6 September 2016

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

"Real GENEROSITY is doing something nice for someone else who will never find out."

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to Charlotte Kingi, a Year 6 student who is ALWAYS cheerful, has a great sense of humour that lifts other people and is a diligent worker who contributes positively to her class. How cool!!

RECONCILIATION – THIS WEEK

We are proud of these students who are now taking advantage of the next step (after Baptism) on their faith journey as they prepare for their First Communion.

Their Reconciliation ceremonies are:

ST PATRICK'S – Wednesday 7th at 7pm – **Bailey Booth, Connor & Riley Brotherton**, Sophie Burt, Alice & Eva Dravitzki, Weston Fernandes, Carlos Keukelaar, Rebecca Moioli, Javde O'Brien, Michael Pollard and Rosie Symes.

ST THOMAS MORE – Thursday 8th at 7pm – Patrick Mauga, Sebastien, Saxon & Symphony Rackley.

SCHOOL CLOSED - NEXT WEDNESDAY MORNING

Next Wednesday 14th September school will be CLOSED in the morning until 12:00(noon). Teachers across the country are meeting to discuss what action to take in regards to the Governments 'Global Funding' proposal for schools. We encourage you to keep your children home. Normal classroom instruction will not resume until after lunch break, 1.30pm. If this is impossible, please contact the school as early as possible so that we can make arrangements for your child.

NATIONAL SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY ROADSHOW

This Thursday, 8 September St Patrick's is hosting the Science & Technology Roadshow in the hall. ALL our YEAR 5-8 students are booked to attend. The cost is \$5 and needs to be paid by tomorrow. (You received a notice about this last Tuesday – check that bag!)

CATHOLIC CHARACTER REVIEW – 'A' PASS!

Our Catholic Character Review was completed last week and we received an extremely positive verbal report. Thank you to those who spoke to the team and told them of our wonderful school. They highlighted the care and great relationships at this school and were extremely impressed with our pupils. St Patrick's is a great place to be... it is good to have that affirmed.

MORE SPORTS "REPS"FROM ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

From our Year 7/8 Senior Syndicate we have these sports stars in representative teams.

Soccer: Oscar Cooper Netball: Rachel Klem

Dressage: Anya Peterson Basketball: Michael Beech, Sam Start Rugby: Laila Salter, Luke Chamberlain, Caleb Peterson, Camerin Boyes, Blake Tims, Josiah McFarland, Kere Penitito and Jamie Chamberlain.

Good luck to you all – PROUD OF YOU!

GOSPEL VALUE FOR SEPTEMBER

This month we focus on the value of **GENEROSITY**.

Our focus will be "GIVE WITH AN OPEN HEART."

So what is generosity?? Generosity is giving and sharing. It is giving freely because you want to. It is a quality of the spirit. It is one of the best ways to show love.

SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.45AM – DON'T BE LATE

I notice a number of children consistently turning up late for school. Classes START at **8.45am** – please be here **BEFORE** then.

OFF TO WELLINGTON

We wish our Year 8 students all the best and safe travels as they spend next week in Wellington. A great educational experience as well as a time to socialise with friends and make new ones. Thank you to parents who are going with these "quiet" teenagers – you are brave! Thanks also to Miss Dawson and Mr O'Neill.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

GALA NEWS – 10 DAYS TO GO!!

MEETING - TONIGHT - 7.30pm

FINAL WORKING BEE – This Sunday (11th) from 10am – we need your help. **HELPERS NEEDED** – (We still need **MORE** to make **YOUR** Gala a success) FUDGE MAKERS URGENTLY NEEDED THIS SUNDAY-

Please contact Nat Beams 027 457 3782

FROZEN CHICKENS – are still needed if you would like to donate for the raffle wheel. MYSTERY ENVELOPE - if you have any prizes you would like to donate, PLEASE, drop them off at the office.

GALA FLIERS – if you can do some letterbox drops around your area please come and get some gala fliers from the school office.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE – THIS THURSDAY

An easy lunch and good value too! Raising funds to help our Middle Syndicate students as they plan for their Term 4 camp to Waipatiki.

\$1.50 a sausage. Please bring money / order to your class teacher by 9am Thursday 8th September 2016

U-TURN – MAY BE YOUR LAST?

Parents – please **DO NOT** do a **U TURN** outside the school when dropping off your children. So many close calls, it is just a matter of time. Thank you.

Regards and Blessings

Jurek Wypych PRINCIPAL.

