

16 November 2010

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

*“keep your face to the sunshine
and you cannot see the shadows”*



Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

COOL AT SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Congratulations to **Caitlin Whiteshaw**, a Year 8 pupil who impresses us with her positive attitude, the use of her talents and that ‘wicked’ sense of humour. We wish her all the best for her High School years.

FIRST COMMUNION AT ST PATRICK’S – 27 TREASURES

Congratulations to those pupils who make their First Communion **this Sunday** at the 9.30am 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 **Lucy Burrell, Morgan Bowles,**

Joshua Honnor, Jordan & Sharnae McQuillan, Liana Symonds, Lucy Greaney, Isobelle Hill, Edie & Trent Kamper, Niamh Muldowney, Emily Wakely, Sophie Downing, Christine Lumsden-Boland, Jack Simpson-Smith, Sjaan Woodhead, Madison Benbow, Tyla-Jade Hartley, Emily Dallas, Amy MacDonald, Jack Ryan, Tyler Truman, Victoria & Jessica Barrar, Stanley Chalmers, Emily Hessell and Holly Chamberlain.

“INTERMEDIATE” ARTISTS

Congratulations to all senior pupils who created “Peace Posters” for the Creative Napier competition. Results for Hawke’s Bay:-

1st – Nicola Crompton, 2nd Caitlin Penrose, 3rd Ryan Andrews.

Fantastic – we are proud of you.

JOIN THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE – LAST FOR 2010

This **Thursday (18th) at 9am** in our Sacred Space. Come along and celebrate Mass with our delightful Juniors and stay for a cuppa afterwards.

LEAVING US IN 2011

Being a mother comes first.... And so it should! Leaving us is Mrs **Nadine McEwan** who was on maternity leave for the year. We wish her, Tony and young Jono all the best. Don’t be surprised if you see her at school next year covering classes at times.

Also leaving and taking a year’s maternity leave is Mrs **Bronwyn Donnison** who will be making it “number two” early next year. We wish her, Cam and young Kyle a happy year together.

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”

ALL WEARING SUNHATS

Every pupil is expected to wear their sunhat at school – **NO HAT** means **NO PLAY**. Please support us in keeping **YOUR CHILD** sun safe.

PIZZA LUNCHESES

In conjunction with Hell’s Pizza, we will be offering Pizza lunches over the next few weeks. The school will be divided into syndicates for ease of ordering. Keep an eye out for your child’s order form.

PTA RAFFLE – 12 PRIZES TO BE WON

1 book of tickets per family is being sent home with this week’s newsletter. **\$2** a ticket, **\$10** a book. Please return money and any unsold tickets to the school office by **Tuesday 30th November**. Extra books available from school office.

MARBLES – ITS ON AGAIN!

I’ve been asked politely, hinted to, and wellwhy not!! Children are allowed to bring marbles to school – its **MARBLES SEASON!** Last year, great skill and fair play was shown (and an unusual number of holes in the ground appeared!). Marbles season will last until the end of the year (unless there is trouble). Sharpen your skills, get out your favourites and learn how to play to rules, bargain and enjoy a game that has been popular for generations.

OFF TO WAKARARA

Over the next two weeks, our Year 5/6 pupils head off to Camp Wakarara to experience the great outdoors. This is a brilliant camping experience with the walk up to “Sunrise Hut” being a challenge to overcome and remember. Thank you Mrs Smith, Miss Halas, Mr O’Neill and Mr Warren for organising this camp and the **MANY PARENTS** who have donated food, support and most of all, your time by helping out at the camp. Good luck to all, enjoy the friendships, scenery and experience.

H.O.P.S – WE ARE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 boys and girls softball teams who won the H.O.P.S Shield (Henry Hill, Onekawa, Porrit, St Pats) last Friday. We last won this shield in 2007 so this is a great achievement. Proud of you!

YEAR 7/8 READERS – GO FOR IT!!

The Napier and Taradale Libraries are running a “**READ PLUS**” programme for children 11 years and above from the 22 November. This is part of their Young Adult Summer Reading Programme and I encourage **ALL OUR SENIORS** to participate – it’s **FREE!** Register from 22nd November at either library or email npaxie@napier.govt.nz

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK – LOOKING GOOD!!

A beauty Therapist in our Neighbourhood! Contact Dawn at Casa Bella (842.0049) to pamper yourselves (**MEN** – that’s Christmas prezzie sorted!) Thank you for your support.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL EVENTS /

PRIZEGIVING (FOR YOUR CALENDAR)

9th December – End of Year School Mass – **9.30am, St Patrick’s Church**

12th December – Year 8 Meal

15th December – Syndicate Prizegiving / Final Assemblies

9.45am - Upper Syndicate in school hall

11.30am - Junior and Middle Syndicates in hall

7.00pm - Senior Syndicate at **St Patrick’s Church**

17th December – End of Term. **School finishes at 12.30** – No Afterschool Care

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych

PRINCIPAL

*An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him,
“How do you expect to get into Heaven?”*

*The boy thought it over and said, “Well, I’ll run in and out and in and out and keep
slamming the door until St Peter says, “For Heaven’s sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!”*

