

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL NAPIER

Welcome To 2013

4 February 2013



"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 20 new pupils join us on our first day (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, Isaac Powell, Nina Cameron, Aaron Giles, Mackenzie Benbow, Hinepare Te Tomo, Eva Strong, Oliver Hollands, Isabella Dykes, Paige Pike, Pippa Diack, Drew Poppelwell, Blake & Troy Griffin, Chloe Dagg, Corin Jackson-Duncan, Kara & Jaymie Flynn, Kim Alizzi, Amelie Callec-Hambly and Kahn Militch.

SCHOOL 'WELCOME MASS' – JOIN US THIS THURSDAY

This **Thursday 7th 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

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 - every **TUESDAY** (apart from today!) – so check that bag.

STATIONERY

Stationery packs were given to pupils last week. 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 thank you.

PARENT /WHANAU EVENING

All Parents/Caregivers are invited to this hour long meeting – **7pm Wednesday 27th 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 2013. 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 WEDNESDAY 27th!**

CONGRATULATIONS

To all pupils who were recognised at the end of year prizegivings in 2012.

Particular mention to **Matthew Hiha** (Year 7 General Excellence Cup) and **Olivia Adegoke** who was awarded the Monsignor Tim Hannigan Jubilee Award.

In Year 8, **Amy Gibson** was awarded the General Excellence Cup and **Cameron Madams** the Blue Ribbon Cup.

Our Year 6 PTA Scholarship recipients – **Connor Hooper, Jasmyne Hannan, Ella Bryce, Fausitina Wilson & Brendon Carroll**.

Principals Scholarship for a Year 6 student was awarded to **Kahn Bryan**.

SUNHATS – FOR EVERYONE

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, 15th 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.**

PTA – OUR NEXT MEETING IS FOR YOU!

Our first meeting of 2013 will be held on **Wednesday 6 March, 7.30pm** in the School Library. 2013 should be a wonderful year for **YOUR CHILDREN** and we look forward to your support this year. Come along and join us at our first meeting – a good way to get to know a great group of enthusiastic people.

COMING UP

Professional Family Portraits Fundraiser on Saturday 16th march (more info @ a later date).

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 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 at St Patrick's School SUMMER SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA is designed specifically for year 1 to 4 children so they can experience a range of sports. The coaches this term will be Ihaia & Dan. A player of the day award and voucher from Hog's Breath Café Napier will be awarded each session. To enrol please fill in the registration for or for further info contact Alex Jones at hb@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 - (PURPLE)

These have been issued to every pupil last 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 15th 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 2013)

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It's great to be back – looking forward to a wonderful year of learning!

Regards and blessings to you all.

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2013

TERM 1 - Wednesday 30 January – Friday 19 April

EASTER BREAK Thursday 28 March – Tuesday 2 April (6 days)

TERM 2 - Monday 6 May – Friday 12 July

TERM 3 - Monday 29 July – Friday 27 September

TERM 4 - Monday 14 October – Wednesday 18 December

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