

22 March 2011

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners

*“Seek not outside you,
Heaven is within.”*

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Jack Gordon**, a Year 6 pupil of whom we are immensely proud. He is responsible, just, caring and works to the best of his ability. (All with a positive attitude and smile on his face!)

LEAVING ST PATRICK’S

It is with sadness that we farewell Mrs Marshall at the end of this term. She has been at St Patrick’s for over 20 years and in that time has made a huge difference to thousands of pupils as well as adults. Sue, has always had a “young” attitude. Her classroom is always innovative, her professionalism is exemplary and in her role as D.R.S, she has been an amazing example and guide. Sue’s compassion and faith are gifts that have always made St Patrick’s a special place. We will farewell Sue properly but PLEASE.... Be sure you say goodbye personally.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR MARCH

Our focus this month is “**JUSTICE**.” This takes many forms and is shown in the way that Jesus would have modelled through his actions, words and attitudes. How can we be “just” – how can we be more like Jesus?

“Tika – Justice” – the right and proper thing to do.

WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER DANCE – COME ALONG!

Come along to St Patrick’s School Hall, Riverbend Rd, on the 9th April at 7.30pm and bring your dancing shoes with you for a night of fun and dancing. Live band & supper will be provided. BYO, Adults \$10, Family \$25 (includes 2 adults & three young ones). Come and support our youth to get to the WYD in Spain this year. This event is being sponsored by the Deco City Shadows Band. For further information or tickets please phone Viv 835 1597, 0274 784218, Denise 843 7553, Kate 842 0221 or Bill 021 509 437.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Thank you to all those who have paid, started to pay or organised payments for their school account. All accounts either paid in full or on Automatic Payment by **8 April** will go into the draw for a **FAMILY PASS TO THE MOVIES**.

ST PATRICK’S DAY

We had a ball!!! A brilliant day with wonderful tabloids that saw the best in our seniors as they helped our juniors. You could see the Holy Spirit in action! Thank you P.T.A for the iceblocks and bus to Mass. Thank you pupils for your enthusiasm.

TURNING 5 IN 2011?

If you have a child (or know of one) turning 5 this year and have **NOT** yet enrolled them at St Patrick’s, please do so. We need to plan ahead to ensure that all children receive the best we can give. If you are **UNSURE??** Ring Sharon or Marie in the office – they will know.

TEEBALL 2010 /2011

Congratulations to the “**Stars**” (a year 3 / 4 team) and the “**Rockets**” (a year 1 / 2 team) who both won fair play awards. Thank you to our coaches, Ken Cooper, Maria Cooper, Michelle Start & Chris Hare. A great season and the children were a credit to our school.

CONCERNS WHO TO CONTACT

If you have any concerns about school matters the Board of Trustees would encourage you to take the matter to the appropriate person as soon as possible. Below is a handy reference list for first contact, and of people to whom you could go if you feel that more needs to be done. **THE MOST HELPFUL THING FOR YOU, OUR BOARD, AND OUR PUPILS, IS FOR YOU TO RAISE ANY CONCERNS YOU HAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

1. Arrange an acceptable time to meet with the appropriate person.
2. The class teacher is always the first person to talk to.
3. The Principal is always available to talk to parents who have exhausted the first avenue of approach, or have any concerns of a serious or sensitive nature, or wish to discuss matters concerning the school generally.
4. A Board of Trustees member or the Chairperson is the next alternative, if other avenues have been exhausted, or you feel that your concerns have not been dealt with effectively.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS – 28TH and 29TH MARCH

Thank you to all who have returned their interview slips. To those who did not – you have been allocated an interview time. It is very important that we see parents / caregivers of **EVERY CHILD**. Interview **CONFIRMATION SLIPS** will be sent home with each child this week. (if you do not receive one by **Thursday** – please contact us) Interviews are only 15 minutes in duration, please be punctual as we are on a tight timetable. You can always arrange for a fuller discussion / interview at a later date with the classroom teachers if you run out of time on the night – no problem.!



A Thing of Beauty

My cats black, shiny fur
the sound of a waterfall
the feel of the sun shining on my face
the smell of the sea at the beach
the look of the sun setting on a summer night.



By Emily Hendery M8

TRICKY DEFINITION

MODEL DRIVER – someone who just saw the guy ahead of him get a traffic ticket

THIS WEEKS QUIZ

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Regards & Blessings*

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