

17 July 2012

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

*I trust you all had a good holiday break
and are over those end of term colds and bugs.*

Welcome back to what promises to be a very busy and exciting term 3.

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

TWO NEW TREASURES FOR US

We welcome **Caitlin Montaperto-Wells** to Room A4 and **Yeva Ustyuzhanina** to A2. Both girls began school yesterday and look to have settled in happily. Enjoy learning and making life-long friends.

WELCOME OUR NEW TEACHER

A special welcome to Mrs Jacqui Wilson who will be teaching in A1 for the remainder of the year. Jacqui is an experienced junior school teacher and we are delighted to have her with us and teaching your children.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST 2012 – YOUR CHANCE!

For pupils of St Patrick's School who are ready to receive these sacraments (**usually Year 3 and above**) an enrolment form has been given to pupils recently. If you haven't received one – spare copies are available from the office. Enrolment forms for both St Thomas More and St Patrick's Parishes must be returned by **Thursday 20th July** either to the parish or back to school (**Mrs Smith in M5 or to the school office**). Programme times and dates will be announced once enrolments have been received. We encourage all children to take up these important sacraments as part of their faith and personal development. In particular we encourage our older pupils (**Y5 – 8**) to receive this sacrament. If they don't take this opportunity now they may never in the future.

GRNPARENTS LITURGY (SPREAD THE WORD)

Our annual and ever-popular GRANDPARENTS LITURGY will be held **Friday 27th July**. The Junior (Year 1 / 2) and Middle (Year 3 / 4) syndicates celebrate this beautifully and we always finish off with a picnic lunch. So spread the word and we'll see you here on the **27th – 11.30am** in the school hall and afterwards for lunch

SCHOOL GALA 2012

Our Annual School Community Gala will be held on **Saturday 22 September**. Planning is underway and **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

We need convenors and helpers for the many stalls and activities.

Please phone Scott Klem 842.2471 or Michelle Start 843.4055 if you are able to help in any way. We are raising funds for sports uniforms, adventure playground improvements, classroom resources and technology. **YOUR CHILDREN** benefit with **YOUR HELP**. (Thanks to those wonderful parents who turned up 3 Sundays ago to sort our gala goods)

Over the next 3 weeks we are asking families to donate a **FROZEN CHICKEN** for our raffle wheel at this year's Gala. Please bring to school office – thank you.

PTA MEETING – THIS WEDNESDAY 18TH (TOMORROW) AT 7.30PM

Meet at 7.30 in the school library as we discuss last month's BRILLIANT TRIVIA NIGHT (where \$1400 was raised) and we also start final preparations for our Gala.

WE NEED YOU TO ATTEND – PLEASE GIVE IT A GO!

DROPPING OFF YOUR GALA GOODS

We need your FURNITURE, TOYS, CLOTHES, CROCKERY etc for our gala stalls. We will also happily take your neighbours, friends and families goods if they want to donate to a very good cause. Please drop off at school or call one of our convenors if you need goods picked up.

DROP OFF GOODS EITHER: - Outside the shipping containers (back of school)
- Outside PTA shed (near bike stands)
- School Office

PLEASE – NO TV'S are needed as they are sent to the recycler.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 2012

Come along and see all the exciting new books we have on offer.

Monday 30th July 8am – 4pm

Tuesday 31st July 8am – 4pm (Late night) - 4.30 – 6pm

HELPING WITH YOUR POWER BILL

The Napier St Vincent de Paul Society will once again assist families with children at St Patrick's School to pay their winter power accounts. Parents / Caregivers should send a copy of their outstanding account and a brief note to the Napier Area President, P.O Box 4049 Marewa advising:-

1. Family name, number of family members, names of children and the school(s) they attend.
2. Address and phone number
3. The reason for requesting assistance.

The final date for acceptance of accounts is **August 31st 2012**.

Accounts that are **10 days or more** from their due date will only be accepted.

Increasing income from the Society's two Napier Opportunity Shops has made this pastoral care possible.

A FEW PLACES AVAILABLE AT OUR AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Immediate starts are available at our on-site Morning Care and Afterschool Care. Morning Care is from 7.20am – 8.20am and Afterschool Care is from 3pm - 5.30pm every school day. As we are OSCAR approved, subsidies are available to those who qualify. Vacancies exist on all days and first comers will be first served. For further information and enrolment forms please phone Betty Cull on 843.6045 or 021.0525.233.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK – QUALITY SECONDARY EDUCATION

For a quality secondary education in a caring Catholic environment look no further than **Sacred Heart College** for your daughter in **2013**. Call the Principal (835.3761) to view the school or make enquiries about enrolment.



Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
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