12 November 2013 In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

"If it were not for hopes, the heart would break".

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,



COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to <u>Courtney Beams</u>, a Year 5 pupil who displays our Special Character in all she says and does. A kind, caring, hardworking and polite young lady.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2014 - BRILLIANT

Sacred Heart recently announced their Scholarship Winners for 2014. Three of our Year 8 girls were recipients:

Alena Kemper (Conroy Scholarship)

Grace Burrell (School Scholarship)
Olivia Adegoke (Mulligan Scholarship)



FIRST COMMUNION AT THOMAS MORE THIS SUNDAY

We congratulate and pray for **Jacqueline Matauli**, **Jahdiel Asovale**, **Cramer Hannan** as they prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time **this Sunday** 8am at **Thomas More Church**. A proud moment for them and their families.

OFF TO BLACKHEAD BEACH

Over the next 3 weeks our Middle Syndicate (Years 4-6) head off to Blackhead Beach to experience, the outdoors in a beautiful Hawkes's Bay Beach setting.

Thank you, to all teachers for organizing the camp and the **MANY PARENTS** who have donated food, support and most of all **your time** by helping out at camp.

Good luck to our pupils, enjoy the friendships, scenery and most of all the experience.

WE WERE WELL BEATEN!

Our recent winning streak was broken when the Year 8 netball team "squeaked" past the staff team on Friday to register their first "pupil" win **this decade**. Well done girls – a great display (actually they thrashed us!)

BOOSTER SEATS - DO YOU HAVE SPARES?

The new child restraint (in vehicles) laws means that our 5 and 6 year olds are required to use booster seats when travelling in cars on school trips **IF YOU HAVE** a booster seat (or know of someone who has) that you no longer need. **WE WOULD** be grateful to have it so that we can build up a 'bank of seats to use when needed.

THANK YOU

SPECIAL CHARACTER REVIEW

We welcome the Catholic Character Review team from Palmerston North to our school this week. Rosalie Connors and Wendie Hildred have been helping us celebrate the great things we are doing in the school in terms of our Catholic Character and identifying areas for development so we can grow and move forward. The team has worked alongside the Board and staff to develop a new strategic plan for the next 3 years, and visited classrooms to observe our RE programme and prayer sessions. This has been a very positive experience for all involved.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR NOVEMBER

This month, we focus on the value of JOY. What a great value for our pupils – Joy is evident in both the playground and classroom. Our pupils can...

"Make every day joyful for yourselves and others.

SOLVING THAT CHRISTMAS PRESENT PROBLEM - LAST CHANCE

We are once again producing "Children's Art Calendars" and "A5Diaries" through Abacus Calendars. Cost is \$9 for Calendars & \$15 for Diaries – they will be in full colour. Pupils are currently doing the art work for their calendars / diaries. You can view your child's art (before you order) from 1 November – 15 November in your child's classroom. An ideal present – especially for Grandparents. Orders close 15th November. Order forms coming home today. Make cheques out to St Patrick's School PTA. Money must come in with orders. Each child has their own order form (payment can be combined).



RED

Red is the colour of sinister eyes that watch your every move in the dark,

Red is the colour of fire blazing bright as it burns and burns,

it leaves its mark.

Red can be angry, all in a rage,

It's all let out from it dense and dark cage,

Red can be beautiful in a bright rainbow,

It can make you happy when you're submerged with woe,

Red is the colour of blood being shed,

The wound can be painful and deadly I've read,

Red can be something really quite hot,

Maybe something's been cooking in a pan or pot

By Bridget Kelly – Lowe (Year 7)

MELBOURNE CUP- I think I just may stick to my day Job!

LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

Son of a gun

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Regards and Blessings

Jurek Wypych PRINCIPAL