

26 March 2019

***In a Catholic way we learn today for tomorrow***

“It is not our differences that divide us.

It is our inability to recognize, accept and celebrate those differences.”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

**THANK YOU**

For all your wonderful support of the “Colour Your Day” campaign we held on Friday for the Christchurch Community. **\$1000** was raised!!

We held a 2 minute silence around our flagpole, it was very moving. Please keep offering your prayers and let us work hard to make our school, our community, our city and our country more tolerant and accepting of the rich diversity that exists in what we call “Godzone, Aotearoa.” If we start here, it will spread.

**COOL AT SCHOOL**

We congratulate **Ollie Mckie-Guild**, one of our fabulous Year 3 students who has the most fantastic attitude, peaceful personality, tolerance and understanding that you could wish for. Just a lovely young man.

**BASKETBALL REPS - WE ARE DOING SO WELL**

Basketball has really taken off at St Patrick’s over the past 2 years, mainly due to the enthusiasm of our coaches and parents who have given their time and skills so generously. We currently have 6 teams entered in competitions ranging from Year 3 to Year 8. Players selected from St Patrick’s for Hawkes Bay are:

U11 Girls: **Hana Symes**

U13A Boys: **Jackson Ball, Danyon Start**

U13B Boys: **Darnell Campbell, Finn Dobbs**

U13B Girls: **Rosie Symes**

U15B Boys: **Tyrese Ngarangione-Wicks, Jack Price, Maz Taylor.**

**SCHOOL ATHLETICS - NEXT WEDNESDAY - 3 APRIL**

Our **WHOLE SCHOOL** will be involved at our Athletics Day at **MAREWA PARK 9am – 12.30** on **Wednesday 3 April**. We have a number of finals as well as team and “house” races which means that every student will participate in some way. Please join us, bring a blanket, sunhat and enjoy the enthusiasm and athleticism of your children.

**FIRST SACRAMENTS - RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION**

Enrolments for these are now open (Year 4 students and above who are baptized Catholics). Enrolment forms available from each church or from the school. A fantastic opportunity for our students to continue along on their faith journey.

**ICAS - CLOSING DATE NOW FRIDAY 29 MARCH**

The International Competitions and Assessments for school age pupils (Year 5 – 8) are open to pupils who **have ability** in particular curriculum areas. Tests in Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Maths are available. Entry forms and information available from YOUR TEACHER or the office. Entry form and money must be in by Friday **29 March**. Unfortunately prices have gone up this year. (NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.)



**PTA MEETING - WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL**

**YOUR SCHOOL YOUR CHILDREN**

Join us for a short meeting as we plan for our Gala and fundraisers for 2019. Previous Gala convenors and those interested in convening please come along. **WEDNESDAY – 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 5.30pm in STAFFROOM.**

**SCHOLASTIC EASTER BOOKFAIR**

We are holding our annual Scholastic Book fair from April -**2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>** in the Library. Open from **8.30am to 4.00pm**. There will be great Books, competitions and much more. See you there!

**OUR SENIORS ON MARAE**

Our Marist Whanau (Year 7/8) had the most amazing two days at Pukemokimoki Marae last week with a super quiet sleepover (yeah right). Thank you to all our wonderful parents who helped bring this together (delicious hangi thanks Duane) and to Jodie, Toni, Karina and Paul for your organisation and enthusiasm.



**THIS WEEKS BRAIN TEASER**

Regards & Blessings  
Jurek Wypych  
PRINCIPAL