

6 March 2012

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

*“Those who bring sunshine to the lives
of others cannot keep it from themselves”*

COOL AT SCHOOL

We congratulate **Analeah Taufale**, a Year 8 pupil who shows real initiative in class as well as care and compassion for her classmates. Wonderful gifts to possess.

MIDDLE SYNDICATE ATHLETICS

Were meant to happen today but have been postponed until **THURSDAY 22ND MARCH** to give our pupils more time to practice their skills.

SENIOR SWIMMING CHAMPS

Congratulations to all who took part in the Senior Swimming Sports. Results are:-

Yr 7 Girls: 1st **Maddison Tabuteau**, 2nd **Alena Kamper**, 3rd **Grace Burrell**

Yr 7 Boys: 1st = **Luke Gichard & Kurtis Weeks**, 3rd **Reilly Hannan**

Year 8 Girls: 1st **Adrienne Brewer**, 2nd **Danielle Richfield**, 3rd **Quiesha King-Panapa**

Year 8 Boys: 1st **Cameron Madams**, 2nd **Matthew Bell**, 3rd **Chris Tichborne**



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.

P.T.A MEETING TOMORROW

YOU ARE INVITED to join us tomorrow night, **Wednesday 6th March at 7.30pm** in the school library for a **SHORT MEETING** as we discuss the year ahead and how we can make it better for **YOUR CHILDREN** and **ST PATRICK’S SCHOOL**.

HELPING JESS

Jessica Hermansen is a 6yr old from Onekawa School. Just before Christmas Jess was diagnosed with an acute form of Leukemia which affects white blood cells and bone marrow. Jess was admitted to Starship Hospital and has been receiving intense treatment for the disease. Several fundraising initiatives for Jessica and her family are planned by local Napier community groups, schools and individuals. **Anyone wanting to make donations may do so directly to Jessica’s BNZ bank account 02 0700 0061752 97.**

MULCH YOUR GARDEN AND HELP JESS

Greenscene Arboriculture Ltd will donate **\$23** for every 5m of woodchip garden mulch sold. Cost is \$132 including delivery.

This is generally the right quantity for most residential gardens.

Phone **Wendy: 835.3493** and help your garden and **JESS!!**

MATHLETICS WEBSITE – OPEN TO PUPILS

Mathletics online covers all aspects of mathematics and responds to individual needs. The programme allows children to work at their own pace or they can challenge other students from all over the world in real time competitions. Students signing up will have full access to the site until 31 January 2013. See your child’s teacher if interested for an application form. Access to the site costs **\$30. (APPLICATIONS CLOSE 16 MARCH)**

SCHOOL CHARTER / STRATEGIC PLAN

This is available for you to view in the office foyer. We review this document every year and your input and comments are most welcome. Please send submissions in writing to the Principal by **Monday 12th March** so that the Board of Trustees can consider your views as we review our Charter and plan for the year ahead.

HAVE YOUR SAY – WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT

The Board of Trustees will be reviewing the following policies in Terms 2 / 3 this year. They are available for you to view in the office foyer, as is your School Charter. If you would like input into these policies, please put in a written submission to the Principal **(by 12 March)**.

POLICIES REVIEWED: Community Partnership and Equal Employment Opportunities.

SCHOOL STATIONERY ACCOUNTS

All your children have their 2012 stationery that we supplied to them at the beginning of the year. Their account for this plus other school activities was posted last week. We would appreciate **(we actually need you to)** that these are paid promptly. Call us if you need to discuss payment arrangements – we can always sort something out.

All accounts either paid in full or on Automatic Payment by 5 April will go into a draw for a FAMILY PASS TO THE MOVIES.

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.

HOUSE TO SELL

One of our families are moving house and are selling their family home in Carnell St. A 3 bedroom bungalow in great condition. Call Heather 833.6236 or 021.181.2511 if you are interested.

EDUKIDS

Vacancies available (right next to St Patrick’s School) 7.30am – 5.30pm. Drop in for a visit or call 843.4534.

LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

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PRINCIPAL

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CHAIR