

23 February 2016

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“Always speak the truth, so that you can get the right advice.”



Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

ART DECO DELIGHT

Another colourful day of dressing up last Friday. Children looked fantastic, staff beautiful and parents stunning in Art Deco. Look out for photos in this week's Napier Courier and Napier Mail. A BIGGER picnic planned for 2017 with music and a few extras!

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Maxsim Makhmetov**, a Year 6 student who has already impressed us this year with his independence, classroom work and positive attitude.

MEET THE TEACHER / FAMILY PICNIC EVENING – THIS THURSDAY

A chance to meet your child's classroom teacher and discuss with them the year ahead...homework, class rules, new E-portfolios etc. We invite you to bring a picnic/takeaway meal and a blanket from **5.30pm (on Thursday 25 February)** and join other families. **From 6.15pm** (a bell will ring) **until 7.15pm** you will be able to visit teachers in their classrooms. You can bring your children to the classroom or leave them to play on the playgrounds where they will be supervised (peace and quiet for you?) We would love to have a **100% turnout** as **your child's** education is a special gift.

I.C.A.S TEST FOR 2016

The International Competitions and Assessments for school age pupils (Year 4 – 8) are open to pupils who **have ability** in particular curriculum areas. Tests in Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Maths are available.

Entry forms and information available from YOUR TEACHER or the office.

Entry form and money must be in by **11 March (NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.)**

WHAT WE ARE STUDYING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All students are currently working on the “**Jesus**” strand, learning about Jesus, who he was, his life and his relationship with us now. Talk to your child about what they are learning.

Year 1 – Jesus – My Friend

Year 2 – Jesus shows His respect and love for people

Year 3 – Jesus gives Himself in the Eucharist

Year 4 – Jesus leads people to God

Year 5/6 – The Life of Jesus

Year 7/8 – Jesus' values and the role of his disciples today.

PTA – DRINKS / NIBBLES TO WELCOME YOU!

Join us **NEXT WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH @ 7.30PM** in the school staffroom to MEET SCHOOL FAMILIES, look at the year ahead and how we can make St Patrick's School an even better place for **YOUR CHILDREN!**

We would love to see **NEW FAMILIES** (Junior and Middle School parents especially) to join our team to keep us vibrant and strong. **THANK YOU - IN ANTICIPATION**

CLARINET LESSONS FOR 2016

For Year 6 upwards. **\$50** for clarinet hire. If you are interested, meet Miss Morgan in the Afcare Room at **12.30** lunchtime this **Thursday 25th February**.

PIZZA LUNCHES NEXT WEEK

We plan to have Hell's pizza lunches next week over 3 separate days. Order forms available from the **OFFICE** with the details you need. Wednesday 2nd – Junior Syndicate, Thursday 3rd – Middles and on Friday 4th – Senior Syndicate. Orders **MUST** be returned with the correct **MONEY** by **TUESDAY 1ST MARCH**.

'ROUNDABOUT' READING STARTS NEXT FRIDAY

This fun activity starts after assembly next week where every teacher over the next few months will visit every classroom in rotation and read to them a special book. A great way of teachers getting to know children throughout the school (and vice versa) as well as sharing with our students some rich and varied literacy experiences and tastes.

KAPA HAKA – THIS FRIDAY

Our Kapa haka tutors (Justin and Manuia) begin lessons again this Friday afternoon for a number of our students. We plan to participate in this year's Primary School's festival.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

We have these elections coming up in May this year and a number of our present BOT will be standing down as their children have moved onto college. We **NEED YOU** to consider putting your name forward for elections, we in particular need someone with financial skills to replace Phil, our dearly departing Treasurer. Please see me or any BOT member if you need any information.

NEEDED – CHEST FREEZER

Our PTA need to replace their old chest freezer. If anyone knows of one in good condition please phone Michelle 027 241 8034 or the school office 843 9238.

SCHOOL BANKING – A GOOD HABIT TO GET INTO

NZCU Baywide is once again offering school banking for your children. If you would like to open an account for your child, packs are available from the school office.

Banking day is **Friday**. Bank books and deposit slips are to be handed into the office.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL (SOCCER) FOR 2016 - MARIST

Marist Football Club invites you to join a progressive and supportive club for junior football in 2016. Games played on a Saturday morning at Park Island. Visit their website or email juniors@maristfc.co.nz to register or for more information.

PORTHILL JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Welcome back to old players and a special invitation to new players. Please register online at sportsground.co.nz/porthilljuniors. All registrations must be completed by 18th March. Contact Kerry for any further information 834 3055 or 022 159 9475.

SWISH KIDS BASKET BALL CLUB – FUNDRAISER

Creative Clicks photography are offering **\$10 family portraits** on **Saturday 5th March** at St Patrick's School as a fundraiser for the Swish Kids Basket Ball Club. Booking forms are available from the school office or text Michelle 027 241 8034.

LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

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Regards & Blessings

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