24 March 2015

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

"Justice delayed is Justice denied"

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

COOL AT SCHOOL

We congratulate **Jake Farnworth**, a fantastic Year 1 pupil who is just, fair and has cool ideas that he shares with everyone. Already a great role model.

BAPTISM PROGRAMME 2015 – AN OPPORTUNITY

Following on from our very successful meeting on the 5th March we now have finalised a programme for Term 2. There will be two parent / caregiver meetings and six school-based lessons for the children with BAPTISM SUNDAY being 21st June.

Parent Meetings will be: Thursday 7 May and Thursday 4 June – both at 7pm at St Patrick's School

<u>**Children's Lessons</u>** will be every Wednesday 8.45 - 9.30 am beginning 6 May with the final lesson on 10 June.</u>

It will all conclude with the Baptism ceremony on **Sunday 21st June at St Patrick's Church.** We are looking forward to walking with you on this journey.

If you are interested in being involved this year by having your child baptised please contact us by THIS FRIDAY 27TH and you will be sent further information before the programme starts (thank you to those who have already replied).

HELP VANUATU - WHAT CAN WE DO?

Following on from the devastation of Cyclone Pam, we are joining Napier schools in sending aid to those who desperately need it. Can you please give what you can, any act of generosity whether financial to an Aid Organisation or giving of something from your home that you no longer need, any gesture big or small will help. We are looking to fill several containers with the following items, so please look through your homes and ask friends and relatives if they have any of the following items to spare, to please bring to the **Port Ahuriri School Hall by Tuesday 31**st March (or to our school office) **Second hand clothing (Babies, Children, Adults) – preferably summer wear, second hand shoes, cloth nappies & safety pins, towels, sheets, light blankets, pots that can be used to cook on open outdoor fires, camping utensils, bowls, plastic or stainless steel (to collect fresh rain water), nails, rope, tarpaulins.**

MUFTI DAY & SAUSAGE SIZZLE THURSDAY

This **Thursday 26th March** we are raising funds for CARITAS. We plan a **GOLD COIN MUFTI DAY** and a **SAUSAGE SIZZLE.** Please support this cause by bringing a coin for mufti day.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE – THIS THURSDAY



An easy lunch and value too! Raising funds for CARITAS

\$1.50 a sausage. Please bring money / order to your class teacher by 9am Thursday 26th March

CELEBRATING WITH OUR KAUMATUA

This Sunday Joe Broughton and Tom Paku (and others) will be receiving their Benemerenti medals at 10am at St Joseph's Maori Girls College. All parishioners, whanau and well-wishers are welcome to attend and support them.

MIDDLE SYNDICATE ATHLETICS

Join us **THIS THURSDAY (26th)** as our Middle Syndicate hold their Athletics Sports. We begin at **9.30am**.



SCHOOL DISCO – THIS FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

A chance to dance – for ALL pupils this FridayJuniors Year 1 – 33.15 - 4.30 pm (\$5 goodie bag)Middles Year 4 – 65.00 - 6.30 pmSeniors Year 7/87.00 - 9.00 pm

ENTRY FEE \$2 or \$5 for entry and a "goodie" bag containing a drink, chippies & a "treat" (just for junior syndicate Y1 – 3) Note: chippies, sweets, drinks & Glo-sticks for sale for Y4 – 8 pupils

(\$5 can be given to classroom teacher Friday morning)

PTA MEETING – NEXT TUESDAY

Join us for our LAST meeting of Term 1 on Tuesday 31 March at 7.30pm in the staffroom. An exciting year ahead – SO PLEASE BE A PART OF IT. PREPARING FOR EASTER – HOW DO WE DO IT?

We are now in our final days preparation for the great festivals of Holy Week – Holy Thursday, when Christ instituted the Blessed Eucharist, Good Friday, when He took upon Himself the full weight of our sins as He died on the Cross, and Easter Sunday when having buried our sinfulness, He rose to New Life and promised New Life to us. Easter joy comes with the realization that Christ lives His New Life in us. Simply let the risen Christ into your heart. He is longing to be invited in. Then you will feel His joy which lifts you up and carries you when necessary.

WHAT TO DO.....

Make sure you **celebrate Mass** with your family – what better way to recognise Easter Sunday and affirm your reason for sending your child to a Catholic School.

LAST HOMEWORK CLUB TOMORROW

The last 'homework club' for Term 1 is tomorrow. We start again in Term 2 on the second Wednesday.

SUNHATS HOME

Sunhats can go home this week. Keep them handy for Term 4, (name them please). **WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER**

Pupils will be able to start wearing their winter uniform from the <u>beginning of Term 2</u>. There will be a <u>'2 week' changeover period</u> where either summer or winter uniform can be worn. ALL PUPILS will be expected to be in FULL AND CORRECT winter uniform by <u>Monday 4th May</u>.

LAST QUIZ

Cross Bow

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

Ka kite ano Regards & Blessings JurekWypych PRINCIPAL