

5 March 2013

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

*“Everything created started with a dream....
so dream BIG!”*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

RUA TAONAGA – TWO MORE TREASURES

Two additions to A1 this week. **Molly Giles** began today (and was ready AGES ago!) She joins big brother Aaron here and **Baylei Bryan** who also began today joins big brothers Shyloh and Kahn at St Patrick's.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Jack Price**, a Year 2 pupil who has really impressed us this year with his fantastic attitude in class, being on-task and especially for his great manners.

PTA MEETING – TOMORROW

Join us tomorrow night (Wednesday 6th) at 7.30pm in the library for our **FIRST PTA MEETING OF 2013**. An exciting year ahead with many changes in the wind – JOIN US to be a part of your children's future.

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.

WELL DONE PADDY

Congratulations to **Patrick Muldowney** who took 5 wickets in his first two overs on Saturday to have Taradale Int at 5 wickets for 0 runs. (Final score – St Patrick's 164 – Taradale 23!).

EARLY WARNING (NO.1) - SCHOOL CLOSED

We have been informed there is a Teacher meeting for **ALL NAPIER PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS** on **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 20 MARCH**. We ask all parents to arrange to have their children collected at **12.30** that day. (After School Care will contact those affected). For those unable to organize care for their children from 12.30 – 3pm we will have a “skeleton staff” at school who will be able to supervise them. I will inform you if the situation changes.

EARLY WARNING (NO.2) - EASTER BREAK

Easter break starts for us on **THURSDAY 28 MARCH** with students returning on **WEDNESDAY 3 April** (6 DAYS OFF ☺)

NAME IT OR LOSE IT!

UNIFORMS, SUNHATS, SANDALS! They all look the same **BUT**, they are different! We can't tell who owns them if they are not **NAMED!** We have many in our lost property that are never claimed. Please ensure that you name your child's clothing and if it's 2nd hand, make sure it's **YOUR CHILD'S** name on it and not the previous owners.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS and ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

I.C.A 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 FRIDAY 22nd MARCH** (no late entries accepted).



SCHOOL STATIONERY ACCOUNTS

All your children have their 2013 stationery that we supplied to them at the beginning of the year. Their account for this plus other school activities will be sent home this 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**.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS – WE NEED YOU!

This May (30th) our school will along with all schools in NZ be holding elections for a **NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES**. We will be seeking **5 parent representatives** with a number of our existing board leaving. **PLEASE CONSIDER BEING NOMINATED** to join your B.O.T – a great way to be involved in your children's education. For more info call me or any B.O.T member (Shane Gibson, Louise Dallas, Phil Ryan, Father Earl Crotty, Jan Hiha, Gerard Cook, Kate Smith)

ELECTION TIMELINE

27th March – Call for nominations

17th April – Nominations close

15th May – Voting papers sent out (if there are more than 5 nominations)

30th May – ELECTION DAY

6 June – New BOT take office

ST PATRICK'S DAY – CELEBRATION

St Patrick's Day (17 March) is on a Sunday. We will celebrate this day at school on **Friday 15th**. We begin with a School Mass at **St Patrick's Church, 9.30am. (Please join us)**. Following Mass Buddy Classes will pair up for the remainder of the morning and in the afternoon we will hold inter-house tabloids. Should be a lovely day – I am sure St Patrick would approve!

FAMILY PHOTO PORTRAITS – A SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

We have booked a professional photographer to come to our school on **Saturday 16 March 2013**. Pay a **\$10** sitting fee and receive a **FREE** 10” x 13” photograph of your family or children. Fill in the form you have already received and return it to the office by **Wednesday 13th March**.

PLACES AVAILABLE AT OUR AFTERSCHOOL 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. For further information and enrolment forms please phone Betty Cull on 843.6045 or 021.0525.233 (not after 9pm).



ART DECO TRAIN TRIP – THE STORY SO FAR.....

On Sunday morning I couldn't wait because it was just one day away from our train trip! Finally we got on the train, it was noisy but I could handle it. When it started to move it made a big “Bopp!” Then it built up speed. We all wore art deco clothes.

By Abby (A4)



LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

Uphill struggle

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PRINCIPAL

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

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