

22 October 2013

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“If you want peace, work for justice.”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

OUR NEW TREASURES

We welcome **Ella Mitchell, Emily Coveny-Knowles** and twins **Connor** and **Riley Brotherton** to A1 and St Patrick's school. Welcome also to their families. We hope you enjoy learning and making new friends.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Grace Burrell** (yahoo!) a Year 8 pupil who is recognised for her positive attitude, contribution to all areas of school and her wicked sense of humour.



FANTASTIC RESULTS

Some outstanding results from recent I.C.A.S (University of N.S.W) tests.

ENGLISH: Credit passes for **Bridget Kelly-Lowe, Amy Macdonald, Sophie Downing.**

Distinction (top 10%) passes for **Rosisin Kenny, Ella White-Shaw & Mia McCulloch.**

MATHEMATICS: Credit passes for **Cameron Boyes, Isaac Powell & Matthew Hiha.**

Distinction (top 10%) pass to **Neha Pannu**, she “blitzed” the test.

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF NAPIER – CHANGE IS HAPPENING

The Steering Committee met on 14th October. The meeting lamented that, with so little feedback from parishioners, it was difficult still to gauge “the mood” of the community at large with respect to the inevitable changes. Therefore the Steering Committee members resolved that:

1) There needs to be direct communication as to the positive benefits and the strengths that will come from forming the one **Catholic Parish of Napier.**

2) The opportunity to share in the challenge of establishing the one Catholic Parish of Napier, through consultation, conversation and feedback with the Steering Committee will be outlined in a letter which will be made available to all parishioners in early November.

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be on the 18th November. The minutes of the meeting 14th October are available to all parishioners. Please contact the parish office if you would like a copy.

EMERGENCIES – WHAT HAPPENS AT ST PATRICK'S

We have an updated “EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN” that is Ministry approved and deals with recognised emergencies and disasters. It covers:-

Fire, Earthquake, Tsunami, Flooding, Gas & Chemical leaks, Bomb threats, Trespassers on School Grounds, Lockdowns and violent intruders, serious injury or death.

Please feel free to view our Plan, a copy is in the office foyer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOCUS AT SCHOOL

Over the next few weeks, our school focus will be on the “**Communion of Saints**” in our R.E lesson. The Communion of Saints is a vast network of those living and dead who choose to pray and praise God. Saints and inspiring people guide us to new life with God in Heaven. The focus for each year group is as follows:-

Year 1 – Mary. Year 2 – Saints and Inspiring People. Year 3 – Life, Death and Christian Hope. Year 4 – 6 Mary. Year 7 / 8 – Choices (God's gift of free will). Please ask your children about their lessons, it is important to value their education.

SCHOOL GOSPEL VALUE FOR OCTOBER

This month our focus is on “**RESPECT.**” As Christians, we should respect all that God has created (people, property, our environment) – we can do this in what we say and do (words and actions). Respect can start at home and at school. Our catch phrase will be...

TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO TREAT YOU.

ALL IN SUMMER UNIFORM AND HATS!

EVERY PUPIL must be in **CORRECT** summer uniform by **Tuesday 29th October.**

This includes **CORRECT SANDALS** and a **SUNHAT**. Please ensure all uniforms, sandals, sunhats (twinkl works well) are clearly named with **your child's name.**

ENROLMENTS FOR 2014 - ARE YOU???

If you have a child turning 5 in 2014 or know of someone who has a **year 6** pupil who wants to attend our Intermediate (Year 7/8) next year – then please call me or the office for an enrolment form or make an appointment. I am happy to answer any questions you may have or show you around our wonderful school.

CLASS ORGANISATION FOR 2014 – CONTACT THE PRINCIPAL

We are beginning the process of organising classes / teachers for next year. Please contact **me personally** by **Friday 1 November** if you need any issues considered that we may not already be aware of when placing your son / daughter in a class for 2014. If your child will **not be** at St Patrick's next year, I would appreciate it if you can inform us by Friday 1 November also.

NOTE: There will be staff and syndicate changes in 2014 which are as yet to be confirmed.

SPECIAL CHARACTER ON-LINE SURVEY – WE NEED YOUR INPUT

St Patrick's will have a **SPECIAL CHARACTER REVIEW** from 11 – 13 November.

One of the areas our Bishop wants feedback on is “How well does St Patrick's School promote and deliver Pastoral Care to its students and community?”

FOR THIS THEY NEED YOUR ON-LINE FEEDBACK. This is a new review and we are a “trial school.” The survey takes 5 minutes and it needs to be completed by

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER. Please go to:-

1. <http://kete.school.nz/pc>
2. LOGIN stpatricksnapier
3. PASSWORD: loohcsskcirtapts (our school spelled backwards)
4. Click on “parents” then ‘next’

Thank you for your help – it will guide us in the future to make St Patrick's a better place for all.

TERM 4 BUS PASSES – TARADALE TAMATEA

Term 4 passes are now on sale from the school office. (\$80 for the whole term)



LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

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Regards and Blessings
Have a great long weekend

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