24 February 2015

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

"Always speak the truth, so that you get the right advice."

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Raewyn and Paul Williams and also Nadine & Tony McEwan. Paul's mother passed away last week and Tony's father passed away on Monday night. May they both rest in peace.

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Mia Alizzi**, a Year 6 pupil who certainly lives out our Gospel Value of "Speaking with Gentleness." A beautiful person and class member who is inclusive, helpful and kind in **word** and **deed**.

THANK YOU FOR CARING

I would like to acknowledge and thank our St Patrick's Parish branch of **St Vincent de Paul** for their generosity in supplying essential items of uniform for a number of our pupils. Your compassion, understanding and Pastoral Care is much appreciated and needed.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF SERVICE IN N.Z

This Thursday (26th March) a group of students representing St Patrick's School will join the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions (RNDM) as they celebrate the 150th Anniversary of their arrival in New Zealand – setting foot at Ahuriri Beach. St Patrick's is part of this history, particularly as Sister Peter (our previous Principal for over 25 years) is a RNDM sister.

Their order was founded in France in 1861 by Euphrasie Barbier and their focus was on "the missions," hence their name. We wish them every blessing and thank them for their work.

BUS PREFECTS FOR 2015

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: - Bede Powell, Lucy Greaney, Logan Milner & Abbie Bell.

THANK YOU FROM THE VINNIES

Our Cake Stall raised <u>\$251</u>. Many thanks to everyone who supported this. The money will be used to give gifts to elderly in our community at Roseannes and Bardowie.

REPRESENTING NAPIER

Congratulations to **Jordan Martin** (Year 7) who has been selected to represent Napier at cricket vs Hastings in a curtain-raiser to the Art Deco Legends cricket match at the Clifton Cricket Club tomorrow. Guest players include Sir Ian Botham, Jeff (Tommo) Thompson, Jeremy Coney, Martin Crowe.

PTA MEETING – NEXT TUESDAY

Join us on **Tuesday 3rd March 7.30pm** in the staffroom as we "kick off" projects for 2015. If you haven't been before – **COME THIS TIME!** A short hour long meeting with nice people wanting to make **YOUR** school a better place for **YOUR CHILDREN**.

PARENT /WHANAU EVENING – THIS THURSDAY (26TH)

All Parents/Caregivers are invited to this hour long meeting – 7pm Thursday 26th

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 2015. 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 26**th!

PAINT ON UNIFORMS!

We use "waterbased" paints in art and do our best to ensure art shirts are worn and paint goes mainly on the art but Sometimes uniforms cop it. A suggestion from Jan (Aunt Daisy) Bevan is to make a paste of baking soda and liquid soap/dish liquid, rub it on the spot with a toothbrush and leave if for a while before washing it.

P.S We need some adult old T-shirts for painting. If you have a spare please drop it off to your child's teacher.

PARENT MEETING - HAS YOUR CHILD BEEN BAPTISED?

We are in the process of organising a meeting at school for 5^{th} March at 7pm for all parents who have not yet had the opportunity to have their child BAPTISED. A chance for you to take that next step on a faith journey and let your child be FULLY

INVOLVED in their faith and St Patrick's Catholic Character.

A letter will be sent this week to families whose child has "preference" enrolment but has not as yet been baptised. If you DO NOT receive a letter (apologies) please contact the office and we will send one home with your child.

CROSSING THE ROAD

THANK YOU for using the PEDESTRIAN CROSSING even though it may be an extra walk for you. Better safe than run over!

Please help our patrollers by listening for their calls. They are trained and will call..... "CROSS NOW" once traffic has slowed and it's safe to cross. Thank you.

Momoli atu le fa'afetai i le fa'aaogaina o fa'ailoilo/kolosi i taimi uma o feoaiga.

E fautuaina ai foi le mamalu o le lautele, fa'amolemole ia amanaiaina tulafono o lo'o fa'aaogaina e le fanau o lo'o tiute, aua lava le saogalemu o alo ma fanau fa'apea le lautele.

Fa'afetai.

HOMEWORK CLUB AT ST PATRICK'S – NEXT WEDNESDAY

HOMEWORK CLUB for our students (YEAR 3-8). This will be run in the school library from **3 – 4pm**. Two teachers will run this every week and be available to help with homework. **ALL STUDENTS NEED TO BE PICKED UP AT 4PM**.

JUNIOR SOCCER - MARIST & PORTHILL

To join Napier Marist go to www.maristfc.co.nz and register by the 20th March. Likewise if you wish to play for Porthill register online at **sportsground.co.nz/porthilljuniors** by 13th March.

LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

unfinished Symphony

Ka kite ano Regards & Blessings THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

SHOT

Jurek Wypych PRINCIPAL

