

8 April 2014

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“Imagination is the highest kite we can fly.”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,



COOL AT SCHOOL

This week we congratulate **Emily Wakely**, a Year 7 pupil who is consistently displaying our school's values and vision with her Compassion, Acts of Integrity, Respect and Excellence (**CARE**).

MUFTI DAY / COIN TRAIL THIS FRIDAY – SOLOMON ISLANDS DISASTER

This Friday (11th) we are holding a mufti day / coin trail for C.A.R.I.T.A.S, the Catholic agency that helps those in need. This year's focus is helping people in poverty – Solomon Islands. This is “our” neighbourhood and we ask students to bring **COINS** to lay a ‘coin trail’ to show our CARE and support for those caught up in this recent disaster. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

JUNIOR ESTUARY – NOW IN NOVEMBER

The weather looks bad so we have decided to postpone the Estuary walk until Term 4. **HOWEVER** we will have a **FISH N’ CHIP LUNCH IN THE HALL TOMORROW** Wednesday 9th). So please..... bring in your \$6, it will be used.

WERE THERE MASSES AT MASS?

Was great to see so many of our students and families joining the school staff at Mass on Sunday, a wonderful atmosphere. For your information **36%** of our pupils attended Mass at sometime last weekend. As a CATHOLIC school is this OK?? Part of being at St Patrick's is to be able to be FULLY involved – this includes our Catholic Character. We plan to have a staff Mass at St Mary's in Term 2 and Thomas More in Term 3 (watch this space).

TOP TENNIS PLAYER!!

Congratulations **Liam Millner**, runner up in the junior Nelson Park tennis champs.

FAREWELL MRS ALDERSON

After 30 (plus) years of caring, teaching and guiding at St Patrick's School we farewell and wish Mrs Mary Alderson all the best for her “retirement” at the end of the term. Knowing Mary, she will not be relaxing too much, she is always busy. Please make time to say your own personal thanks and farewell, we will do it as a school after our Easter Liturgy on Holy Thursday, **April 17th at 9am** (last day of term). You are most welcome to join us.

YOU'VE GOT TO COME TO THIS!!

Join us next **Monday 11th at 7.30pm in Room M6 (Mrs Smith's)** for our PTA meeting and AGM. 2014 is going to be a historic year for St Patrick's School – so be part of history.

GOSPEL VALUE FOR APRIL

This month we focus on **FORGIVING** and **RECONCILING**. Jesus forgave others, do you? As our school works towards Restorative Practices as the basis of our “School Discipline Policy,” we focus on healing and restoring relationships, not punishment. If something has been done that is wrong, how can it be fixed?

WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Pupils will be able to start wearing their winter uniform from the **beginning of Term 2**. There will be a **‘2 week’ changeover period** where either summer or winter uniform can be worn. ALL PUPILS will be expected to be in FULL AND CORRECT **winter uniform** by **Monday 19th May**. This gives you plenty of time to get your uniform organised. Uniform requirements are available from our school office and The Warehouse.

CORRECT UNIFORM IS:

Boys: Black shoes only, grey shorts, grey skivvies (upto Yr 6), grey shirts (Yr 7/8), grey socks.

Girls: Black shoes only (ballet type are not appropriate), winter pinafore (upto Yr 6) winter skirt (Yr 7/8), white skivvy (upto Yr 6) white longsleeved blouse (Yr 7/8), Black, Navy Blue or Bottle Green tights or knee high white socks. (**Sneakers** are NOT ACCEPTABLE – please don't buy any).

HOUSE TEAMS AT ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

We have 4 house teams at St Patrick's – your child is in one of them – **do you know which one?** Here is a brief history of each to explain why they are significant to us. **FOREST** (Green) Father John Forest was one of the original priests ordained in Lyon, France 1830. Arrived in N.Z 1842 and in Napier 1859. Was instrumental in setting up the Parish of Napier. In 1859 opened a parish school (**us**). Served for 25 years as Parish Priest, was the first priest in N.Z to celebrate his golden jubilee. Died in 1884 and is buried on Cemetery Hill Napier.

BARBIER (Red) Euphrasie Barbier founded the “Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions.” These Sisters arrived in N.Z in 1865 and taught in our schools (St Patrick's, Sacred Heart & St Josephs) for over 150 years.

MARCELLIN (Blue) Marcellin Champagnat was one of the first group of Marist priests ordained in Lyon. He later founded a religious group for men known as the Marist Brothers. 4 Brothers came to Napier in 1878. Our school was once called “Marist School” as you can see on our front gates near Kennedy Road.

AUBERT (Gold) Suzanne Aubert came from France early 1800's. She served as a Missionary in the Pacific before coming to Meeanee. She lived behind St Mary's Church in Meeanee Road. She was one of “The Sisters of Compassion” and in her pastoral work included many people, in particular the Maori community.

NAPIER AQUAHAWKES IMPROVER CLASSES

Napier Aquahawkes run swimming improver classes after school at the Napier Aquatic Centre in Onekawa. These classes are suitable for children who can swim 25m or more. For further information or bookings contact Karen Kamper on 021.2361.325 or email at karen@aquahawks.co.nz



LAST QUIZ

Altar Boy

Ka kite ano
Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

**HENRY
bored**

