

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL NAPIER

Welcome To 2012



1 February 2012

"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 – teachers too!

NEW TO ST PATRICK'S

We had 23 new pupils today (New entrants to Year 7). 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, Jasmine Hardgrave, Freddie Salter, Talia Brown, Georgia Jones, Lauren Downing, Jack Hendery, Ishan Parmar, Melissa Glover, Mitchell Zyskowski, Monica Cacho-Bevin, Ella Whiteshaw, Connor Smith, Phillip Halpin, Anna Safronova, Aimee Wilson, Pio, Paul, Patrick and Ianeta Muga, Kahn and Shylah Bryan, Makaela Fisher, and .Zoja Jurczakowski

SCHOOL 'WELCOME MASS' – JOIN US

Next **Thursday 9th 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).

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 today 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.

PARENT /WHANAU EVENING

All Parents/Caregivers are invited to this hour long meeting – **7pm Thursday 16 February**

Please meet in the school hall where we will introduce our staff to you and inform you of some new initiatives at St Patrick's in 2012. You then will be able to visit each teacher in their classroom as they talk specifically about their room, their expectations, routines etc. We hope you support this as we work together to make your child's education the best it can be. **SEE YOU THURSDAY 16th!**

CONGRATULATIONS To all pupils who were recognised at the end of year prizegivings in 2011.

Particular mention to **Cameron Madams** (Year 7 General Excellence Cup) and **Loto Sau** who was awarded the Father Tim Hannigan Jubilee Award.

In Year 8, **Savanna Hiha** was awarded both the (Marist Brother Award – General Excellence) and (Blue Ribbon Cup - Academic Excellence).

Our Year 6 PTA Scholarship recipients – **Jack Gordon, Grace Burrell Jessica Christie, Alena Kamper, Reilly Hannan**

SUNHATS – FOR EVERYONE (BY TUESDAY 7TH FEB)

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, 17th February**. More info next week – get that costume ready! Look around the home or contact friends – you don't have to buy or 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.**

VIOLIN LESSONS

Free violin Lessons through the Ministry of Education after school program are available at Napier Central School on Tuesdays afternoon from 3.45pm. Spaces are limited and available on a first come basis to any primary student. Students are required to have their own instrument or hire a violin for modest fee, Please contact Gretchen Anderson 8353596 after the 6th February or email gretchenmanderson@yahoo.com at any time.

KELLY SPORTS AT ST PATRICK'S

Kelly Sports is again offering its multisport programme on Tuesdays after school this term. SENSATIONAL SPORTS! 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 and are shared with Sacred Heart College. Enquire at the office for the bus route or phone Metro(835 0590) . We have been able to keep prices the same as last year as we subsidize about 50% of this cost Term Pass is \$80, 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 in depth **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.

SOCIAL SKILL FOR FEBRUARY

Each month the school will focus on a Social skill that is intended to develop Christian values. This skill 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 start this skill is to say GOOD MORNING / TALOFA / KIA ORA – to everyone they see when they arrive at school.

PUPIL INFORMATION SHEET - (BLUE)

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.

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 weeks newsletter.

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ (Easy start to 2012)

Mind

Matter

FINALLY

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

Regards and blessings to you all.

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2012

TERM 1	-	Monday 1 st February – Thurs 5 th April
TERM 2	-	Monday 23 rd April – Friday 29 th June
TERM 3	-	Monday 16 th July – Friday 28 th September
TERM 4	-	Monday 15 th October – Wednesday 19 th December

