18 March 2014

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

"What is to give light must endure burning."

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

BRAND NEW

Congratulations to Laura on the safe arrival of her son – a baby brother for Luca.

GOING WELL AT ST PATRICK'S

We are well into the second half of term 1 and the school is "buzzing!" Your children are happy, learning and getting on together in a Christian way. Teachers are really enjoying the great atmosphere and attitude of our students and are grateful for the wonderful support, YOU, the parents are giving your children and the school. The Marist Block classes (M5 – M10) will be moving out of the Marist Block in early April into the temporary classrooms behind the Junior Block to make way for the Marist Block re-build.

Our new wireless internet network is up and running and we now have super-fast broadband that is being well utilized. The new classroom computers are a great asset and we now are planning our next stage to purchase portable devices for our students.

There is plenty happening at your school – and it's good!

SENIOR ATHLETICS

Join our seniors this Friday at 11am as they compete for 2014 school athletic honours. Your support would be most appreciated.

BIG BUDDIES



All classes at St Patrick's School have been paired up with a buddy class. Our Junior classes have someone from the senior end of the school as a buddy and our seniors have a duty to be good role models to their younger buddy. A great way of interacting and making our school an even more special and caring place.

CONGRATULATIONS TOP - T.BALL

Well done to the Shamrock team who were the overall winners of their T.Ball competition. Thank you to all the teams and coaches who participated this year.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE – THIS THURSDAY

An easy lunch and value too! Raising funds to help our Year 6 students as the plan for their Term 4 camp at Tutira.

\$1.50 a sausage. Please bring money / order to your class teacher by 9am Thursday 20th.

SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

We are often asked.... "Do you have a Policy on Bullying?" The answer is no we don't.... **BUT**, we do have a **Behaviour Management Strategy** that deals with bullying and all types of behaviour. This is a school-wide, consistent strategy that reflects our School's Special Character, the rights of every individual and is restorative (Reconciliation) in practise. A copy of this Plan is available for you to view in the office.

FANAU MEETING FOR OUR SAMOAN COMMUNITY

A meeting is planned for <u>WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH</u> at 7pm in the School Chapel for all our Samoan families to discuss ways in which St Patrick's School can lift achievement and better meet the needs of our children.

We ask that EVERY family be represented as we need and value your input. We have information to share that you ALL need to hear and we also need YOUR views as we plan for the future.

E vala'au atu ma le fa'aaloalo i matua uma Samoa o lo'o a'oa'oina fanau i St Patrick's, ina ia auai mai i le fonotaga <u>taua</u> tele i le nofoaga o le aoga (Chapel). O le nei fonotaga o le a faia lea i le <u>AsoLulu 26 Mati i le 7 i le afiafi.</u>

E mana'omia tele le fa'atauaina e matua <u>uma</u> lava o leni fonotaga. E iai mataupu ogaoga ma le taua tele o le a talanoaina i lea po, i tulaga o le alualu i luma ma le lelei o le a'oa'oina o fanau faapea le fa'atauaina o nisi auala e finagalo iai aiga/matua ta'itasi.

Fa'amoemoe tatou te feiloa'i i lea po i le manuia.

HELPING YOUR CHILD READ AT HOME

MAKE READING FUN:-

- Reading at home needs to be fun and easy- something you both look forward to, a time for laughter and talk
- Find a comfortable, quiet place to read, (away from TV) for 10-15 minutes HERE'S A HELPFUL TIP!

When they are reading, your child will still be coming across words they don't know. When this happens, you could remind them to think about what they already know to do when they get stuck. (Look at the picture, make the letter sound)

If that doesn't help you might ask "what word would make sense that starts like that?" or "What do you know about that word that might help?"

If they still can't work it out – **tell them** and **praise their efforts**.

LAGOLAGOINA O LE FAITAUTUSI A LOU ALO ILE FALE FAITAUTUSI

- O le avanoa lelei lea o oe ma lou alo, ia malie ma faigofie. O se taimi foi lea ete lua naunau ma feso'ota'i ai.
- Fa'aavanoa le 10 15 minute I se nofoaga talafeagai e le pisa.

AUALA FA'ATUPUMANATU

- A'o faitau le tusi, a ua silafia o iai se upu e le'o mautinoa pe le'o malamalama i ai lou alo, e mafia ona e fa'aaogaina fesili fa'atupumanatu e pei o "o le a se upu ete iloa e tai tutusa ma le upu lea?'

"O le a se isi upu e amata ile mata'itusi muamua o le upu lea o e iloa?" Ma isi lava fesili fa'atupumanatu e talafeagai ile lua feso'otaiga. Ma ia iloa e lou alo o lo'o amanaia lona taumafai.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE GARAGE SALE

March 29 at Sacred Heart College – many great bargains to be had!!

LAST QUIZ

Double Cream

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

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Regards and Blessings Jurek Wypych PRINCIPAL