

13 March 2012

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow*



Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

*“The more you take responsibility for your past and present,  
the more you are able to create a future you seek.”*

### **THREE TREASURES TO TOAST!**

Lucky Mrs Bartlett in A4, three new children to add to our school family. We welcome **Bea Wuts** who joins big sister Maddie at St Patrick's and **Jayden Fortune** who has big brother Joseph here already. Finally welcome to **Bethany Seymour** who began yesterday. Enjoy learning and making life long friends.

### **COOL AT SCHOOL**

And she is!! We congratulate **Violet Sanders**, a Year 4 pupil who truly lives out this month's Gospel Value of “Justice” with her compassion, kindness and fantastic attitude to class work.

### **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.**

### **PARENT / PUPIL / TEACHER INTERVIEWS (YEAR 4 – 8 PUPILS)**

These are being held at school on **Monday 26 March** and **Tuesday 27 March**. We encourage all pupils to attend these as they will be involved in leading this conference and telling how and what they are learning. Please return the interview reply slip at the bottom of this newsletter by **THIS FRIDAY 16 MARCH** so that we can set interview times (All families will be allocated a time)

### **INTERVIEWS FOR OUR YEAR 1-3 PUPILS**

This year the **Year 1 – 3** classes are trialling a new format for parent interviews. Each child will have an interview during the month of their 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> birthdays so that teachers can report their progress against the National Standards. There will also be an opportunity to meet the teacher to discuss your child when they are 5 ½, 6 ½ and 7 ½. These meetings may or may not be when the Year 4 – 8 students are having their school-wide interviews. The class teacher will contact you to arrange an individual time to discuss your child.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS 2011 – WE NEED YOU!**

All children who made their First Holy Communion at St Patrick's Church last year are invited to the **St Patrick's Day Mass at 5.30pm at St Patrick's Church on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March** (you need to be there 15 mins before). You will be part of one of the many church groups who will process into the church for this special Mass. You can wear your First Communion day clothes. The whole school community is most welcome to this Mass and then celebrate in the Parish Centre with a meal from Hot Chick. Purchase tickets for the dinner at the Parish Office (Adults \$12, children \$5).

### **UPPER SYNDICATE ATHLETICS**

Our Year 5 / 6 pupils (Rooms M5, M6, M7) hold their Athletics Day next **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am**. Join us at school to support your children as they compete against each other.

### **ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS**

St Patrick's Day is this Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March, however.... We celebrate at school **THIS FRIDAY** with Mass at 9am in the school hall followed by at 11am 'Pool Fun' at Onekawa Pools for our Middle and Junior Syndicates (Years 1 – 4) and then at 1.30 for our Upper and Senior Syndicates (Years 5 – 8). **NO COST** to you – it's our shout! Wear something green if you have it **BUT** it is **NOT** a **MUFTI DAY!** (No face painting or coloured hair sorry). A ribbon, hair band, T-shirt, wrist band etc.

### **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS and ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (I.C.A.S)**

A reminder that any Year **5 – 8 pupils** wishing to participate in the Australasian tests as part of our enrichment programme. Tests in Computer Skills, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Maths are available. **ENTRIES CLOSE THIS FRIDAY 16 MARCH** (no late entries accepted).

### **A ST PATRICK'S DAY “TALE” – JUST FOR YOU**

While on vacation in Rome, I noticed a marble column in St Peter's with a golden telephone on it. As a young priest passed by, I asked who the telephone was for. The priest told me it was a direct line to heaven, and if I'd like to call, it would be a thousand dollars. I was amazed, but declined the offer.

Throughout Italy, I kept seeing the same golden telephone on a marble column. At each, I asked about it and the answer was always the same. It was a direct line to heaven and I could call for a thousand dollars.

Then –

I finished my tour in Ireland. I decided to attend Mass at a local village church. When I walked in the door I noticed the golden telephone. Underneath it there was a sign stating: **DIRECT LINE TO HEAVEN: 25cents.** “Father,” I said, “I have been all over Italy and in all the cathedrals I visited, I've seen telephones exactly like this one. But the price is always a thousand dollars. Why is it that this one is only 25 cents?”

The priest smiled and said, “Darlin, you're in Ireland now. It's a local call.”

### **LAST WEEK'S QUIZ**

High Chair

Regards & Blessings

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### **THIS WEEK'S QUIZ**

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### **INTERVIEW REPLY SLIP (YEAR 4 – 8 ONLY)**

Please reply to classroom teacher by this **Friday 16 March**

Family: \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ Room No: \_\_\_\_\_  
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My preference for an interview is: (please circle)

**MONDAY 26 MARCH**      **3.15 – 5.30pm**      or      **6.15 – 8.30pm**

**TUESDAY 27 MARCH**      **3.15 – 5.00pm (only)**