

13 August 2013

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

*“To love one’s country is a special thing.
But why should love stop at the border?”*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

WELCOME – TALOFA

We welcome **Trustina** (A2) **Danielle** (M7) and **Nywrian** (M6) **Aluni** and their family to St Patrick’s School. They have recently arrived from Samoa and have settled in beautifully.

Welcome also to **Weston Fernandes** who began in A1 today.

Enjoy learning and making new friends. Ia fiafia e a’oa’o ma fa’amasani i isi tamaiti.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Maggie Hare** (M9) who is thoughtful, kind, caring and always puts others first. She also gives everything ‘a go’, is hard working and shows real perseverance in all she does. **BRILLIANT!**

MATHEMATICS MARVELS

Congratulations to our 3 Senior Teams who took part in the 2013 Athletics Competition. Over 60 teams of students from Taupo and Hawkes Bay took part and only the top pupils from these schools participated. Our Year 8 team of **Stanley Chalmers, Kurtis Weeks** and **Matthew Hiha** were **FIRST** in the non-Intermediate School section, a massive 87 points ahead of Iona and Hereworth. They were 5th overall – FANTASTIC.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR AUGUST – PATIENCE

This month we focus on the value **PATIENCE**.

We say:- “GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT.”

What is patience.....? Patience is a quiet hope and expectation based on trust that, in the end, everything will be all right. Patience means waiting – enduring without complaining, having self-control, persevering – sticking with something for as long as it takes to finish it.

ST PATRICK’S PARISH FIRST RECONCILIATION MEETING – TONIGHT

All those children who will be making their First Reconciliation at St Patrick’s Parish should have received a letter about the meeting which is on **13th August (tonight)**.

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary – Maria is celebrated on the **15th August**. The Middle and Senior Syndicates will attend **9.15am Mass at St Thomas More** while our Junior Syndicate will hold a special liturgy at school in the afternoon. The feast celebrates that at the end of Mary’s life she was taken body and soul into the glory of Heaven. The Church views the celebration of this feast as one that gives people great hope because Mary’s Assumption into heaven means that all people will share in both a spiritual and a bodily resurrection.

This feast celebrates the dignity of the gifts of body and soul that God (Te Atua) has given to each person. The Church gives the feast of the Assumption the status of a Sunday and has made it a **Holy Day of Obligation**.



ST PATRICK’S PARISH – IT IS CHANGING

Accompanying this week’s newsletter is a notice from Father Peter (blue) outlining a new vision for the 3 Parishes of Napier, **St Mary’s, St Thomas More and St Patrick’s**.

It is important to know that:-

- 1) There is no timeframe specified for this.
- 2) All Parishioners will have input into the new direction.
- 3) The 3 churches will **ALL REMAIN OPEN!**

This will be a real opportunity for us to shape our future.

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.

ALSO

MYSTERY ENVELOPE / LUCKY DIP

Prizes needed if anyone is able to donate please contact Michelle 027.469.0505 or Christine 021.147.7451



SCHOOL PHOTOS 2013 – NEXT WEEK

These happen on **Wednesday 21 August**. Information packs with your child’s name pre-printed on the order form were sent home last week. Orders with **PAYMENT** need to be into the school office by **THIS FRIDAY 16th**. All cheques should be made out to “Photo Life Studio Ltd.”

SACRED HEART COLLEGE 2014 – ENROLMENTS AND OPEN DAY

The Sacred Heart College Napier Principal, Steve Bryan will be at St Patrick’s School on **Tuesday 27 August and Thursday 12 September** interviewing Year 8 students for 2014. Please phone the College office on 835.3761 to make an enrolment interview appointment. These will be held at 20 minute intervals. The prospectus including enrolment form, was distributed to your daughter when she attended Sacred Heart on our ‘Touch of Class’ promotion day. Please complete the enrolment form, Attendance Dues Agreement and also bring a copy of your daughter’s latest school report to the interview. The Preference Certificate on the back of the enrolment form **MUST** be signed by the local Parish Priest.

If this date is unsuitable for you, we can arrange another interview time for you at Sacred Heart – phone 835.3761.

The College Open Afternoon is being held on: Sunday 25 August from 1- 3pm.

N.Z MATHS WEEK (THIS WEEK)

A great time to “challenge” our children and show them that maths can be fun. There will be a daily problem in my office window before school each day and one for the Juniors outside A3. Children will be invited to put in their name and answer. Each day a **WINNER** will be drawn and given a prize. Enjoy the “problem” in today’s newsletter.

MATHS CHALLENGE

A large box of chocolates and a small box of chocolates together cost \$22. The large box costs \$3 more than the small box. What is the price of the **small box** of chocolates?

LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

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Regards and Blessings

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PRINCIPAL



