

11 February 2014

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

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



Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

WELCOME 4 NEW PUPILS

We welcome **Jayde O'Brien** (M9), **Eli Cudby** (M10), **Taine Waerea-Aliifaalogo** (M6) and their families to St Patrick's School. We also welcome (ta lofa) **Conference** (A1) who joins sister Delilah and brother Meki here. I trust you four enjoy learning and making new friends at St Patrick's.

COOL AT SCHOOL

This award is presented to one of our pupils each week when their actions / words reflect the Gospel Values that we teach and try our best to follow. Often, the award is given to a person who models the Monthly Value. This week's recipient is **Nina Cameron** a Year 8 pupil who has begun the year fantastically with her welcoming positive attitude, words and actions that reflect our Special Character and Gospel Value.

JOIN US TOMORROW NIGHT – IT'S YOUR SCHOOL

The first PTA meeting of 2014, **Wednesday 12th, 7.30pm** in our school library. A great chance for you to be involved in providing better opportunities for **YOUR** children.

ONLY AN HOUR – good people, good fun, good school.

SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2014

Our school leaders (House Captains) for terms 1 and 2 were announced on Friday. They have accepted the challenge of leadership and responsibility and we expect them to be great role models throughout the year. Please pray for them.

MARCELLIN (BLUE) – **Bridget Kelly-Lowe & Bradley Gallen**

FOREST (GREEN) – **Sharese Penitito & Aaron Giles**

AUBERT (GOLD) – **Brittany Barker & Tane Hiha**

BARBIER (RED) – **Nina Cameron & Jeremiah Taufale**

BUS PREFECTS

Congratulations to our Bus Prefects who have been selected to keep our pupils safe on the Taradale / Tamatea bus runs. Please help them with this responsibility.

They are:- **Byron Viljoen, Isaac Powell**

ART DECO PICNIC – NEXT FRIDAY

Join us next Friday **21 February at 12.30** under the trees and picnic with your children. Wear your "Art Deco" clothes to school (we would like all children to make an effort. Something made at home will be great). Parents, grandparents etc most welcome, bring a picnic and blanket. (If it rains – we will "picnic" in our classrooms). All pupils must wear a hat (school sunhat will do!)

GOSPEL VALUE FOR FEBRUARY

Each month the school will focus on a Value that is intended to develop our pupils. This 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 practise this skill is to say **GOOD MORNING / TALOFA / KIA ORA** – to everyone they see when they arrive at school.



GOOD LUCK TRYATHLON COMPETITORS

We have 52 students involved in tomorrow's Weetbix Tryathlon – good luck and many thanks to Elise Macdonald and Teenica Grant for their organisation and the many parents providing transport and encouragement.

COVERING EXERCISE BOOKS

If you have been bombarded about doing this by your child – this could be a solution for you if you have trouble with duraseal and those "bubbles." www.ezcovers.co.nz

PARENT /WHANAU EVENING

All Parents/Caregivers are invited to this hour long meeting – **7pm Thursday 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 2014. 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 THURSDAY 27th!**

HAVE YOUR SAY – WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT

The Board of Trustees will be reviewing the following policies by **1 March** (a new time frame given to us by the government). They are available for you to view in the office foyer, as is your School Charter.

POLICIES REVIEWED: 1) Equity 2) Special Character 3) Financial Management

4) Property Management 5) Theft and Fraud Prevention 6) Sensitive Expenditure

N.B The Charter is also being reviewed in this tight timeframe and your submissions are most welcome.

Copies of Policies and The School Charter are in the office foyer.

AFCARE STAFF REQUIRED

We are looking for one permanent part-time staff member and two casual on call staff members. Please phone Lorraine **022.192.3787** if you are interested. Also if you have any pre-loved dolls / toys they would be gratefully accepted.

MARIST FOOTBALL 2014 – REGISTER NOW

Napier Marist Football Club is now accepting online registrations for all Junior, Kiwikick and Senior members. Please go to their website, www.maristfc.co.nz and open the 2014 Registration tab, and complete the correct form. Online payments or internet options are available.

TERM ONE DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 12 – Weetbix Tryathlon

19 – Year 7 Activity Day – Stoney Creek

21 – Art Deco Picnic – 12.30

27 – Parent / Whanau Evening – 7pm

MARCH

5 – Ash Wednesday

5 – PTA Meeting 7.30

7 – Senior Athletics

13 – St Patrick's Day Activities

14 – SCHOOL CLOSED – LONG WEEKEND

19 – Middle Athletics

26 – Senior Athletics

APRIL

2 – PTA Meeting – 7.30

7/8 – Parent/Teacher Interviews

9 – Junior Estuary Walk

16 – Senior Swim Sports

LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

Right between the eyes

Wishing you a **HAPPY VALENTINES** this Friday!

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THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

MIDDAY