fish & Chip Packs which include 1/2 scoop of chips / tomato sauce and a choice of either:

- 4 Chicken Nuggets / 3 Fish Bites / 2 Hot Puppies

Orders and money need to be in to the teacher by **9am Thursday 15 November**.

STOLEN, SAD BUT TRUE

Last Tuesday night our 8.5 x 3.8 metre light grey sunshade that protects our 5 year olds outside room A1 was STOLEN. Keep an eye out and if you see a new sunshade go up this summer, check it out. Takes all sorts of people to make a community!

SUMMER IS HERE.....SUNHATS & SANDALS

ALL YEAR 1 – 7 STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO WEAR SANDALS (Year 8 students can still wear shoes) from now on and **ALL STUDENTS** are expected to wear a **SCHOOL SUNHAT** (\$10) from the school office as we will have a “No Hat, No Play” policy

COMING UP - CHRISTMAS RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Next week **every family** will receive a raffle sheet (10 tickets at \$1 each) to sell between 21 November and 7 December. We have wonderful prizes donated by generous sponsors – something for everyone to make Christmas just that little bit better. Funds raised will once again be used for **OUR FAMILIES** as we put together **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**.

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

Our Year 3/4 students head off to Arataki Honey next Monday to learn more (and taste) about these marvellous creatures and also to Te Mata Mushrooms to check what grows in the dark. A great experience for them so thank you teachers and parents for giving them the opportunity to have a great day out.

A MORNING TEA TO SAY THANK YOU TO “YOU”

On **Thursday 29 November** our Year 8 pupils will be hosting a **MORNING TEA** for **ALL PARENTS, COACHES, HELPERS** to say thank you for all you have done for our school this year. If you have coached a team, helped in the classroom, helped with swimming, sports, transport, etc – **THIS IS FOR YOU** and it is our way of saying that we appreciate all you do for us. Mark it on your calendar and we will see you on the 29th.

BE A GOOD NEWS STATISTIC - MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Tēnā koutou katoa.

November is Mass count month. It’s an annual statistical snapshot of participation at Sunday Mass. The statistics are not just about numbers; they are about us and our faith. Last year our numbers were up. That was a good news story. A significant part of that trend is the wonderful co-operation between DRs, Principals, Children’s Liturgy Leaders, and Priests. No one believes faith is unimportant. And in our hearts we know the best way to keep our faith growing and vibrant is coming along to Mass or Miha.

Mass makes not just Sunday special but the whole week, as it brings purpose to our lives. Especially to those of you who maybe have not been to Mass for a while, I encourage you to feel at home at Church. It’s our place. See you Sundays! Bishop Charles.

PART TIME WORKER NEEDED FOR AFCARE

St Patrick’s School is looking for an After School Care Assistant for Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The person we are looking for must be experienced in looking after children aged 5-12, loves getting involved with activities, reliable and is flexible to work extra hours if needed. If this sounds like you and for more information please text or call Caroline - 0221923787 with your name and experience.

GIANT JUMBLE SALE FUNDRAISER

24 November, 10am – 2pm St Patrick’s School Courts. Donations are welcome, phone Michelle 027 241 8034. (Funds for St John’s College Rugby Trip to Chile).

Regards & Blessings
Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL

