

14 March 2017

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“JUSTICE delayed is justice denied.”



Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Geovanna Perez Parr**, a Year 5 student who is a true example of JUSTICE and kindness. Always willing to help others in a compassionate and caring manner.

NATIONAL NZ CHAMPION

Congratulations to **Rachel Klem** (Year 8) who won the N.Z Under 13 Board Racing (surf life saving) last weekend. An amazing feat – **NUMBER ONE IN N.Z. – PROUD OF YOU!!**

NEW BABY GIRL

Congratulations to Aleshia on the safe arrival of her daughter Amaiah last week.

Tylah-Jaye is a very proud big brother!

GOING WELL AT ST PATRICK'S

We are now well into Term 1 and the school is “buzzing.” Your children are happy, learning and getting on well together. There is a great atmosphere and feeling about the place. There is plenty happening at your school – and it is good.

ST PATRICK'S DAY – THIS FRIDAY 17th

We **celebrate** our Patron Saint with a day of activities this **Friday, 17th**. We begin with **Mass, 9am** in the hall followed by Tabloid Sports after morning break at 11am. We ask **PUPILS TO WEAR SOMETHING GREEN (can be a top, shorts, hat, scarf etc)** on the day, so no school uniform. You are most welcome to join us for the Mass and Tabloids. The PTA are providing a treat at lunch time after the tabloid sports. Should be a day to enjoy.

PTA MEETING – TONIGHT

Meet at **7.30pm** in the school staffroom. A quick meeting – **LOTS** of **GREAT** things happening in **YOUR** school.

PARENT /PUPIL /TEACHER INTERVIEWS (YEAR 4-8 PUPILS)

These are being held at school on Monday **27 March** and Tuesday **28 March**. We encourage all pupils to attend these as they will be involved in leading this conference and telling how and what they are learning. Please return the interview reply slip at the bottom of this newsletter by **THIS FRIDAY, 17 MARCH** so that we can set interview times (all families will be allocated a time).

I.C.A.S TEST FOR 2017 – LAST CHANCE

The International Competitions and Assessments for school age pupils (Year 5 – 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 **17 March (NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.)**

WHANAU MEETING FOR OUR MAORI COMMUNITY – THURSDAY 30TH MARCH

Nga mihi o te wa kia koe me te whanau (Greetings to you and your family).

A meeting is planned for **THURSDAY 30th MARCH** at **5.30pm** in our new Marist Block, Room M5. We ask **EVERY FAMILY** to be represented as we discuss ways with you to lift your tamariki's achievement and better meet their needs. Your views are important, whanau and kura together.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **FREE KINDLING** – we have taken down our old (very dry) trellis from the back field pergola. Great kindling – needs to be gone this week (first in – you can drive up to it).
- **HOUSE FOR RENT NEEDED** – 4/5 bedrooms, contact Atalua Aluni 02108860970 or 02108351798.

READING RECOVERY AT ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Reading Recovery is an early literacy intervention that provides trained ONE to ONE teaching for children who have made slow progress learning to read and write in their first year at school. Mrs Liz Baker is our Reading Recovery teacher and she works everyday from 8.30 – 11.30am in the Junior 'A' block with 4 children every day. We are lucky to have this programme running in the school.

LUNCH ON LINE

Heavens Bakery will no longer be supplying lunch on line. They have been replaced by 'Pita Pit' on Wednesdays only. Subway is still available on Fridays.

ST PATRICK'S DAY JOKE – AN IRISHMAN AND HIS DOG

Muldoon, an old Irish farmer, lived alone with a pet Irish setter he doted on. The dog finally died and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, “Father, me dog is dead. Could you be saying a Mass for him?” Father replied “No, we cannot have services for the animal in our church, but there is a new Protestant denomination down the road, no telling what they believe or if they'll do something for the animal.” Muldoon said “What a splendid idea, father. Do you think \$50,000 is enough to donate for the service?” Father Patrick replied “Why didn't you tell me the dog was Catholic?”

Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych

PRINCIPAL

INTERVIEW REPLY SLIP (YEAR 4-8 ONLY)

Please reply to classroom teacher by this **Friday 17th March**.

Family: _____ Children _____ Room No: _____

My preference for an interview is: *(please circle)*

MONDAY 27 MARCH 3.15 – 5.30pm or 6.15 – 8.30pm

TUESDAY 28 MARCH 3.15 – 5.00pm (only)

