

18 February 2014

*In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow  
“the sky is the daily bread of the eyes”*

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

### **TWO NEW TREASURES**

We welcome **Zanthee Koorey** and **Ella-Jae Robinson** who began in A1 and their families to St Patrick's School. We hope you both enjoy learning and making life long friends here.

### **COOL AT SCHOOL**

Congratulations to **Jordan Martin**, a Year 6 pupil who is always on task, responsible and shows initiative. A great start to 2014.

### **WELCOME TO OUR WORLD**

Congratulations to Kim and Dan Somerville on the birth of their baby girl, Zoe and also to Bec and Tom Symes on the arrival of their little girl, Jae.

### **ART DECO PICNIC – THIS FRIDAY**

Join us this 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!)

### **WEETBIX TRYATHLON BONUS**

Our school was awarded **\$500** prize at last Wednesday's event in Hastings. A fantastic day, thanks to the **MANY** parents who took time to support our children on the day.

### **THANK YOU – OUR GENEROUS PTA**

At last week's meeting the PTA gave the school **\$8300** to start our year off. The money is being used to pay for:-

- 1) \$5000 - new computers in classrooms
- 2) \$1000 - (approx) St Patrick's Day Activities
- 3) \$1800 - \$600 for each syndicate to purchase resources for your children
- 4) \$500 – the five 2013 PTA Scholarship Winners (\$100 each)

This is one of the reasons we have and **NEED** an **ACTIVE PTA** – to provide opportunities / resources for ALL our students that government funding doesn't cover.

**MUCH APPRECIATED – THANK YOU**

### **CHANGE OF DATE – PARENT / WHANAU MEETING**

The meeting is **NOW WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY** at 7pm in the school hall (not 27<sup>th</sup>). Apologies for any inconvenience. 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 WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup>!**

### **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.

### **SCHOOL BANKING – A GOOD HABIT TO GET INTO**

NZCU Baywide is once again offering school banking for your children. If you would like to open an account for your child, packs are available from the school office.

Banking day is **Friday**. Bank books and deposit slips are to be handed into the office.

### **LUNCH ON LINE (2 DAYS A WEEK)**

The school “lunch-on-line” service is available for our families every Wednesday and Friday (delivered to school). For more information or to open an account go to:-

[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz).

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> hand, make sure it's **YOUR CHILD'S** name on it and not the previous owners.

### **PARENTS – A RARE OPPORTUNITY (AND IT'S FREE)**

A seminar presented by ian Grant (Senior N.Zer of the Year 2013). **HOW TO GROW GREAT KIDS (AND ENJOY IT)** 8 March, 7.30pm Napier Intermediate School Hall.

### **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](http://www.maristfc.co.nz) and open the 2014 Registration tab, and complete the correct form. Online payments or internet options are available.

### **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.*

### **PORT HILL JUNIOR SOCCER**

Please register online at [reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regofrm.cgi](http://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regofrm.cgi). All registrations must be completed by 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Please contact Kerry for any further information on 834.3055.

### **LAST WEEK'S QUIZ**

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