

25 November 2014

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“JOY is the serious business of heaven.”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Connor Hooper**, a Year 8 pupil whose enthusiasm, positive approach and responsible attitude has made him this week's coolest pupil!!



FIRST COMMUNION

What a wonderful celebration we had at St Patrick's Church on Sunday (as we did at Thomas More the week before) as our students made their First Holy Communion. We trust that **YOU PARENTS** continue to take your children to Mass each Sunday – that was **NOT** a one off!! A special thank you to the teams who prepared our children for this occasion.

MUFTI DAY THIS FRIDAY

This Friday (28th) we are holding a **GOLD COIN MUFTI DAY** for ALL PUPILS who wish to participate (NOT COMPULSORY). The gold coin will be used to help us assist people in **our school community**. Last year we asked for donations of CHRISTMAS EDIBLE TREATS but this year (because of limited space) we are asking for GOLD COIN donations so that we can put together Christmas Baskets that we can distribute to some of our families to make their Christmas just that little bit better.

OF COURSE..... if you would like to also donate a **CHRISTMAS TREAT**, then that would be added to the baskets. Thank you for your generosity.

WAKARARA – THANK YOU

Our Year 4 and 5 pupils had an amazing time at Camp Wakarara – great wind, friendships and experiences. Thank you Anne, Julie and Elise for your leadership and organization and **TO YOU THE PARENTS** for your wonderful support, humour and 'energy' when climbing up to Sunrise!

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS - \$5150 STILL OWING

Could these be settled **this week please**. You may have received an account in the post and /or received a call from me recently. We need to start 2015 with a clean slate. Please pay at the school office (we have EFTPOS).

A MORNING TEA TO SAY THANK YOU TO “YOU”

On **Wednesday 10 December** our Year 8 pupils will be hosting a **MORNING TEA** for **ALL PARENTS, COACHES, HELPERS** to say thank you for all you have done for our school this year. If you have coached a team, helped in the classroom, helped with swimming, sports, transport, etc – **THIS IS FOR YOU** and it is our way of saying that we appreciate all you do for us. Mark it on your calendar and we will see you on the 10th.

GIVE IT A TRY!

WEET-BIX TRYATHLON time again. **12th February 2015**. Registration forms are included with the newsletter or available at the school office.



THE ADVENT WREATH

It is Advent Sunday this weekend. Why do we have an Advent Wreath and what is it all about?

The Advent Wreath

The circular wreath composed of evergreens is a symbol of continuous and everlasting life. The four candles in the wreath mark the waiting period leading up to Christmas. One additional candle is lit on each Sunday of Advent to remind us that Jesus brings light into the world.



The first, second and fourth candles are purple while the third is pink or rose – this candle is a sign that we are over the half-way point!

This is a Sunday for rejoicing – the wait is almost over!

LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

Napier and Taradale libraries are once again running their amazing Reading Programmes. They run from **8 December until 16 January**. ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN NOW! Register at the library – first in!!

KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

“Kelly Sports will be running a Summer Holiday Programme in the school holidays from the **19th – 30th January 2015**. Offering a great mixture of sporting and craft activities. Prices start from \$33 per day, with family discounts and full week specials available. WINZ subsidies are available. For more information phone 843.4219 or visit www.kellysports.co.nz.

ADVENT

On Sunday its going to be Advent. And there are going to be heaps of people there to celebrate. And Advent is something thats important and something that we shouldn't forget.

By **Debra A4**

ADVENT

Advent is about waiting and preparing for the hope of baby Jesus and the joy He promised He would bring.

By **Saxon A4**



LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

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Regards and Blessings**

**Jurek Wypych
PRINCIPAL**

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

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