

27 November 2018

In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Young Maddison Thompson, her mum Shannon and their family. Maddison's dad passed away peacefully last week. Far too soon, may he rest in peace.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Baylei Bryan**, a year 6 student who has this lovely sparkle in his eye and positive enthusiasm. He has a wonderful attitude and is a great friend.

A MORNING TEA TO SAY THANK YOU TO "YOU" - THIS THURSDAY

This Thursday, 29th 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 Thursday.

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to all our students who have made their First Communion over the past weeks. Three lovely ceremonies at St Patrick's, St Mary's and Thomas More. This is just the start, so remember, Mass is on a Sunday and NOW, you can fully participate in the Eucharist.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Every family received a green raffle sheet (10 tickets at \$1 each) to sell last week (more available from the office but please bring back your money after you have sold each sheet). These need to be returned by **Friday 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 VOUCHERS. (Thank you for supporting us)

SPORTING SUCCESS AT ST PATRICK'S

We 'punch well-above our weight' when it comes to our sports teams. With T ball, Futsal, Volleyball, Cricket, Basketball and Hockey being played this term, our teams are showing the way with not only great results, but great sportsmanship. A number of our teams

(Y4 basketball, Y4 cricket, Y5/6 cricket) remain unbeaten and on Saturday our Senior cricket team had a stunning win over the Lindisfarne top team, chasing down 168 runs in the 20th over with only the loss of one wicket. **THANK YOU ALL COACHES AND PARENTS** who support our teams – see you Thursday for morning tea.

ROAD PATROL FUN DAY - 7 DECEMBER

Next Friday, about 50 of our Year 6/7 Road Patrollers head to Splash Planet for a fun day as a thank you for the wonderful work that they do in helping to keep our students safe. We appreciate all they do and thank them for this. **HAVE FUN!**



END OF YEAR STUDENT REPORTS

These will be given to pupils on **Tuesday 11th** December at school and should be opened at home with you. Please be positive about the reports when you discuss them.

There has been some great progress made by your children this year.

FISH & CHIP FRIDAY - THIS FRIDAY

Again this Friday, (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 29 November**.



The Advent Wreath

The circular wreath composed of evergreens is a symbol of continuous and everlasting life. The four candles in the wreath mark the waiting period leading up to Christmas. One additional candle is lit on each Sunday of Advent to remind us that Jesus brings light into the world.

The first, second and fourth candles are purple while the third is pink or rose – this candle is a sign that we are over the half-way point!

This is a Sunday for rejoicing – the wait is almost over!



"MEET, GREET AND HAVE AN EAT" IN 2019

Friday 1st March 2019, 5 – 7pm – put it in your diaries now for Term One. This is not a fundraising event! It's a chance to meet other families and enjoy our school community. Bring your picnic (we do hope to have food vendors there also) and pray for a warm evening. "There are no strangers; only friends we haven't met yet"

WEETBIX TRYATHLON 2019

To be held on Tuesday 12th February 2019. A reminder to register online before January to receive the 'early bird' rate. Please see Mrs Somerville if you have any queries.

END OF YEAR EVENTS / PRIZEGIVING 2018

29 November – 10.30am – Parent/Helpers morning tea thank you.

5 December – 11.30am Junior / Middle final assembly

7pm Senior Prizegiving – St Patrick's Church

12 December – 9.30am – End of Year School Mass, St Patrick's Church

14 December – School finishes at 12.30 – NO AFCARE IN THE AFTERNOON

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL