

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL NAPIER

Welcome To 2011



8 February 2011

"In a Christian Way, We Learn today for tomorrow"

Dear Parents, Pupils, Parishioners,

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and exciting year. Our pupils looked great on their return. Neat in their uniforms, full of enthusiasm, smiling and excited. All seemed to settle into their new classes quickly.

NEW TO ST PATRICK'S

We had 30 new pupils start last week (New entrants to Year 8). A special welcome to you and your families. We look forward to getting to know you and trust that you will enjoy your years at St Patrick's. So welcome, Reuben Fitzgerald, Rachel Greene, Brooke Avery, Annalise Williams, Damen Parhar, Oscar Cameron, Hazel & Ava Mannering, Mason Walton, Niamh & Harriet McMillan, Leah & Dayna Christiansen, Madeline Wuts, Stephanie Ward, Georgia Dallas, Isabella Grant, Victoria Mano, Dallas Gray, Hunter Kinney, Cail Pollock, Nathan Upfold, Alyssa Zuskowski, Maria Nahora, Monica & Helen Kut, Bailey Booth, Tyler Eden – Booth, Kya Joe, Quelin Tamihana- Joe

NEW STAFF

We are delighted to introduce to you and welcome Nicky Jobbins, who is teaching a Year 3 class (Middle Syndicate) in M8. This is her first year of teaching – a good place to start. Welcome also to Philippa Draeger who is teaching a Year 1 class in A1. She can help keep an eye on her mum!

SCHOOL 'WELCOME MASS – JOIN US

This **Thursday 10th February at 9.30am** in **St Patrick's Church** as we pray for the year ahead and celebrate the Catholic Character that makes St Patrick's School the special place that it is. Please join us in this celebration,

BELL TIMES

School begins at **8.45am** and ends **2.55pm**. Children are not to be in the classroom until the 8.20am bell (safety issue). Please don't arrive before **8am**. A 'clearing' bell rings at 3.15pm (all children to leave school grounds promptly).

PTA MEETING – NEXT WEDNESDAY 7.30PM – (JOIN US TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN)

We would love you to join us next **Wednesday 16th at 7.30pm** in the School Library for a short meeting as we discuss ways of making our school a better place. We have a fabulous PTA group and we invite you to join us to be a part of it.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS (WEEKLY) – KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH

EVERY TUESDAY (check that bag). This is our main FORM of communication; please keep newsletters for at least a week. (If you want yours e-mailed, please contact the school office 843 9238). - also available on our school website www.stpatsnapier.school.nz. Youngest child in each family receives a newsletter.

STATIONERY

Stationery packs were given to pupils last week. I hope you all appreciate these no-hassle packs to start to the year with, **EVERY CHILD** getting their **CORRECT** books and requirements. Stationery will be included in the school account which will be sent to you in late February. We would appreciate prompt payment.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING – NEXT THURSDAY 17TH FEBURARY

All Parents/Caregivers are invited to this **hour long** meeting – **7pm Thursday 17 February**

Please meet in the **School hall** where we will introduce our staff to you and go over a few general school wide areas. You then will be able to visit each teacher in their classroom as they talk specifically about their room, expectations, routines etc.

This is a NEW INITIATIVE, we hope you support this as we work together to make your child's education the best it can be. SEE YOU NEXT THURSDAY!

CONGRATULATIONS To all pupils who were recognised at the end of year prizegivings in 2010

Particular mention to **Savanna Hiha** (Year 7 General Excellence Cup) and **Kristen Truman** who was awarded the Father Tim Hannigan Jubilee Award.

In Year 8, **Ashleigh Foster** (Marist Brother Award – General Excellence) and **Sam Hiha** (Blue Ribbon Cup - Academic Excellence).

Our Year 6 PTA Scholarship recipients – **Magdaline Tidy, Kathleen Nahora, Adrienne Brewer, Danielle Richfield Cameron Madams**

SUNHATS – FOR EVERYONE

School Sunhats are **compulsory** for **all pupils** as part of our summer uniform. To show our commitment, we are selling them for **\$7.00** available from the school office. We are happy to subsidise the cost (total cost is \$12) of these so that **EVERY PUPIL** can afford to be "SUN SAFE". Pupils without school sunhats (caps not acceptable) will not be able to use the field or playground areas. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

ART DECO PICNIC

We plan to have an "Art Deco" picnic lunch at school on **Friday, 18th February**. More info next week – get that costume ready! Look around the home or contact friends- you don't have to hire a costume!

PARKING AT SCHOOL – PLEASE BE AWARE!

Please **do not** use the **staff car park**, (near the school hall) for either parking or pedestrian use. We ask you to park along Riverbend Road and to use the pedestrian entrance near the main office block or near room A1. Thank you for your understanding and support. **AND - USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - THANK YOU.**

KELLY SPORTS AT ST PATRICK'S

Kelly Sports is again offering its multisport programme on Tuesdays after school this term. MULTISPORT MADNESS is designed specifically for year 1 to 4 children so they can experience a range of sports. For those who have never joined a club before it gives them the confidence to give sport a go. For children already playing sport it gives them an extra chance to improve their skills for the summer and winter seasons. To enrol please fill in the registration form at the School Office or for further info contact Craig Findlay craig@kellysports.co.nz or phone 843.4219.

BUS RUN – TAMATEA / TARADALE

Our Tamatea / Taradale bus runs are operated by Metro (835 0590) and are shared with Sacred Heart College. Enquire at the office for the bus route. We have been able to keep prices the same as last year.

Term Pass is \$80 (subsidized by the school) 20 ride pass is \$30 and a single trip ticket is \$2.

These can be purchased from the school office. From next week, pupils who do not have a pass/ticket will not be able to use the bus. (Family concession available for three or more, ask at the office).

CONTACTING TEACHERS

Please make an appointment to see the teacher if you need to discuss anything. **Teachers are not available for phone calls during class time, but a message can always be passed on from the office.** Children can be contacted / or contact you (with permission from a teacher) through the school office.

* **CELLPHONES ARE NOT PERMITTED** unless they are held by the classroom teacher or at the office during the school day.

ABSENCES / LATENESS

Please phone 843.9238 or text (027.750.7813) the school in the morning **before 9.00am** if your child is absent from school. We expect children who are late to **report to the office before they go to their classroom.** Unexplained absences are followed up to the best of our ability.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR FEBRUARY

Each month the school will focus on a Value that is intended to develop our pupils. This can be practised at home as well as at school. **February Focus: - SPEAKING WITH GENTLENESS.** How do we speak to each other? Do we use people's proper names? Is our language appropriate? Do we greet people in a friendly manner?

So a good way for everyone to practise this skill is to say GOOD MORNING / TALOFA / KIA ORA – to everyone they see when they arrive at school.

PUPIL INFORMATION SHEET - (GREEN)

These have been issued to every pupil this week. **Please return A.S.A.P.** – it is vitally important in case of emergency, that we have your current details. All forms returned by **Friday 11th February.** P.S There is one form PER CHILD.

OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have one and we expect children to wear it properly and proudly **to** and **from** school, as well as **at** school. Sun hats (school regulation) are compulsory wearing in summer. Footwear on! **Please NAME EVERY ITEM.** Lost Property is in each classroom block – ask any staff member.

“DICKY DEFINITIONS” A WEEKLY GIGGLE

From the “Wits Dictionary” Definitions that are a little different. I hope you enjoy them
LIPSTICK – a device to make every kiss tell.

WEEKLY QUIZ (Just to keep you reading the newsletter to the end). Easy to work out it (if you know the answer) - which will be in next week's newsletter.

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

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*It's great to be back – look forward to meeting you all and getting to know all our pupil's.
Have a great year.*

Regards and blessings to you all.

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2011

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| TERM 1 | - | Wednesday 2nd February – Friday 15th April |
| TERM 2 | - | Monday 12th May – Friday 15th July |
| TERM 3 | - | Monday 1st August – Friday 7 October |
| TERM 4 | - | Tuesday 25th October – Friday 16th December |

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